

R277-528 received final approval by the Utah State Board of Education on April 4, 2019. R277-528 is published in the June 1, 2019 Utah State Bulletin, subject to a 30-day comment period, with a first possible effective date of July 8, 2019.

~~{R277. Education, Administration.~~

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

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

~~——— A. The rule is authorized by Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and supervision of the public schools under the Board; Subsection 53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii), which requires the Board to make a rule that provides for repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the teacher fails to complete the Program with exceptions; Subsection 53F-2-514(5)(b), which directs the Board to develop criteria for PEJEP awards; and Subsection 53E-3-401(4) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.~~

~~——— B. The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures for ongoing participation in PEJEP.~~

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

~~——— A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.~~

~~——— B. "Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)" is a nationally recognized organization which provides accreditation of professional teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of K-12 teachers.~~

~~——— C. "National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)" is a nationally recognized organization which accredits the education units providing baccalaureate and graduate degree programs for the preparation of teachers and other professional personnel for elementary and secondary schools.~~

~~——— D. "PEJEP awards" means awards granted to eligible PEJEP participants that satisfy the purposes of the original PEJEP funding and USOE documentation requirements.~~

~~——— E. "Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP)" means a program authorized under Subsection 53F-2-514(2).~~

~~—— F. "Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)" is a nationally recognized organization which provides accreditation of professional teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of K-12 teachers.~~

~~—— G. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.~~

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

~~—— A. PEJEP participants shall commit to required courses for advanced degrees and endorsements consistent with Subsection 53F-2-514(2).~~

~~—— B. Qualified Utah institutions of higher education shall be reimbursed for the tuition for eligible PEJEP participants.~~

~~—— C. PEJEP participants shall receive textbook reimbursements directly.~~

~~—— D. PEJEP participants shall provide documentation annually, by October 1, to the USOE, demonstrating full-time employment as educators during the previous school year.~~

~~—— E. If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from the state, he shall notify the USOE immediately. The USOE may require repayment or partial repayment, consistent with Subsection 53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii).~~

~~—— F. PEJEP participants shall notify the USOE of the participants' satisfaction of their teaching commitment at the conclusion of their Program.~~

#### ~~R277-528-4. University Program Eligibility.~~

~~—— A. A Utah higher education institution (university) program that provides licensure and endorsements in areas outlined in Subsection 53F-2-514(2) shall be eligible to receive tuition reimbursement for eligible PEJEP participants.~~

~~—— B. University endorsement or education programs that desire to enroll PEJEP participants shall meet the following minimum requirements:~~

~~—— (1) provide documentation to the USOE of university program accreditation by NCATE/TEAC/CAEP;~~

~~—— (2) provide to the USOE an overview of the university endorsement program including:~~

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) program requirements and eligibility standards for participants;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) a screening process for prospective participants;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) course syllabi; and~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) a yearly evaluation of the program.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ C. The USOE may determine the eligibility of university programs on an annual basis.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ D. The USOE shall reimburse tuition directly to university programs for PEJEP participants.~~

~~R277-528-5. Evaluation.~~

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ A. The USOE shall maintain records of PEJEP award participants.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ B. The USOE shall prepare an annual report for the Board that demonstrates use of PEJEP funding consistent with the intent of original PEJEP legislation.~~

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**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-528. Use of Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP) Funds.**

**R277-528-1. Authority and Purpose.**

- (1) This rule is authorized by:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (a) Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and supervision of public education in the Board;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4) which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (c) Subsection 53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii) which requires the Board to make a rule that provides for repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the teacher fails to complete the university program with exceptions; and

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

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

### **R277-528-2. Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

### **R277-528-3. PEJEP Participants.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) be a Utah institution of higher education;

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

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

(i) program requirements and eligibility standards for participants;

(ii) a screening process for prospective participants;

(iii) course syllabi; and

(iv) a yearly evaluation of the program.

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

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

**R277-528-5. Evaluation.**

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

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

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