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Representative Ronda Rudd Menlove proposes the following substitute bill:

UTAH <u>EDUCATION AND</u> TELEHEALTH{ AND EDUCATION} NETWORK AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: {Ronda} Rhonda Rudd Menlove

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the Utah Education Network and the Telehealth Network.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Utah <u>Education and Telehealth</u> { and Education} Network
 ({UTEN}UETN) within the state system of higher education;
- establishes the duties of {UTEN}<u>UETN</u>;

- creates a governing board for (UTEN)<u>UETN;</u>
- establishes membership of the {UTEN}<u>UETN</u> Board;
- creates the Utah Education Advisory Council to assist the (UTEN) <u>UETN</u> Board;
- creates the Utah Telehealth Advisory Council to assist the {UTEN}UETN Board;
- authorizes the board, at its discretion, to merge the advisory councils after July 1,
 2015; and
- makes technical and conforming amendments.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

46-4-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 412

53A-3-429, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 397

53A-15-101.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

53A-15-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 235 and 382

53B-17-101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 150

53B-17-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 16

53B-18-901, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 329

63G-6a-104, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 445

63J-3-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapters 295, 310, and 400

63M-1-3204, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 336

72-7-109, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 176

ENACTS:

53B-17-101.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53B-17-105, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53B-17-106, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53B-17-107. Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:

53B-17-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 16

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

Section 1. Section 46-4-503 is amended to read:

46-4-503. Government products and services provided electronically.

- (1) Notwithstanding Section 46-4-501, a state governmental agency that administers one or more of the following transactions shall allow those transactions to be conducted electronically:
- (a) an application for or renewal of a professional or occupational license issued under Title 58, Occupations and Professions;
 - (b) the renewal of a drivers license;
 - (c) an application for a hunting or fishing license;
 - (d) the filing of:
- (i) a return under Title 59, Chapter 10, Individual Income Tax Act or <u>Title 59, Chapter</u> 12, Sales and Use Tax Act;
 - (ii) a court document, as defined by the Judicial Council; or
 - (iii) a document under Title 70A, Uniform Commercial Code;
 - (e) a registration for:
 - (i) a product; or
 - (ii) a brand;
 - (f) a renewal of a registration of a motor vehicle;
 - (g) a registration under:
 - (i) Title 16, Corporations;
 - (ii) Title 42, Names; or
- (iii) [on or before December 31, 2013, Title 48, Partnership, and on and after January 1, 2014,] Title 48, Partnership Unincorporated Business Entity Act; or
 - (h) submission of an application for benefits:
 - (i) under Title 35A, Chapter 3, Employment Support Act;
 - (ii) under Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act; or
 - (iii) related to accident and health insurance.
- (2) The state system of public education, in coordination with the Utah <u>Education and</u> Telehealth { and } { Education } Network, shall make reasonable progress toward making the

following services available electronically:

- (a) secure access by parents and students to student grades and progress reports;
- (b) email communications with:
- (i) teachers;
- (ii) parent-teacher associations; and
- (iii) school administrators;
- (c) access to school calendars and schedules; and
- (d) teaching resources that may include:
- (i) teaching plans;
- (ii) curriculum guides; and
- (iii) media resources.
- (3) A state governmental agency shall:
- (a) in carrying out the requirements of this section, take reasonable steps to ensure the security and privacy of records that are private or controlled as defined by Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act;
- (b) in addition to those transactions listed in Subsections (1) and (2), determine any additional services that may be made available to the public through electronic means; and
- (c) as part of the agency's information technology plan required by Section 63F-1-204, report on the progress of compliance with Subsections (1) through (3).
- (4) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this part, a state governmental agency is not required by this part to conduct a transaction electronically if:
 - (a) conducting the transaction electronically is not required by federal law; and
 - (b) conducting the transaction electronically is:
 - (i) impractical;
 - (ii) unreasonable; or
 - (iii) not permitted by laws pertaining to privacy or security.
- (5) (a) For purposes of this Subsection (5), "one-stop shop" means the consolidation of access to diverse services and agencies at one location including virtual colocation.
- (b) State agencies that provide services or offer direct assistance to the business community shall participate in the establishment, maintenance, and enhancement of an integrated Utah business web portal known as Business.utah.gov. The purpose of the business

web portal is to provide "one-stop shop" assistance to businesses.

- (c) State agencies shall partner with other governmental and nonprofit agencies whose primary mission is to provide services or offer direct assistance to the business community in Utah in fulfilling the requirements of this section.
 - (d) The following state entities shall comply with the provisions of this Subsection (5):
- (i) Governor's Office of Economic Development, which shall serve as the managing partner for the website;
 - (ii) Department of Workforce Services;
 - (iii) Department of Commerce;
 - (iv) Tax Commission;
- (v) Department of Administrative Services Division of Purchasing and General Services, including other state agencies operating under a grant of authority from the division to procure goods and services in excess of \$5,000;
 - (vi) Department of Agriculture;
 - (vii) Department of Natural Resources; and
- (viii) other state agencies that provide services or offer direct assistance to the business sector.
 - (e) The business services available on the business web portal may include:
 - (i) business life cycle information;
 - (ii) business searches;
 - (iii) employment needs and opportunities;
 - (iv) motor vehicle registration;
 - (v) permit applications and renewal;
 - (vi) tax information;
 - (vii) government procurement bid notifications;
 - (viii) general business information;
 - (ix) business directories; and
 - (x) business news.

