

PARENT SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROTECTION

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies Title 53A, Chapter 15, Standards and Programs, by requiring the State Board of Education and school districts to implement a parent seminar on various issues.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires school districts to offer an annual seminar to parents with information on substance abuse, bullying, mental health, and Internet safety;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - develop a curriculum and provide it to requesting school districts; and
 - report on the program to the Education Interim Committee; ~~H→~~ **[and]** ~~←H~~
- ▶ requires a school district to notify charter schools located within the school district's boundaries of the parent seminar ~~H→~~ **[:] ; and**

▶ allows a school district to opt out of providing the parent seminar if the local school board determines the seminar is not needed in its district. ~~←H~~

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-15-1301, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*30 Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is enacted to read:

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Part 13. Parent Education

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53A-15-1301. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.

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(1) (a) ~~H~~→ [~~A~~] **Except as provided in Subsection (5), a** ←~~H~~ school district shall offer a

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seminar for parents of students in the school

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district that:

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(i) is offered at no cost to parents;

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(ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;

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(iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district;

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(iv) is offered once a year; and

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(v) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

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(b) A school district may:

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(i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or

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(ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection

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(c) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance

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boundaries of the school district of the date and time of the parent seminar, so the charter

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school may inform parents of the seminar.

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(2) The State Board of Education shall:

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(a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that

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includes information on:

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(i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

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(iii) mental health, depression, and suicide awareness; and

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(iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

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(b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon

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request.

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(3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim

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Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent

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seminar ~~H~~→ , including if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar,

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as described in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out ←~~H~~ .

- 59 (4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
- 60 Committee by the November 2014 meeting on ~~H~~→ [the] ←~~H~~ :
- 61 (a) ~~H~~→ the ←~~H~~ progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
- 62 (b) ~~H~~→ the ←~~H~~ estimated attendance reported by each school district; ~~H~~→ [and] ←~~H~~
- 63 (c) ~~H~~→ a ←~~H~~ recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program ~~H~~→ [;] :
- 63a **and**
- 63b **(d) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described in**
- 63c **Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.**
- 63d **(5)(a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school**
- 63e **board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or**
- 63f **value to families in the school district.**
- 63g **(b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school**
- 63h **board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school**
- 63i **board chose not to offer the parent seminar. ←~~H~~**

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