

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 ~~[R277-528. Use of Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP) Funds.~~

3 ~~R277-528-1. Authority and Purpose.~~

4 ~~—— (1) This rule is authorized by:~~

5 ~~(a) Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and~~
6 ~~supervision of public education in the Board;~~

7 ~~(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4) which allows the Board to make rules to execute the~~
8 ~~Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state;~~

9 ~~(c) Subsection 53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii) which requires the Board to make a rule that~~
10 ~~provides for repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the teacher~~
11 ~~fails to complete the university program with exceptions; and~~

12 ~~(d) Subsection 53F-2-514(5)(b) which directs the Board to develop criteria for~~
13 ~~PEJEP awards.~~

14 ~~—— (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures for ongoing~~
15 ~~participation in PEJEP.~~

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17 ~~R277-528-2. Definitions.~~

18 ~~—— (1) "Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation" or "(CAEP)" is a nationally~~
19 ~~recognized organization that accredits professional teacher education programs in~~
20 ~~institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for K-12 teachers.~~

21 ~~—— (2) "PEJEP award" means an award granted to an eligible PEJEP participant~~
22 ~~pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528.~~

23 ~~—— (3) "PEJEP Participant" means a qualified teacher with an approved application~~
24 ~~pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528;~~

25 ~~—— (4) "Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP)" means the program~~
26 ~~authorized under Subsection 53F-2-514(2).~~

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28 ~~R277-528-3. PEJEP Participants.~~

29 ~~—— (1) If an application is filed on behalf of a qualified teacher pursuant to Subsection~~
30 ~~53F-2-514(3)(a) and approved by the Superintendent, the PEJEP participant shall:~~

31 ~~(a) commit to required courses for advanced degrees and endorsements~~
32 ~~consistent with Subsection 53F-2-514(2);~~

33 ~~—(b) provide documentation annually, by October 1, to the Superintendent,~~
34 ~~demonstrating full-time employment as an educator during the previous school year;~~

35 ~~—(c) notify the Superintendent of the participant's satisfaction of the participant's~~
36 ~~four year teaching commitment as described by Subsection 53F-2-514(3); and~~

37 ~~—(d) provide required documentation to receive textbook reimbursements which will~~
38 ~~be reimbursed directly to the PEJEP participant by the Superintendent.~~

39 ~~—(2) If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves~~
40 ~~from the state, the Superintendent may require repayment or partial repayment, consistent~~
41 ~~with Subsection 53F-2-514(3).~~

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43 **~~R277-528-4. University Program Eligibility.~~**

44 ~~—(1) A university program that provides licensure and endorsements in the areas~~
45 ~~outlined in Subsection 53F-2-514(2) and meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible~~
46 ~~to receive tuition reimbursement for a PEJEP participant.~~

47 ~~—(2) To be an eligible university program, the university shall:~~

48 ~~—(a) be a Utah institution of higher education;—~~

49 ~~(b) provide documentation to the Superintendent of the university's program~~
50 ~~accreditation by CAEP; and~~

51 ~~—(c) provide to the Superintendent an overview of the university's endorsement~~
52 ~~program including:~~

53 ~~—(i) program requirements and eligibility standards for participants;~~

54 ~~—(ii) a screening process for prospective participants;~~

55 ~~—(iii) course syllabi; and~~

56 ~~—(iv) a yearly evaluation of the program.~~

57 ~~—(3) The Superintendent may determine the eligibility of a university's program on~~
58 ~~an annual basis.~~

59 ~~—(4) The Superintendent shall reimburse tuition directly to an eligible university's~~
60 ~~program for a PEJEP participant.~~

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62 ~~**R277-528-5. Evaluation.**~~

63 ~~—— (1) The Superintendent shall maintain records of PEJEP award participants.~~

64 ~~—— (2) The Superintendent shall prepare an annual report for the Board that~~
65 ~~demonstrates use of PEJEP funding consistent with Section 53F-2-514 and.~~

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67 ~~**KEY: educators, awards**—————~~

68 ~~**Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: July 31, 2019**~~

69 ~~**Notice of Continuation:**~~

70 ~~**Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53F-2-514;**~~

71 ~~**53E-3-401(4)}**~~