Section 2. Section **53A-3-429** is amended to read:

53A-3-429. Regional service centers.

(1) For purposes of this section, "eligible regional service center" means a regional

service center formed by two or more school districts as an interlocal entity, in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.

- (2) The Legislature strongly encourages school districts to collaborate and cooperate to provide educational services in a manner that will best utilize resources for the overall operation of the public education system.
- (3) An eligible regional service center formed by an interlocal agreement, in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, may receive a distribution described in Subsection (5) if the Legislature appropriates money for eligible regional service centers.
- (4) (a) If local school boards enter into an interlocal agreement to confirm or formalize a regional service center in operation before July 1, 2011, the interlocal agreement may not eliminate any rights or obligations of the regional service center in effect before entering into the interlocal agreement.
- (b) An interlocal agreement entered into to confirm or formalize an existing regional service center shall have the effect of confirming and ratifying in the regional service center, the title to any property held in the name, or for the benefit of the regional service center as of the effective date of the interlocal agreement.
- (5) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute any funding appropriated to eligible regional service centers as provided by the Legislature.
- (b) The State Board of Education may provide funding to an eligible regional service center in addition to legislative appropriations.
- (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall make rules regarding eligible regional service centers including:
 - (a) the distribution of legislative appropriations to eligible regional service centers;
- (b) the designation of eligible regional service centers as agents to distribute Utah

 Education and Telehealth { and } { Education } Network services; and
- (c) the designation of eligible regional service centers as agents for regional coordination of public education and higher education services.
- (7) A public school that is a charter school may enter into a contract with an eligible regional service center to receive education related services from the eligible regional service center.

Section 3. Section **53A-15-101.5** is amended to read:

53A-15-101.5. Concurrent enrollment instruction in Mandarin Chinese.

- (1) (a) As used in this section, "category IV languages" means those languages designated the most difficult to learn by the Defense Language Institute as provided in training to members of the United States Military.
 - (b) The Legislature recognizes:
- (i) the importance of students acquiring skills in foreign languages in order for them to successfully compete in a global society; and
- (ii) that the acquisition of category IV languages, such as Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Korean, and Japanese, by students in the state's public schools requires extended sequences of study to acquire useful proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- (2) (a) As a component of the concurrent enrollment program authorized under Section 53A-15-101, the State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents, in consultation with the Utah Education and Telehealth { and } { Education } Network, may develop and implement a concurrent enrollment course of study in the category IV language of Mandarin Chinese.
- (b) The course shall be taught over [EDNET,] the state's two-way interactive <u>video</u> <u>conferencing</u> system for video and audio, to high school juniors and seniors in the state's public education system.
- (3) (a) The concurrent enrollment course in Mandarin Chinese authorized in Subsection (2) may use paraprofessionals in the classroom who:
 - (i) are fluent in Mandarin Chinese; and
- (ii) can provide reinforcement and tutoring to students on days and at times when they are not receiving instruction [over EDNET] under Subsection (2)(b).
- (b) The State Board of Education, through the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and professors who teach Chinese in the state system of higher education shall jointly ensure that the paraprofessionals are fluent in Mandarin Chinese.
- (4) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall make joint rules on the concurrent enrollment course authorized under this section in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to include:
 - (a) notification to school districts on the times and places of the course offerings; and
 - (b) instructional materials for the course.

- (5) Students who successfully complete the concurrent enrollment course offered under this section shall receive tuition reimbursement for a sequential Mandarin Chinese course they successfully complete at an institution within the state system of higher education under rules made by the State Board of Regents in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (6) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall jointly track and monitor the Mandarin Chinese language program and may expand the program to include other category IV languages, subject to student demand for the courses and available resources.

Section 4. Section **53A-15-104** is amended to read:

53A-15-104. Critical Languages Program -- Pilot.

- (1) (a) As used in this section, "critical languages" means those languages described in the federal National Security Language Initiative, including Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Farsi, Hindi, and Korean.
 - (b) The Legislature recognizes:
- (i) the importance of students acquiring skills in foreign languages in order for them to successfully compete in a global society; and
- (ii) the academic, societal, and economic development benefits of the acquisition of critical languages.
- (2) (a) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Utah <u>Education and</u> <u>Telehealth{ and} { Education}</u> Network, shall develop and implement courses of study in the critical languages.
 - (b) A course may be taught:
- (i) over [EDNET,] the state's two-way interactive <u>video conferencing</u> system for video and audio, to students in the state's public education system;
 - (ii) through the Electronic High School;
 - (iii) through traditional instruction; or
 - (iv) by visiting guest teachers.
- (3) (a) The courses authorized in Subsection (2) may use paraprofessionals in the classroom who:
 - (i) are fluent in the critical language being taught; and
 - (ii) can provide reinforcement and tutoring to students on days and at times when they

are not receiving instruction [over EDNET] under Subsection (2)(b).

