

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

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

3 **R277-528-1~~[2]~~. Authority and Purpose.**

4 ~~[A:]~~(1) This~~[e]~~ rule is authorized by:

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

7 (b) Subsection ~~[53A-1-401(3)]~~ 53E-3-401(4) which allows the Board to ~~[adopt]~~make
8 rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and
9 state law~~[in accordance with its responsibilities.];~~

10 (c) Subsection ~~[53A-1a-601(3)(c)(2)]~~53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii) which requires the Board to
11 make a rule that provides for repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the
12 teacher fails to complete the university ~~[P]~~program with exceptions; and

13 (d) Subsection ~~[53A-1a-601(5)(b)]~~53F-2-514(5)(b) which directs the Board to develop
14 criteria for PEJEP awards. ~~[; and]~~

15 ~~[B:]~~(2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures for ongoing
16 participation in PEJEP.

17 **R277-528-2~~[1]~~. Definitions.**

18 ~~[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]~~

19 ~~[B:]~~(1) "Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation" or "(CAEP)" is a nationally
20 recognized organization ~~[which provides]~~that accredits~~[ation of]~~ professional teacher education
21 programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for ~~[the preparation of]~~
22 K-12 teachers .

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

27 ~~[D:]~~(2) "PEJEP award[s]" means an award~~[s]~~ granted to an eligible PEJEP participant~~[s]~~
28 pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528~~[that satisfy the purposes of the original PEJEP~~

29 funding and USOE documentation requirements].

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

32 [E.](4) "Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP)" means [a]the program
33 authorized under Subsection [~~53A-1a-601(2)~~]53F-2-514(2).

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

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

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

39 [A.](1) If an application is filed on behalf of a qualified teacher pursuant to Subsection
40 53F-2-514(3)(a) and approved by the Superintendent, the PEJEP participant shall:

41 (a) [~~PEJEP participants shall~~] commit to required courses for advanced degrees and
42 endorsements consistent with Subsection [~~53A-1a-601(2)~~]53F-2-514(2)[-];

43 [~~B. Qualified Utah institutions of higher education~~] shall be reimbursed for the tuition
44 for eligible PEJEP participants.]

45 [~~C. PEJEP participants shall receive textbook reimbursements directly.~~]

46 [D.](b) [~~PEJEP participants shall~~] provide documentation annually, by October 1, to the
47 [USOE]Superintendent, demonstrating full-time employment as an educator[s] during the
48 previous school year[-];

49 [~~E. If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from~~
50 ~~the state, he shall notify the USOE immediately. The USOE may require repayment or partial~~
51 ~~repayment, consistent with Section 53A-1a-601(3)(c)(ii).]~~

52 [F.](c) [~~PEJEP participants shall~~] notify the [USOE]Superintendent of the participant's[']
53 satisfaction of the participant's [if] four year teaching commitment as described by Subsection
54 53F-2-514(3) [at the conclusion of their Program.]; and

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

57 (2) If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from
58 the state, the Superintendent may require repayment or partial repayment, consistent with

59 Subsection 53F-2-514(3).

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

61 [A:](1) A [U]university[~~ta~~ higher education institution (university)] program that
62 provides licensure and endorsements in the areas outlined in Subsection [53A-1a-601(2)]53F-
63 2-514(2) and meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible to receive tuition reimbursement
64 for a [eligible] PEJEP participant[s].

65 [B:](2) To be an eligible [U]university [endorsement or education] program, the
66 university shall:~~desires to enroll PEJEP participants shall meet the following minimum~~
67 ~~requirements]:~~

68 [(1)](a) be a Utah institution of higher education;

69 (b) provide documentation to the Superintendent[USOE] of the university's program
70 accreditation by [NCATE/TEAC/]CAEP; and

71 [(2)](c) provide to the Superintendent[USOE] an overview of the university's
72 endorsement program including:

73 [(a)](i) program requirements and eligibility standards for participants;

74 [(b)](ii) a screening process for prospective participants;

75 [(c)](iii) course syllabi; and

76 [(d)](iv) a yearly evaluation of the program.

77 [C:](3) The [USOE]Superintendent may determine the eligibility of a university's
78 program[s] on an annual basis.

79 [D:](4) The [USOE]Superintendent shall reimburse tuition directly to an eligible
80 university's program[s] for a PEJEP participant[s].

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

82 [A:](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall maintain records of PEJEP award participants.

83 [B:](2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall prepare an annual report for the Board that
84 demonstrates use of PEJEP funding consistent with Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528[the
85 intent of original PEJEP legislation].

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87 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment:** [~~March 10, 2014~~] 2019
88 **Notice of Continuation:**
89 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law:** Art X Sec 3; [~~53A-1a-601~~]53F-2-
90 514; [~~53A-1-401(3)~~] 53E-3-401(4)