

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a tuition reimbursement program for new law enforcement officers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Law Enforcement Investment Reimbursement Program to reimburse new law enforcement officers for certain education costs;
- ▶ includes a sunset date; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2024:

- ▶ To the Utah Board of Higher Education - Student Assistance, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the Income Tax Fund, One-time, \$5,000,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 10, 30, 31, 172, 173, 194, 218, 224, 229, 236, 254, 274, and 414

ENACTS:



28 [53B-8-112.5](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

31 Section 1. Section **53B-8-112.5** is enacted to read:

32 **53B-8-112.5. Law Enforcement Investment Reimbursement Program.**

33 (1) As used in this section:

34 (a) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section
35 [53-1-102](#).

36 (b) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
37 [53-13-103](#).

38 (2) (a) There is created within the board the Law Enforcement Investment
39 Reimbursement Program.

40 (b) The purpose of the program is to award grants to reimburse new law enforcement
41 officers for education costs.

42 (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, the board shall award a grant to an applicant
43 who:

44 (a) is hired by a law enforcement agency as a law enforcement officer for the first time
45 on or after May 3, 2023;

46 (b) is employed with the law enforcement agency for at least five years; and

47 (c) completes a degree or certificate from a degree granting institution of higher
48 education before or during the law enforcement officer's employment.

49 (4) (a) Subject to Subsection (4)(b), the board may award a qualified applicant up to
50 the cost of the qualified applicant's tuition and fees.

51 (b) A grant award under Subsection (4)(a) is limited to a maximum of \$10,000.

52 (5) (a) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
53 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

54 (i) set deadlines for receiving grant applications and supporting documentation;

55 (ii) establish the application process; and

56 (iii) establish an appeal process for denied grant awards.

57 (b) The board shall include a disclosure on an application that the amount of the grant
58 award is subject to funding.

59 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

60 **63I-1-253. Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

61 (1) Section **53-2a-105**, which creates the Emergency Management Administration
62 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

63 (2) Sections **53-2a-1103** and **53-2a-1104**, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory
64 Board, are repealed July 1, 2027.

65 (3) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed
66 July 1, 2023.

67 (4) Section **53B-6-105.5**, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is
68 repealed July 1, 2024.

69 (5) Section **53B-7-709**, regarding five-year performance goals for the Utah System of
70 Higher Education is repealed July 1, 2027.

71 (6) Section **53B-8-112.5**, regarding the Law Enforcement Investment Reimbursement
72 Program, is repealed July 1, 2033.

73 [~~(6)~~] (7) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

74 [~~(7)~~] (8) Section **53B-17-1203**, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety
75 Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.

76 [~~(8)~~] (9) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

77 [~~(9)~~] (10) Subsection **53C-3-203**(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of
78 money from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells
79 and other hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

80 [~~(10)~~] (11) Subsection **53E-3-503**(5) and (6), which create coordinating councils for
81 youth in custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

82 [~~(11)~~] (12) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2028:

83 (a) in Subsection **53E-4-202**(8), the language "by a standards review committee and the
84 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section **53E-4-203**" is
85 repealed; and

86 (b) Section **53E-4-203** is repealed.

87 [~~(12)~~] (13) Section **53E-4-402**, which creates the State Instructional Materials
88 Commission, is repealed July 1, 2027.

89 [~~(13)~~] (14) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory

90 Commission, is repealed July 1, 2023.

91 ~~[(14)]~~ (15) Section 53F-2-420, which creates the Intensive Services Special Education
92 Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2024.

93 ~~[(15)]~~ (16) Section 53F-5-203 is repealed July 1, 2024.

94 ~~[(16)]~~ (17) Section 53F-5-213 is repealed July 1, 2023.

95 ~~[(17)]~~ (18) Section 53F-5-214, in relation to a grant for professional learning, is
96 repealed July 1, 2025.

97 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) Section 53F-5-215, in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant, is
98 repealed July 1, 2025.

99 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) Section 53F-5-219, which creates the Local INnovations Civics Education
100 Pilot Program, is repealed on July 1, 2025.

101 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) Subsection 53F-9-203(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving
102 Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

103 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) Subsections 53G-4-608(2)(b) and (4)(b), related to the Utah Seismic Safety
104 Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.

105 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) Subsection 53G-8-211(5), regarding referrals of a minor to court for a class
106 C misdemeanor, is repealed July 1, 2027.

107 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1,
108 2027.

109 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) Title 53G, Chapter 10, Part 6, Education Innovation Program, is repealed
110 July 1, 2027.

111 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

112 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
113 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
114 fiscal year 2024. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
115 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
116 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

117 ITEM 1

118 To Utah Board of Higher Education - Student Assistance

119 From Income Tax Fund, One-time 5,000,000

120 Schedule of Programs:

121 Law Enforcement Investment Reimbursement Program 5,000,000

122 The Legislature intends that:

123 (1) the appropriation under this item be used for the program described in Section

124 53B-8-112.5 of this bill; and

125 (2) under Section 63J-1-603, the appropriation provided under this item not lapse at the

126 close of fiscal year 2024 and the use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to the purposes

127 described in Subsection (1) of this item.