

**MISSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones**

House Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson

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**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

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*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 a public education system established in the following foundational principles:



- 28           (a) citizen participation in civic and political affairs;
- 29           (b) economic prosperity for the state by graduating students who are college and career
- 30 ready;
- 31           (c) strong moral and social values; and
- 32           (d) loyalty and commitment to constitutional government.
- 33           (2) 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) encourages family engagement and adequate preparation so that students enter the
- 44 public education system ready to learn; and
- 45           (b) intends that the mission detailed in Subsection (2) be 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.

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