- (b) The State Board of Education, through the state superintendent of public instruction, shall ensure that the paraprofessionals are fluent in the critical languages.
- (4) The State Board of Education shall make rules on the critical languages courses authorized under this section in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to include:
 - (a) notification to school districts on the times and places of the course offerings; and
 - (b) instructional materials for the courses.
- (5) The State Board of Education shall track and monitor the Critical Languages Program and may expand the program to include more course offerings and other critical languages, subject to student demand for the courses and available resources.
- (6) (a) Subject to funding for the program, the State Board of Education shall establish a pilot program for school districts and schools to initially participate in the Critical Languages Program that provides:
- (i) up to \$6,000 per language per school, for up to 60 schools, for courses offered in critical languages;
 - (ii) up to \$100 per student who completes a critical languages course; and
- (iii) up to an additional \$400 per foreign exchange student who completes a critical languages course.
- (b) If the available funding is insufficient to provide the amounts described under Subsection (6)(a), the amounts provided shall be reduced pro rata so that the total provided does not exceed the available funding.

Section 5. Section **53B-17-101** is amended to read:

53B-17-101. Legislative findings on public broadcasting and telecommunications for education.

The Legislature finds and determines the following:

- (1) The University of Utah's Dolores Dore' Eccles Broadcast Center is the statewide public broadcasting and telecommunications facility for education in Utah.
- (2) The center shall provide services to citizens of the state in cooperation with higher and public education, state and local government, and private industry.
 - (3) Distribution services provided through the center shall include KUED TV, KUER

- FM, and KUEN TV.
 - (4) KUED TV and KUER FM are licensed to the University of Utah.
- (5) The Utah <u>Education and Telehealth { and } { Education } Network's broadcast entity, KUEN TV, is licensed to the Utah State Board of Regents and, together with [UEN] <u>{UTEN}UETN</u>, is operated on behalf of the state's systems of public and higher education.</u>
- (6) All the entities referred to in Subsection (3) are under the administrative supervision of the University of Utah, subject to the authority and governance of the State Board of Regents.
- (7) This section neither regulates nor restricts a privately owned company in the distribution or dissemination of educational programs.

Section 6. Section **53B-17-101.5** is enacted to read:

53B-17-101.5. Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Board" means the Utah Education and Telehealth and Education Network Board.
- (2) "Education Advisory Council" means the Utah Education Network Advisory Council created in Section 53B-17-107.
- (3) "Telehealth" means the electronic transfer, exchange, or management of related data for diagnosis, treatment, and consultation, and educational, public health, or other related purposes.
- (4) "Telehealth Advisory Council" means the Utah Telehealth Advisory Council created in Section 53B-17-106.
- (5) "Utah Education and Telehealth and Education Network," or "UTEN UETN," means a consortium and partnership between public and higher education, the Utah Department of Health, and health care providers, that is created in Section 53B-17-105.

Section 7. Section **53B-17-104** is amended to read:

- 53B-17-104. Responsibilities of the State Board of Regents, the State Board of Education, the University of Utah, KUED TV, KUER FM, and {UTEN}UETN related to public broadcasting and telecommunication for education and government.
- (1) Subject to applicable rules of the Federal Communications Commission and Section [53B-17-102] 53B-17-105, the State Board of Regents, the State Board of Education,

[and] the University of Utah, KUED - TV, KUER - FM, and [UEN] {UTEN}UETN shall:

- (a) coordinate statewide services of public radio and television;
- (b) develop, maintain, and operate statewide distribution systems for KUED TV, KUER FM, and KUEN, the statewide distance learning service, the educational data network, connections to the Internet, and other telecommunications services appropriate for providing video, audio, and data telecommunication services in support of public and higher education, state government, and public libraries;
- (c) support the delivery of these services to as many communities as may be economically and technically feasible and lawfully permissible under the various operating licenses;
- (d) cooperate with state and local governmental and educational agencies and provide leadership and consulting service for telecommunication for education;
- (e) represent the state with privately owned telecommunications systems to gain access to their networks for the delivery of programs and services sponsored or produced by public and higher education;
- (f) acquire, produce, coordinate, and distribute a variety of programs and services of an educational, cultural, informative, and entertaining nature designed to promote the public interest and welfare of the state;
- (g) coordinate with the state system of higher education to acquire, produce, and distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast college credit telecourses, teleconferences, and other instructional and training services;
- (h) coordinate with school districts and public schools to acquire, produce, and distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast telecourses, teleconferences, and other instructional and training services to the public schools;
- (i) coordinate the development of a clearing house for the materials, courses, publications, media, software, and other applicable information related to the items addressed in Subsections (1)(g) and (h);
 - (j) coordinate the provision of the following services to public schools:
- (i) broadcast, during school hours, of educational and administrative programs recommended by the State Board of Education;
 - (ii) digitization of programs for broadcast purposes; and

- (iii) program previewing;
- (k) share responsibility for Instructional Television (ITV) awareness and utilization; and
- (l) provide teleconference and training services for state and local governmental agencies.
- (2) This section neither regulates nor restricts a privately owned company in the distribution or dissemination of education programs.

