

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TIME

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to holding a public hearing before decreasing classroom instruction time in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines a term;
- requires a local school board or charter school governing board to hold a public hearing before decreasing classroom instruction time; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-3-432, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-3-432** is enacted to read:

53A-3-432. Public notice and hearing prior to decreasing classroom instruction



time.

(1) As used in this section, "classroom instruction time" means time spent by a teacher working directly with a student.

(2) Before decreasing classroom instruction time as compared to the previous school year, a local school board or charter school governing board shall:

(a) hold a hearing where members of the public are provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the decrease of classroom instruction time; and

(b) provide notice of the hearing as described in Subsection (4).

(3) The hearing described in Subsection (2)(a) may be time during a local school board or charter school governing board meeting, if the local school board or charter school governing board provides notice of the meeting as described in Subsection (4).

(4) A local school board or charter school governing board shall provide notice of a hearing described in Subsection (2)(a):

(a) that includes:

(i) the reason for decreasing classroom instruction time; and

(ii) the date, time, and location of the hearing; and

(b) that is posted or announced:

(i) on the school district's or charter school's website;

(ii) at each school affected by the decreased classroom instruction time in a location visible to the school community; and

(iii) by any other notification system that the local school board or charter school governing board routinely uses to inform the school community of matters relating to the school.

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