

FRONT-LINE TEACHERS DATA PROGRAM

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jim Nielson

Senate Sponsor: Stuart C. Reid

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes reporting requirements for ~~school districts, charter schools,~~ ~~and~~ the State Board of Education related to quantifying the number of certain teachers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

~~school districts, charter schools,~~ ~~and~~ defines terms; and

~~school districts and charter schools~~ the State Board of Education to :

~~State Board of Education~~ Education Interim Committee on the allocation of resources for front-line teachers ~~;~~ and

make the data available on the Internet.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-1-414, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53A-1-415, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 Section 1. Section **53A-1-414** is enacted to read:

26 **53A-1-414. Definitions.**

27 For purposes of Sections [53A-1-414](#) and [53A-1-415](#):

28 (1) (a) "Front-line teacher" means a licensed teacher who has an assignment to teach a
29 kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or special education course.

30 (b) "Front-line teacher" does not include a prekindergarten teacher, a school-based
31 specialist, or a classroom aide.

32 (2) "LEA compensation percentage" means the amount of money from an LEA's
33 general fund expended for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by the LEA's total
34 general fund, excluding money expended for:

35 (a) capital outlay or debt service;

36 (b) pupil transportation; and

37 (c) custodial and maintenance expenses.

38 (3) "LEA front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
39 front-line teachers in an LEA divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
40 an LEA, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation, capital facilities
41 construction, and custodial and maintenance.

42 (4) "LEA percentage" means the average of an LEA's compensation percentage and the
43 LEA's front-line teacher percentage.

44 (5) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

45 (6) "Statewide compensation percentage" means the amount of money from all LEAs'
46 general funds expended for front-line teachers, including benefits, divided by all LEAs' total
47 general funds, excluding money expended for:

48 (a) capital outlay or debt service;

49 (b) pupil transportation; and

50 (c) custodial and maintenance.

51 (7) "Statewide front-line teacher percentage" means the number of full-time equivalent
52 front-line teachers in all LEAs divided by the total number of full-time equivalent employees in
53 all LEAs, excluding employees associated with pupil transportation, capital facilities
54 construction, and custodial and maintenance.

55 (8) "Statewide percentage" means the average of the statewide compensation
56 percentage and the statewide front-line teacher percentage.

57 Section 2. Section **53A-1-415** is enacted to read:

58 **53A-1-415. Reporting requirements and data collection related to front-line**

59 **teachers -- Audit procedures.**

60 (1) (a) ~~H~~→ [An LEA] The State Board of Education ←H shall report all information as
60a required in this section.

61 (b) The information reported in accordance with this section shall be from the previous
62 school year.

63 (2) (a) An LEA shall report all necessary data to the State Board of Education for
64 purposes of calculating the percentages defined in Section [53A-1-414](#).

65 ~~H~~→ ~~[(b) An LEA shall report the following data to the State Board of Education:~~

66 ~~—— (i) the LEA's total number of FTE front-line teachers; and~~

67 ~~—— (ii) the LEA's average class size for:~~

68 ~~—— (A) elementary school;~~

69 ~~—— (B) middle or junior high school; and~~

70 ~~—— (C) high school;~~

71 ~~—— (e)] (b) ←H The State Board of Education shall make rules specifying how an LEA~~
71a shall report

72 the required data for purposes of this Subsection (2) ensuring the data is comparable.

73 (3) By the November 2014 interim meeting, the State Board of Education shall report
74 to the Education Interim Committee:

75 (a) the statewide and LEA percentages defined in Section [53A-1-414](#);

76 (b) all underlying data submitted by the LEAs described in Subsection (2); and

77 (c) the average daily membership of each LEA, as reported in the most recent state
78 superintendent's report.

78a ~~H~~→ **(4) The State Board of Education shall make the information described in**
78b **Subsection (3) available on the Internet. ←H**

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