Section 8. Section **53B-17-105** is enacted to read:

53B-17-105. Utah Utah Education and Telehealth and Education Network.

- (1) There is created the Utah Education and Telehealth and Education Network, or UTEN UETN.
 - (2) {UTEN}UETN shall:
- (a) coordinate and support the telecommunications needs of public and higher education, public libraries, and entities affiliated with the state systems of public and higher education as approved by the Utah Education and Telehealth and Education Network Board, including the statewide development and implementation of a network for education, which utilizes satellite, microwave, fiber-optic, broadcast, and other transmission media;
- (b) coordinate the various telecommunications technology initiatives of public and higher education;
- (c) provide high-quality, cost-effective Internet access and appropriate interface equipment for schools and school systems;
- (d) procure, install, and maintain telecommunication services and equipment on behalf of public and higher education;
- (e) develop or implement other programs or services for the delivery of distance learning and telehealth services as directed by law;
 - (f) apply for state and federal funding on behalf of:
 - (i) public and higher education; and
 - (ii) telehealth services;
- (g) in consultation with health care providers from a variety of health care systems, explore and encourage the development of telehealth services as a means of reducing health care costs and increasing health care quality and access, with emphasis on assisting rural health

care providers and special populations; and

- (h) in consultation with the Utah Department of Health, advise the governor and the Legislature on:
 - (i) the role of telehealth in the state;
 - (ii) the policy issues related to telehealth;
 - (iii) the changing telehealth needs and resources in the state; and
 - (iv) state budgetary matters related to telehealth.
 - (3) In performing the duties under Subsection (2), {UTEN}UETN shall:
- (a) provide services to schools, school districts, and the public and higher education systems through an open and competitive bidding process;
 - (b) work with the private sector to deliver high-quality, cost-effective services;
- (c) avoid duplicating facilities, equipment, or services of private providers or public telecommunications service, as defined under Section 54-8b-2;
- (d) utilize statewide economic development criteria in the design and implementation of the educational telecommunications infrastructure; and
- (e) assure that public service entities, such as educators, public service providers, and public broadcasters, are provided access to the telecommunications infrastructure developed in the state.
 - (4) The University of Utah shall provide administrative support for {UTEN}UETN.
- (5) (a) The Utah Education and Telehealth { and Education} Network Board, which is the governing board for {UTEN}UETN, is created.
- (b) The Utah Education and Telehealth and Education Network Board shall have finine 14 members as follows:
- (i) {two} four members representing the state system of higher education appointed by the commissioner of higher education;
- (ii) {two} four members representing the state system of public education appointed by the State Board of Education;
- (iii) one member representing applied technology centers appointed by the president of the Utah College of Applied Technology;
 - (iv) one member representing the state library appointed by the state librarian;
 - (v) one member representing the Utah State Office of Education appointed by the state

superintendent; { and}

- (vi) two members representing hospitals as follows:
- (A) the members may not be employed by the same hospital system;
- (B) one member shall represent a rural hospital;
- (C) one member shall represent an urban hospital; and
- (D) the chief administrator or the administrator's designee for each hospital licensed in this state shall vote on the appointment of the two hospital representatives; and
 - (vii) one member representing the office of the governor, appointed by the governor.
- (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.
 - (d) (i) The board shall elect a chair.
 - (ii) The chair shall set the agenda for the board meetings.
- (6) A member of the board may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
- (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
 - (7) The board:
- (a) shall hire an executive director for <u>{UTEN}UETN</u> who may hire staff for {UTEN}UETN as permitted by the budget;
 - (b) may terminate the executive director's employment or assignment;
 - (c) shall determine the executive director's salary;
 - (d) shall annually conduct a performance evaluation of the executive director;
- (e) shall establish policies the board determines are necessary for the operation of <u>{UTEN}UETN</u> and the administration of <u>{UTEN's}UETN's</u> duties; and
 - (f) shall advise {UTEN}UETN in:
- (i) the development and operation of a coordinated, statewide, multi-option telecommunications system to assist in the delivery of educational services and telehealth services throughout the state; and
 - (ii) acquiring, producing, and distributing instructional content.

