

# UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Subject:**

ACTION: RTC Special Education Program Monitoring Fees

**Agenda item type:**

Action Item

**Recommended Action:**

That the Finance Committee approve the proposed RTC Certification Fee Schedule and forward to the full Board for approval on second and final reading.

**Background:**

In the 2019 Legislative session, USBE was given 1/2 of an FTE to begin monitoring the special education programs in select Residential Treatment Centers (RTCs) for certification. The states of California and Illinois require that the state in the RTC sits must certify the special education program in order for the state to pay to send a student to the RTC for a free appropriate public education (FAPE). Utah began monitoring and certifying the RTCs in 2020. Certification is a two-year process. Each RTC submits an application that is thoroughly reviewed, including document verification, in the first year and then on-site monitoring visit is conducted, generally in the 2nd year. RTCs will pay the proposed fee each year which will cover the cost of the 1/2 time FTE. A proposed fee schedule that had several more rows for enrollment size and for distance from USBE was proposed to the Legislative Fiscal Analysts and they asked us to simplify the schedule to only four options. This proposal has done so. This proposal has been reviewed with representatives of the RTC association for feedback and though they calculated how the fee could be determined from a different perspective, they actually came to a very similar cost conclusion.

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**Attachments:**

1. Costs for RTC Certification 090821
2. USBE RTC Certification Fee Structure 090121
3. USBE RTCs proposed fee schedule 090121