

Representative Gage Froerer proposes the following substitute bill:

PUBLIC SCHOOL SEISMIC STUDIES

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer

Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill imposes requirements on a school district regarding seismic safety evaluations of school buildings.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a school district to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of a school district building constructed before 1975 if the school district issues certain general obligation bonds on or after July 1, 2013; and
- ▶ provides that a school district is not required to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of a building constructed before 1975 if a seismic safety evaluation was performed on the building within the 25-year period before the school district issues certain general obligation bonds.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:



26 ENACTS:

27 **53A-18-107**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

30 Section 1. Section **53A-18-107** is enacted to read:

31 **53A-18-107. Requirement to conduct seismic safety evaluations when issuing a**
32 **bond.**

33 (1) As used in this section:

34 (a) "Federal guidelines" means guidelines and procedures specified in "Rapid Visual
35 Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards: A Handbook, 2nd Edition" published by
36 the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency.

37 (b) "Qualifying general obligation bond" means a bond:

38 (i) issued pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act; and

39 (ii) authorized by an election held on or after July 1, 2013.

40 (c) "Seismic safety evaluation" means a seismic safety rapid visual screening evaluated
41 in accordance with federal guidelines or a more detailed seismic structural evaluation.

42 (2) If a school district issues a qualifying general obligation bond, the school district
43 shall:

44 (a) except as provided in Subsection (4), conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation
45 of each school district building:

46 (i) constructed before 1975; and

47 (ii) used by the school district as a school; and

48 (b) provide a copy of a seismic safety evaluation prepared under Subsection (2)(a) to
49 the Utah Seismic Safety Commission created in Section 63C-6-101.

50 (3) A seismic safety evaluation conducted under Subsection (2) shall be conducted by a
51 licensed structural engineer familiar with seismic codes.

52 (4) A school district is not required to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of
53 a building as required in Subsection (2)(a) if a seismic safety evaluation was performed on the
54 building within the 25-year period before the school district issues the qualifying general
55 obligation bond.

56 Section 2. **Effective date.**

57 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
58 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
59 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
60 the date of veto override.