- (8) The executive director of {UTEN}UETN shall be an at-will employee.
- (9) <u>{UTEN} UETN</u> shall locate and maintain educational and telehealth telecommunication infrastructure throughout the state.
- (10) Educational institutions shall manage site operations under policy established by **UTEN**UETN.
- (11) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to operate {UTEN}UETN.
- (12) If the network operated by the Department of Technology Services is not available, {UTEN}UETN may provide network connections to the central administration of counties and municipalities for the sole purpose of transferring data to a secure facility for backup and disaster recovery.
 - Section 9. Section **53B-17-106** is enacted to read:

53B-17-106. Utah Telehealth Advisory Council.

- (1) There is created the Utah Telehealth Advisory Council, which may, at the discretion of the board, and after July 1, 2015, be combined with the Utah Education Advisory Council created in Section 53B-17-107.
 - (2) The Utah Telehealth Advisory Council members shall be appointed by the board.
- (3) (a) The Telehealth Advisory Council shall annually elect a chairperson from its membership. The chair shall set the agendas for the meetings of the advisory council and shall report to the board.
- (b) The Telehealth Advisory Council shall hold meetings at least once every three months. Meetings may be held from time to time on the call of the chair or a majority of the board members.
- (4) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but, at the executive director's discretion, may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
- (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
 - (5) The board shall provide staff support to the council.

- (6) The council shall:
- (a) advise and make recommendations on telehealth service issues to the board and other state entities;
- (b) advise and make recommendations on telehealth-related patient privacy to the board;
- (c) promote collaborative efforts to establish technical compatibility, uniform policies, and privacy features to meet legal, financial, commercial, and other societal requirements;
- (d) identify, address, and seek to resolve the legal, ethical, regulatory, financial, medical, and technological issues that may serve as barriers to telehealth service;
- (e) explore and encourage the development of telehealth as a means of reducing health care costs and increasing health care quality and access, with emphasis on assisting rural health care providers and special populations with access to or development of electronic medical records; and
 - (f) seek public input on telehealth issues.

Section 10. Section **53B-17-107** is enacted to read:

53B-17-107. Utah Education Advisory Council.

- (1) (a) There is created Utah Education Advisory Council which may, at the discretion of the board, and after July 1, 2015, be combined with the Utah Telehealth Advisory Council created in Section 53B-17-106.
 - (b) The Utah Education Advisory Council members shall be appointed by the board.
- (c) The Utah Education Advisory Council shall annually elect a chairperson from its membership. The chair shall set the agenda for Utah Education Advisory Council meetings and report to the board.
- (d) The Utah Education Advisory Council shall hold meetings at least once every three months. Meetings may be held from time to time on the call of the chair or a majority of the board members.
- (2) A member of the Utah Education Advisory Council may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but at the executive director's discretion may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and

- (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
 - (3) The Utah Education Advisory Council shall:
 - (a) advise the board and other public entities regarding:
- (i) the coordination of the various telecommunications technology initiatives of public and higher education;
- (ii) how to provide high-quality, cost-effective Internet access and appropriate interface equipment for schools and school systems;
- (iii) recommendations for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of telecommunication services and equipment on behalf of public and higher education; and
- (iv) the development or implementation of other programs or services for the delivery of distance learning and digital health services as directed by law; and
- (b) seek public input on the development and operation of a coordinated, statewide, multi-option telecommunications system to assist in the delivery of educational services and digital health services throughout the state.
 - (4) The board shall provide staff to the council.

Section 11. Section **53B-18-901** is amended to read:

53B-18-901. Distance Education Doctorate Program.

- (1) The Legislature finds that:
- (a) many Utah public education administrators are nearing the end of their careers and will retire early in the 21st Century;
- (b) Utah public schools have many mid-career faculty that could become the next wave of administrators if they were prepared with a doctorate in education degree that emphasized curriculum and instruction;
- (c) each of Utah's community colleges have several faculty that need a terminal degree and further knowledge in curriculum development and state-of-the-art instructional methodology, and these individuals, being mid-career, find it difficult to relocate to a college campus for a traditional program; and
- (d) the state and its students will be better served if faculty and administrators are more knowledgeable about the development of curriculum and the latest instructional methodology based on documented research.

- (2) Therefore, Utah State University shall establish a Distance Education Doctorate Program to accommodate public education administrators and community college faculty and administration.
 - (3) The program shall include the following components:
- (a) the offering of courses for a doctorate degree in education over the [UEN-EDNET] system established under Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 1, Educational Telecommunications;
- (b) structuring of the program to make it identical to a regular campus program in rigor and course work; and
- (c) providing a support system from at least the following five departments at the university:
 - (i) Elementary Education;
 - (ii) Secondary Education;
 - (iii) Business Information Systems and Education;
 - (iv) Industrial Technology; and
 - (v) Agricultural Systems Technology and Education.
- (4) The university shall augment the program with off-campus summer courses, with those courses eventually being offered over the [UEN-EDNET] system established under Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 1, Educational Telecommunications.
- (5) The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to fund the program established under this part.

