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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:~~

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~~—— (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.~~

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~~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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~~Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53F-2-514; 53E-3-401(4)]~~