

**USE OF UTAH EDUCATION NETWORK FOR
TELEHEALTH**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gordon E. Snow

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows the Utah Education Network to provide telecommunications services for a telehealth network.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows the Utah Education Network to provide telecommunications services for a telehealth network; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53B-17-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 150

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-17-104** is amended to read:

53B-17-104. Responsibilities of KUED - TV, KUER - FM, and UEN relating to



28 **public broadcasting and telecommunication.**

29 (1) Subject to applicable rules of the Federal Communications Commission and
30 Section 53B-17-102, the State Board of Regents, the State Board of Education, and the
31 University of Utah, KUED - TV, KUER - FM, and UEN shall:

- 32 (a) coordinate statewide services of public radio and television;
- 33 (b) develop, maintain, and operate statewide distribution systems for:
 - 34 (i) KUED - TV[;];
 - 35 (ii) KUER - FM[~~and~~];
 - 36 (iii) KUEN[;];
 - 37 (iv) the statewide distance learning service[;];
 - 38 (v) the educational data network[;];
 - 39 (vi) connections to the Internet[;]; and
 - 40 (vii) other appropriate telecommunications services [~~appropriate for providing~~];
- 41 (c) provide the video, audio, and data telecommunication services described under

42 Subsection (1)(b) in support of:

- 43 (i) public and higher education[;];
- 44 (ii) state government[;]; and
- 45 (iii) public libraries;
- 46 [~~e~~] (d) support the delivery of [~~these~~] the services described under Subsections (1)(b)
47 and (c) to as many communities as may be economically and technically feasible and lawfully
48 permissible under the various operating licenses;
- 49 [~~d~~] (e) cooperate with state and local governmental and educational agencies and
50 provide leadership and consulting service for telecommunication for education;
- 51 [~~e~~] (f) represent the state with privately owned telecommunications systems to gain
52 access to their networks for the delivery of programs and services sponsored or produced by
53 public and higher education;
- 54 [~~f~~] (g) acquire, produce, coordinate, and distribute a variety of programs and services
55 of an educational, cultural, informative, and entertaining nature designed to promote the public
56 interest and welfare of the state;
- 57 [~~e~~] (h) coordinate with the state system of higher education to acquire, produce, and
58 distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast college credit telecourses, teleconferences, and other

59 instructional and training services;

60 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) coordinate with the State Board of Education and school districts to acquire,
61 produce, and distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast telecourses, teleconferences, and other
62 instructional and training services to the public schools;

63 ~~[(i)]~~ (j) act as a clearing house for the materials, courses, publications, media, software,
64 and other applicable information related to the items addressed in Subsections (1)~~[(g)]~~~~(h)~~ and
65 ~~[(h)]~~~~(i)~~;

66 ~~[(j)]~~ (k) coordinate with the State Board of Education to assist in providing the public
67 schools of Utah with the following services:

68 (i) broadcast, during school hours, of educational and administrative programs
69 recommended by the State Board of Education;

70 (ii) duplication and encoding of program masters for broadcast purposes; and

71 (iii) program previewing;

72 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) share responsibility with the State Board of Education for Instructional
73 Television (ITV) awareness and utilization; and

74 ~~[(l)]~~ (m) provide teleconference and training services for state and local governmental
75 agencies.

76 (2) UEN shall:

77 (a) consult with the UEN steering committee authorized in Section 53B-17-102 and
78 other technology coordinating committees established by the State Board of Education and
79 State Board of Regents in acquiring, producing, and distributing instructional content;

80 (b) coordinate the statewide development and implementation of the data network for
81 education, which shall include video and audio, data connections, and connection to the
82 Internet, utilizing satellite, microwave, fiber-optic, and other transmission media;

83 (c) utilize statewide economic development criteria in the design and implementation
84 of the educational telecommunications infrastructure; and

85 (d) assure that public service entities such as educators, public service providers, and
86 public broadcasters are provided access to the telecommunications infrastructures that are
87 developed in the state.

88 (3) UEN may provide telecommunications services for a telehealth network, as
89 described in Section 26-9f-102.

90 [~~3~~] (4) This section neither regulates nor restricts a privately owned company in the
91 distribution or dissemination of education programs.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill may allow the Utah Telehealth Network to receive lower cost telecommunications circuits through the Utah Education Network.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