Section 12. Section **63G-6a-104** is amended to read:

63G-6a-104. Definitions of government entities.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Applicable rulemaking authority" means:
- (a) as it relates to a legislative procurement unit, the Legislative Management Committee, which shall adopt a policy establishing requirements applicable to a legislative procurement unit;
 - (b) as it relates to a judicial procurement unit, the Judicial Council;
- (c) as it relates to an executive branch procurement unit, except to the extent provided in Subsections (1)(d) through (g), the board;
 - (d) as it relates to the State Building Board, created in Section 63A-5-101, the State

Building Board, but only to the extent that the rules relate to procurement authority expressly granted to the State Building Board by statute;

- (e) as it relates to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, created in Section 63A-5-201, the director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, but only to the extent that the rules relate to procurement authority expressly granted to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management by statute;
- (f) as it relates to the Office of the Attorney General, the attorney general, but only to the extent that the rules relate to procurement authority expressly granted to the attorney general by statute;
- (g) as it relates to the Department of Transportation, created in Section 72-1-201, the executive director of the Department of Transportation, but only to the extent that the rules relate to procurement authority expressly granted to the Department of Transportation by statute:
- (h) as it relates to a local government procurement unit, the legislative body of the local government procurement unit, not as a delegation of authority from the Legislature, but under the local government procurement unit's own legislative authority;
- (i) as it relates to a school district or a public school, the Utah State Procurement Policy Board, except to the extent that a school district makes its own nonadministrative rules, with respect to a particular subject, that do not conflict with the provisions of this chapter;
 - (j) as it relates to a state institution of higher education, the State Board of Regents;
- (k) as it relates to a public transit district, the chief executive of the public transit district;
 - (1) as it relates to a local district or a special service district:
- (i) before May 13, 2014, the board of trustees of the local district or the governing body of the special service district; or
- (ii) on or after May 13, 2014, the board, except to the extent that the board of trustees of the local district or the governing body of the special service district makes its own rules:
 - (A) with respect to a subject addressed by board rules; or
 - (B) that are in addition to board rules; or
- (m) as it relates to a procurement unit, other than a procurement unit described in Subsections (1)(a) through (l), the board.

- (2) "Board" means the Utah State Procurement Policy Board, created in Section 63G-6a-202.
 - (3) "Building board" means the State Building Board created in Section 63A-5-101.
 - (4) "Conservation district" is as defined in Section 17D-3-102.
 - (5) "Division" means the Division of Purchasing and General Services.
 - (6) "Educational procurement unit" means:
 - (a) a school district;
 - (b) a public school, including a local school board or a charter school;
 - (c) Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind;
 - (d) the Utah Education and Telehealth { and } { Education } Network; or
 - (e) an institution of higher education of the state.
- (7) "Executive branch procurement unit" means each department, division, office, bureau, agency, or other organization within the state executive branch, including the division and the attorney general's office.
 - (8) "External procurement unit" means:
- (a) a buying organization not located in this state which, if located in this state, would qualify as a procurement unit; or
 - (b) an agency of the United States.
 - (9) "Judicial procurement unit" means:
 - (a) the Utah Supreme Court;
 - (b) the Utah Court of Appeals;
 - (c) the Judicial Council;
 - (d) a state judicial district; or
- (e) each office, committee, subcommittee, or other organization within the state judicial branch.
 - (10) "Legislative procurement unit" means:
 - (a) the Legislature;
 - (b) the Senate;
 - (c) the House of Representatives;
 - (d) a staff office of an entity described in Subsection (10)(a), (b), or (c); or
 - (e) each office, committee, subcommittee, or other organization within the state

legislative branch.

- (11) "Local building authority" is as defined in Section 17D-2-102.
- (12) "Local district" is as defined in Section 17B-1-102.
- (13) "Local government procurement unit" means:
- (a) a county or municipality, and each office or agency of the county or municipality, unless the county or municipality adopts its own procurement code by ordinance;
- (b) a county or municipality, and each office or agency of the county or municipality, that has adopted this entire chapter by ordinance; or
- (c) a county or municipality, and each office or agency of the county or municipality, that has adopted a portion of this chapter by ordinance, to the extent that the term is used in the adopted portion of this chapter.
 - (14) (a) "Procurement unit" means:
 - (i) a legislative procurement unit;
 - (ii) an executive branch procurement unit;
 - (iii) a judicial procurement unit;
 - (iv) an educational procurement unit;
 - (v) a local government procurement unit;
 - (vi) a local district;
 - (vii) a special service district;
 - (viii) a local building authority;
 - (ix) a conservation district;
 - (x) a public corporation; or
 - (xi) a public transit district.
- (b) "Procurement unit" does not include a political subdivision created under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.
 - (15) "Public corporation" is as defined in Section 63E-1-102.
- (16) "Public entity" means any state government entity or a political subdivision of the state, including:
 - (a) a procurement unit;
- (b) a municipality or county, regardless of whether the municipality or county has adopted this chapter or any part of this chapter; and

