

USBE Legislative Request Form

(Policy, Funding, & Efficiency / Reductions)

2027 General Session

SECTION 1: THE BOTTOM LINE

Request Title: _Repeal 53F-5-217

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Nature of Request (Select all that apply):

☒ **Policy Change:** Creating, amending, or repealing Utah State Code.

(Complete Section 4)

☐ **New/Increased Funding:** Seeking new financial resources.

(Complete Section 3)

☐ **Efficiency / Reduction:** Proposing the elimination or reduction of a program, mandate, or funding stream. *(Complete Section 3 and/or 4)*

Purpose Statement (BLUF - Bottom Line Up Front):

We are requesting the repeal of [53F-5-217](#) - Grants for New and Aspiring Principals. This statute was created in 2022 and has never been funded, thus prohibiting the Utah State Board of Education from

administering the grant program. A new school leadership bill may be proposed in 2027 specific to the Strategic Plan.

SECTION 2: THE BUSINESS CASE

The Problem:

[53F-5-217](#) requires the Superintendent to administer a grant program to support new and aspiring principal development. The \$5 million originally allocated for this program has never been funded. USBE created Board Rule R277-327 in 2022 in response to the legislation, then repealed the rule in 2024 due to the program never being funded. The Superintendent is focused on school leadership and the strategic plan which may lead to a future legislative request.

The Source:

This request was directed by Deputy Superintendent Voorhies with the option to request a repeal, language change, or full funding. It was decided that a repeal is the best step forward.

Projected Results:

If approved, the repeal means no measurable outcome is needed.

Consequence of Inaction:

If not approved, the current statute imposes requirements on the Superintendent that cannot be implemented without funding. Specifically, the Superintendent cannot administer grants as required for new and aspiring principal development.

Evidence & Data:

The new and aspiring principal grant program has never been initiated, funded or measured given that no funds were allocated for the grants. As a result, the program has failed to provide the support required to achieve the purpose of the statute.

SECTION 4: POLICY & STATUTE

Code Sections Affected:

[53F-5-217](#)

Suggested Legislative Solution:

Repeal the entire statute

Safeguards:

No perceived unintended consequences are noted.