

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to teacher preparation programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to designate an employee to engage in monitoring and other conduct related to teacher preparation programs;
 - ▶ directs the State Board of Education to consider recommendations and make rules;
- and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-6-107, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 108

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

Section 1. Section **53A-6-107** is amended to read:

53A-6-107. Teacher preparation programs.

(1) ~~[The]~~ In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules that establish [by rule the] standards [which must be met by

30 ~~approved~~ for approval of a preparation [programs and] program or an alternative preparation
31 [programs] program.

32 (2) ~~[Standards]~~ The board shall ensure that standards adopted [by the board for
33 approved preparation programs and alternative preparation programs shall] under Subsection
34 (1) meet or exceed generally recognized national standards for preparation of educators, such
35 as those developed by the:

36 (a) Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium[-the];

37 (b) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards[-and the National Council for
38 the Accreditation of Teacher Education.]; or

39 (c) Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

40 (3) The board shall designate an employee of the board's staff to:

41 (a) work with education deans of state institutions of higher education to coordinate
42 on-site monitoring of teacher preparation programs that may include:

43 (i) monitoring courses for teacher preparation programs;

44 (ii) working with course instructors for teacher preparation programs; and

45 (iii) interviewing students admitted to teacher preparation programs;

46 (b) act as a liaison between:

47 (i) the board;

48 (ii) local school boards or charter school governing boards; and

49 (iii) representatives of teacher preparation programs; and

50 (c) report the employee's findings and recommendations for the improvement of
51 teacher preparation programs to:

52 (i) the board; and

53 (ii) education deans of state institutions of higher education.

54 (4) The board shall:

55 (a) in good faith, consider the findings and recommendations described in Subsection
56 (3)(c); and

57 (b) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

58 make rules, as the board determines is necessary, to implement recommendations described in

59 Subsection (3)(c).