- (c) any other government entity located in Utah that expends public funds.
- (17) "Public transit district" means a public transit district organized under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Public Transit District Act.
 - (18) "Special service district" is as defined in Section 17D-1-102.
 - Section 13. Section **63J-3-103** is amended to read:

63J-3-103. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) (a) "Appropriations" means actual unrestricted capital and operating appropriations from unrestricted General Fund and Education Fund sources.
- (b) "Appropriations" includes appropriations that are contingent upon available surpluses in the General Fund and Education Fund.
 - (c) "Appropriations" does not mean:
 - (i) public education expenditures;
- (ii) Utah <u>Education and Telehealth{ and}{ Education}</u> Network expenditures in support of public education;
 - (iii) Utah College of Applied Technology expenditures in support of public education;
- (iv) Tax Commission expenditures related to collection of income taxes in support of public education;
 - (v) debt service expenditures;
 - (vi) emergency expenditures;
 - (vii) expenditures from all other fund or subfund sources;
 - (viii) transfers or appropriations from the Education Fund to the Uniform School Fund;
- (ix) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the General Fund Budget Reserve Account established in Section 63J-1-312;
- (x) transfers into, or appropriations made to, the Education Budget Reserve Account established in Section 63J-1-313;
- (xi) transfers in accordance with Section 63J-1-314 into, or appropriations made to the State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account created in Section 53-2a-603;
- (xii) money appropriated to fund the total one-time project costs for the construction of capital developments as defined in Section 63A-5-104;
 - (xiii) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Centennial Highway Fund

created by Section 72-2-118;

- (xiv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 created by Section 72-2-124;
 - (xv) transfers or deposits into or appropriations made to:
 - (A) the Department of Transportation from any source; or
 - (B) any transportation-related account or fund from any source; or
- (xvi) supplemental appropriations from the General Fund to the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to provide money for wildland fire control expenses incurred during the current or previous fire years.
- (2) "Base year real per capita appropriations" means the result obtained for the state by dividing the fiscal year 1985 actual appropriations of the state less debt money by:
 - (a) the state's July 1, 1983 population; and
 - (b) the fiscal year 1983 inflation index divided by 100.
- (3) "Calendar year" means the time period beginning on January 1 of any given year and ending on December 31 of the same year.
- (4) "Fiscal emergency" means an extraordinary occurrence requiring immediate expenditures and includes the settlement under Laws of Utah 1988, Fourth Special Session, Chapter 4.
- (5) "Fiscal year" means the time period beginning on July 1 of any given year and ending on June 30 of the subsequent year.
- (6) "Fiscal year 1985 actual base year appropriations" means fiscal year 1985 actual capital and operations appropriations from General Fund and non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenue sources, less debt money.
- (7) "Inflation index" means the change in the general price level of goods and services as measured by the Gross National Product Implicit Price Deflator of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce calculated as provided in Section 63J-3-202.
- (8) (a) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" means the appropriations that could be, or could have been, spent in any given year under the limitations of this chapter.
- (b) "Maximum allowable appropriations limit" does not mean actual appropriations spent or actual expenditures.
 - (9) "Most recent fiscal year's inflation index" means the fiscal year inflation index two

fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.

- (10) "Most recent fiscal year's population" means the fiscal year population two fiscal years previous to the fiscal year for which the maximum allowable inflation and population appropriations limit is being computed under this chapter.
- (11) "Population" means the number of residents of the state as of July 1 of each year as calculated by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget according to the procedures and requirements of Section 63J-3-202.
- (12) "Revenues" means the revenues of the state from every tax, penalty, receipt, and other monetary exaction and interest connected with it that are recorded as unrestricted revenue of the General Fund and from non-Uniform School Fund income tax revenues, except as specifically exempted by this chapter.
- (13) "Security" means any bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness, whether or not the bond, note, warrant, or other evidence of indebtedness is or constitutes an "indebtedness" within the meaning of any provision of the constitution or laws of this state.

Section 14. Section **63M-1-3204** is amended to read:

63M-1-3204. STEM Action Center.

