

HIGH-NEED SCHOOL AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kathleen A. Riebe

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill provides for grants to local education agencies to employ additional educators in high-need schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - solicit proposals from local education agencies;
 - award grants; and
 - make administrative rules;
- ▶ requires a local education agency that receives a grant to:
 - use the funding to employ an additional first year educator in a high-need school;
 - provide matching funds; and
 - report to the State Board of Education;
- ▶ provides a sunset date; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2025:

- ▶ to State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School



Programs - Grants for Educators for High-need Schools as an ongoing appropriation:

- from the Income Tax Fund, \$500,000

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 310, 367, and 494

63I-1-253 (Contingently Effective 01/01/25), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 187, 310, 367, and 494

ENACTS:

53F-5-222, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53F-5-222** is enacted to read:

53F-5-222. Grants for additional educators for high-need schools.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Educator" means an individual who holds a professional educator license described in Section **53E-6-201**.

(b) "First-year educator" means an educator who is:

(i) a classroom teacher; and

(ii) in the educator's first year of teaching.

(c) "High-need school" means an elementary school in an LEA that qualifies for a grant under this section based on the criteria established by the state board under Subsection

(5)(a)(ii).

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

(e) "Title I school" means a school that receives funds under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.

(2) Subject to legislative appropriations, and in accordance with this section, the state board shall award a grant to an LEA to fund the salary and benefits for an additional first-year educator to teach in a high-need school.

59 (3) The state board shall:

60 (a) solicit proposals from LEAs to receive a grant under this section; and

61 (b) award grants to LEAs on a competitive basis based on the LEA applications
62 described in Subsection (4)(a).

63 (4) To receive a grant under this section, an LEA shall:

64 (a) submit an application to the state board that:

65 (i) lists the school or schools for which the LEA intends to use a grant;

66 (ii) describes how each school for which the LEA intends to use a grant meets the
67 criteria for being a high-need school; and

68 (iii) includes any other information required by the board under the rules described in
69 Subsection (5); and

70 (b) provide matching funds in an amount equal to the grant received by the LEA under
71 this section.

72 (5) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
73 the state board shall make rules specifying:

74 (i) the procedure for an LEA to apply for a grant under this section, including
75 application requirements; and

76 (ii) the criteria for determining if an elementary school is a high-need school.

77 (b) In establishing the criteria described in Subsection (5)(a)(ii), the state board shall
78 consider the following factors:

79 (i) Title I school status;

80 (ii) low school performance, as indicated by the school accountability system described
81 in Title 53E, Chapter 5, Part 2, School Accountability System;

82 (iii) a high percentage of students enrolled in the school who are either experiencing or
83 at risk of experiencing intergenerational poverty;

84 (iv) a high ratio of students to educators in the school;

85 (v) higher than average educator turnover in the school;

86 (vi) a high percentage of students enrolled in the school who are experiencing
87 homelessness; and

88 (vii) other factors determined by the state board.

89 (6) An LEA that receives a grant under this section shall:

90 (a) (i) use the grant to fund a portion of the cost of the salary and benefits for an
91 additional first-year educator who teaches in a high-need school; and
92 (ii) maintain a class size of fewer than 20 students for a first-year educator whose
93 salary and benefits are funded by the grant; and
94 (b) annually submit a report to the state board describing:
95 (i) how the LEA used the grant; and
96 (ii) whether the grant was effective in maintaining a smaller class size for the first-year
97 educator whose salary and benefits were funded by the grant.

98 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25)** is amended to read:

99 **63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through**
100 **53G.**

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

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

105 (3) Section **53-2d-703** is repealed July 1, 2027.

106 (4) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed
107 July 1, 2024.

108 (5) Section **53B-6-105.5**, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is
109 repealed July 1, 2024.

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

112 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed
113 July 1, 2028.

114 (8) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

115 (9) Section **53B-17-1203**, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is
116 repealed January 1, 2025.

117 (10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

118 (11) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
119 Research Center, is repealed on July 1, 2028.

120 (12) Subsection **53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii)**, which provides for the distribution of money

from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

(13) Subsections 53E-3-503(5) and (6), which create coordinating councils for youth in custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

(14) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2028:

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

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

(15) Section 53E-4-402, which creates the State Instructional Materials Commission, is repealed July 1, 2027.

(16) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is repealed July 1, 2033.

(17) Section 53F-2-420, which creates the Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(18) Section 53F-5-213 is repealed July 1, 2023.

(19) Section 53F-5-214, in relation to a grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(20) Section 53F-5-215, in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(21) Section 53F-5-219, which creates the Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed on July 1, 2025.

(22) Section 53F-5-222 is repealed July 1, 2027.

~~[(22)]~~ (23) Subsection 53F-9-203(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

~~[(23)]~~ (24) Subsections 53G-4-608(2)(b) and (4)(b), related to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.

~~[(24)]~~ (25) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.

~~[(25)]~~ (26) Title 53G, Chapter 10, Part 6, Education Innovation Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.

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(3) Section **53-2d-703** is repealed July 1, 2027.

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(13) Subsections **53E-3-503(5)** and **(6)**, which create coordinating councils for youth in custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

(14) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2028:

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

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(20) Section [53F-5-215](#), in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(21) Section [53F-5-219](#), which creates the Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed on July 1, 2025.

(22) Section [53F-5-222](#) is repealed July 1, 2027.

~~[(22)]~~ (23) (a) Subsection [53F-9-201.1](#)(2)(b)(ii), in relation to the use of funds from a loss in enrollment for certain fiscal years, is repealed on July 1, 2030.

(b) On July 1, 2030, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

~~[(23)]~~ (24) Subsection [53F-9-203](#)(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

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Section 4. **Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2025.

Subsection 4(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets.**

214 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
215 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
216 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

217 ITEM 1 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic
218 School Programs

219 From Income Tax Fund \$500,000

220 Schedule of Programs:

221 Grants for Educators for High-need \$500,000
Schools

222 Section 5. **Effective date.**

223 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.

224 (2) The actions affecting Section [63I-1-253](#) (Contingently Effective 01/01/25)
225 contingently take effect on January 1, 2025.