

1 **UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2012 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Jennifer M. Seelig**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies provisions relating to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:

14 • make rules regarding the qualifications, terms of employment, and duties for the
15 superintendent of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind;

16 • make rules regarding the operation of the Advisory Council for the Utah
17 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; and

18 • report ~~H~~→ **verbally and in written form** ←~~H~~ annually to the Education Interim
18a Committee on the Utah Schools for the
19 Deaf and the Blind;

20 ▶ deletes provisions regarding the superintendent and the Advisory Council for the
21 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; and

22 ▶ makes technical changes.

23 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

24 None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**



59 (b) subject to the approval of the board, appoint an associate superintendent to
 60 administer the Utah School for the Blind based on:

61 (i) demonstrated competency as an expert educator of blind persons; and

62 (ii) knowledge of school management and the instruction of blind persons, including an
 63 understanding of the unique needs and education of deaf blind persons.

64 [~~(3)~~(a)] ~~(4)~~ ~~H→~~ ~~(a)~~ ~~←H~~ The board shall:

65 [~~(i)~~ appoint members of the Advisory Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and
 66 the Blind; and]

67 [~~(ii)~~ receive and consider the recommendations and advice of the advisory council.]

68 [~~(b)~~ The board is not obligated to follow the recommendations of the advisory council.]

69 ~~H→~~ [~~(a)~~] ~~(i)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (a) ←H establish the Advisory Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the
 69a Blind and

70 appoint no more than 11 members to the advisory council;

71 ~~H→~~ [~~(b)~~] ~~(ii)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (b) ←H make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
 72 Rulemaking Act, regarding the operation of the advisory council; and

73 ~~H→~~ [~~(c)~~] ~~(iii)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (c) ←H receive and consider the advice and recommendations of the advisory
 73a council but is
 74 not obligated to follow the recommendations of the advisory council.

74a ~~H→~~ **(b) The advisory council described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include at least:**

74b **(i) two members who are blind;**

74c **(ii) two members who are deaf; and**

74d **(iii) two members who are deafblind or parents of a deafblind child.** ~~←H~~

75 [~~(4)~~] ~~(5)~~ The board shall approve the annual budget and expenditures of the Utah
 76 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

77 ~~(6)~~ ~~H→~~ ~~(a)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (a) ←H On or before the November interim meeting each year, the board shall
 77a report to the

78 Education Interim Committee on the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

78a ~~H→~~ ~~(b)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (b) ←H The report shall ~~H→~~ **be presented verbally and in written form to the**
 78b **Education Interim Committee and shall** ~~←H~~

79 include:

80 ~~H→~~ [~~(a)~~] ~~(i)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (a) ←H a financial report;

81 ~~H→~~ [~~(b)~~] ~~(ii)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (b) ←H a report on the activities of the superintendent and associate
 81a superintendents;

82 ~~H→~~ [~~(c)~~] ~~(iii)~~ ~~←H~~ H→ (c) ←H a report on activities to involve parents and constituency and

82a advocacy groups in
83 the governance of the school; and
84 ~~H~~→ [(d)] (iv) ←~~H~~ a report on student achievement including:
85 ~~H~~→ [(i)] (A) ←~~H~~ student academic achievement data, including longitudinal data for both
85a current and
86 previous students served by the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind;
87 ~~H~~→ [(ii)] (B) ←~~H~~ graduation rates; and
88 ~~H~~→ [(iii)] (C) ←~~H~~ students exiting the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind and their
88a educational
89 placement after exiting the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.