- (1) As funding allows, the board shall:
- (a) establish a STEM Action Center;
- (b) ensure that the STEM Action Center:
- (i) is accessible by the public; and
- (ii) includes the components described in Subsection (2);
- (c) work cooperatively with the State Board of Education to acquire technology and select schools as described in Sections 63M-1-3205 and 63M-1-3206; and
- (d) engage private entities to provide financial support or employee time for STEM activities in schools in addition to what is currently provided by private entities.
 - (2) As funding allows, the executive director of the STEM Action Center shall:
- (a) support professional development for educators regarding education related instructional technology that supports STEM education;
- (b) ensure that the STEM Action Center acts as a research and development center for education related instructional technology acquired through a request for proposals process

described in Section 63M-1-3205;

- (c) review and acquire STEM education related technology for:
- (i) educator professional development;
- (ii) assessment, data collection, analysis, and reporting; and
- (iii) public school instruction;
- (d) facilitate participation in interscholastic STEM related competitions, fairs, and camps;
- (e) engage private industry in the development and maintenance of the STEM Action Center;
- (f) use resources to bring the latest STEM education learning tools into public education classrooms;
- (g) identify at least 10 best practice innovations used in Utah schools that have resulted in at least 80% of students performing at grade level in STEM areas:
- (h) identify best practices being used outside the state and implement selected practices through a pilot program;
 - (i) identify:
 - (i) three learning tools for kindergarten through grade 6 identified as best practices; and
- (ii) three learning tools per STEM subject for grades 7 through 12 identified as best practices;
- (j) provide a Utah best practices database, including best practices from public education, higher education, the Utah Education and Telehealth Education Network, and other STEM related entities;
- (k) keep track of the following items related to the best practices database described in Subsection (2)(j):
 - (i) how the best practices database is being used; and
- (ii) how many individuals are using the database, including the demographics of the users, if available;
 - (1) join and participate in a national STEM network;
- (m) identify performance changes linked to use of the best practices database described in Subsection (2)(j);
 - (n) work cooperatively with the State Board of Education to designate schools as

STEM schools, where the schools have agreed to adopt a plan of STEM implementation in alignment with criteria set by the State Board of Education and the board;

- (o) support best methods of professional development, including methods of professional development that reduce cost and increase effectiveness, to help educators learn how to most effectively implement best practice learning tools in classrooms;
- (p) recognize a high school's achievement in the STEM competitions, fairs, and camps described in Subsection (2)(d);
- (q) send student results from STEM competitions, fairs, and camps described in Subsection (2)(d) to media and ask the media to report on them;
- (r) develop and distribute STEM toolkits to parents of students being served by the STEM Action Center;
- (s) support targeted professional development for improved instruction in STEM in grades 6, 7, and 8, including:
 - (i) improved instructional materials that are dynamic and engaging for students;
- (ii) targeted instruction for students who traditionally avoid enrolling in STEM courses;
 - (iii) introduction of engaging engineering courses; and
- (iv) introduction of other research-based methods that support student achievement in STEM areas; and
 - (t) ensure that an online college readiness assessment tool be accessible by:
 - (i) public education students; and
 - (ii) higher education students.
- (3) The board may prescribe other duties for the STEM Action Center in addition to the responsibilities described in this section.
- (4) (a) The executive director shall track and compare the student performance of students participating in a STEM Action Center program to all other similarly situated students in the state, in the following STEM related activities, at the beginning and end of each year:
 - (i) public education high school graduation rates;
- (ii) the number of students taking a remedial mathematics course at an institution of higher education described in Section 53B-2-101;
 - (iii) the number of students who graduate from a Utah public school and begin a

postsecondary education program; and

- (iv) the number of students, as compared to all similarly situated students, who are performing at grade level in STEM classes.
- (b) The State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents shall provide information to the board to assist the board in complying with the requirements of Subsection (4)(a) if allowed under federal law.

Section 15. Section **72-7-109** is amended to read:

72-7-109. Telecommunications Advisory Council -- Membership -- Duties.

- (1) As used in this section:
- (a) "Council" means the Telecommunications Advisory Council created in this section.
- (b) "Statewide telecommunications purposes" has the same meaning provided in Section 72-7-108.
- (2) (a) There is created within the department the Telecommunication Advisory Council consisting of six members who represent:
 - (i) the governor's chief advisor on telecommunications;
 - (ii) the Public Service Commission;
 - (iii) the department;
 - (iv) the Utah Education and Telehealth { and } { Education } Network;
- (v) the Division of Purchasing and General Services within the Department of Administrative Services; and
 - (vi) the Division of Public Utilities within the Department of Commerce.
 - (b) The members shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate.
 - (3) (a) The members shall annually elect a chair from its members.
 - (b) The council shall meet as it determines necessary to accomplish its duties.
 - (c) A majority of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - (d) Members shall receive no compensation or benefits for their services.
 - (4) (a) The department shall provide staff support for the council.
- (b) The council may request assistance from other technical advisors as it determines necessary to accomplish its duties.
 - (5) The council shall:
 - (a) provide information, suggestions, strategic plans, priorities, and recommendations

to assist the department in administering telecommunications access to interstate highway rights-of-way for statewide telecommunications purposes;

- (b) assist the department in valuing in-kind compensation in accordance with Subsection 72-7-108(3)(c);
 - (c) seek input from telecommunications providers and the public;
- (d) coordinate and exchange information with other technology and telecommunications entities of the state and its political subdivisions; and
 - (e) provide other assistance as requested by the department.

Section 16. Repealer.

This bill repeals:

Section 53B-17-102, Utah Education Network.

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