

MISSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones

House Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill expands the mission statement of public education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ adds a vision statement for the public education system;
- ▶ adds language to broaden and update the mission statement of public education; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 47

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1a-103** is amended to read:

53A-1a-103. Public education's vision and mission.

(1) The Legislature envisions ~~H→ [a public education system established in]~~ an educated citizenry that encompasses ←H the following

foundational principles:

~~H→ [S→ (a) that parents are a child's first teachers and are responsible for the education of their children; ←S]~~ ←H



28 ~~§~~ → ~~§~~ → [f] (a) [f] [~~(b)~~] ← ~~§~~ ← ~~§~~ citizen participation in civic and political affairs;
29 ~~§~~ → ~~§~~ → [f] (b) [f] [~~(c)~~] ← ~~§~~ ← ~~§~~ economic prosperity for the state by graduating
29a1 students who are college
29a and career
30 ready;
31 ~~§~~ → ~~§~~ → [f] (c) [f] [~~(d)~~] ← ~~§~~ ← ~~§~~ strong moral and social values; and
32 ~~§~~ → ~~§~~ → [f] (d) [f] [~~(e)~~] ← ~~§~~ ← ~~§~~ loyalty and commitment to constitutional government.
33 The Legislature recognizes that public education's mission is to assure Utah the best
34 educated citizenry in the world and each individual the training to succeed in a global society[;]
35 by providing students with:
36 (a) learning and occupational skills[;];
37 (b) character development[;];
38 (c) literacy[, and basic knowledge] and numeracy;
39 (d) high quality instruction;
40 (e) curriculum with high standards and relevance; and
41 (f) effective assessment to inform high quality instruction and accountability.
42 (3) The Legislature:
43 (a) ~~§~~ → [~~§~~ →] ~~§~~ → [f] recognizes that parents ~~§~~ → or guardians ← ~~§~~ are a child's first
43a2 teachers and are
43a1 responsible for the
43a education of their children; [f]
43b [f] (b) [f] ← ~~§~~ [~~§~~] ← ~~§~~ encourages family engagement and adequate preparation
43c1 so that students enter
43c the
44 public education system ready to learn; and
45 ~~§~~ → [f] ← ~~§~~ ~~§~~ → [~~(b)~~] ← ~~§~~ ~~§~~ → [f] ~~§~~ → [f] (c) [f] ← ~~§~~ ← ~~§~~ intends that the mission
45a1 detailed in Subsection (2) be
45a carried out through a
46 responsive educational system that guarantees local school communities autonomy, flexibility,
47 and client choice, while holding them accountable for results.
47a ~~§~~ → **(4) This section will be applied consistent with Section 53A-13-109. ← ~~§~~**

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