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H.B. 249

GRANTS FOR DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides funding for school districts and charter schools to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides for grants to school districts and charter schools for the purchase of digital textbooks, personal mobile devices, and desktop or laptop computers;
- specifies that a grant award may not:
  - exceed $500 per student; or
  - be used for peripherals and networking equipment or professional development for educators;
- requires the State Board of Education to report on the use of the grants to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks; and
- repeals provisions related to grants for digital textbooks on July 1, 2024.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- to the State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the Education Fund, $500,000.

Other Special Clauses:

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28 This bill provides an effective date.
29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**
30 AMENDS:
31 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 173 and 434
32 ENACTS:
33 **53A-1-710**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
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35 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*
36 Section 1. Section **53A-1-710** is enacted to read:
37 **53A-1-710. Grants for digital textbooks.**
38 (1) (a) The State Board of Education shall award grants to a school district or charter
39 school to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks.
40 (b) A school district or charter school that receives a grant described in Subsection
41 (1)(a) may use the grant to purchase:
42 (i) digital textbooks;
43 (ii) personal mobile devices; and
44 (iii) desktop or laptop computers.
45 (2) (a) The State Board of Education shall solicit proposals from school districts and
46 charter schools for the use of the grant to facilitate the adoption of digital textbooks.
47 (b) In awarding a grant under Subsection (1), the State Board of Education shall
48 consider the applicant's capacity to use the grant to serve the greatest number of students
49 possible.
50 (3) A grant awarded under Subsection (1) may not:
51 (a) exceed $500 per student; or
52 (b) be used for:
53 (i) peripherals or networking equipment, including a wireless network; or
54 (ii) professional development for educators.
55 (4) (a) The State Board of Education shall annually report to the Legislature's Public
56 Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the following:
57 (i) the subject area of the classes that converted to digital textbooks;
58 (ii) the cost per student for the conversion to digital textbooks; and

59 (iii) student and teacher satisfaction with digital textbooks.
60 (b) A school district or charter school that receives a grant described in Subsection (1)
61 shall provide to the State Board of Education information that is necessary for the board's
62 report to the Legislature's Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee as required in
63 Subsection (4)(a).
64 Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:
65 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**
66 (1) Section 53A-1-402.7 is repealed July 1, 2014.
67 (2) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.
68 (3) Section 53A-1-411 is repealed July 1, 2016.
69 [~~(4) Section 53A-1-412 is repealed July 1, 2013.~~]
70 [~~(5)~~] (4) Section 53A-1a-513.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.
71 (5) Section 53A-1-710 is repealed July 1, 2024.
72 (6) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.
73 (7) Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Part 8, Peer Assistance and Review Pilot Program, is
74 repealed July 1, 2017.
75 [~~(8) Subsection 53A-13-110(4) is repealed July 1, 2013.~~]
76 [~~(9)~~] (8) Section 53A-17a-169 is repealed July 1, 2016.
77 Section 3. **Appropriation.**
78 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
79 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money
80 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
81 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
82 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.
83 To State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs
84 From Education Fund $500,000
85 Schedule of Programs:
86 Contracts and Grants $500,000
87 Under Section 63J-1-603, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided in this
88 section are:
89 (1) to be used as provided in Section 53A-1-710;

90 (2) ongoing, subject to availability of funds; and
91 (3) nonlapsing.
92 Section 4. **Effective date.**
93 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 13, 2014.
94 (2) Uncodified Section 3, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2014.

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