

UTAH CHARTER SCHOOL PROFILE WEBSITE

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Elizabeth Weight

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Utah Charter School Profile Website.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Utah Charter School Profile Website;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to maintain the website;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to include profile information on the website

on each charter school, including:

- charter school employee benefits;
- charter school finances;
- a charter management organization affiliated with a charter school;
- a charter school's mission statement;
- whether the charter school's governing board has requested to place the charter school in a voluntary school improvement process; and
- other information; and

- ▶ requires a charter school to include information on the website on an enrollment application.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:



28 None

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 ENACTS:

31 **53A-1a-525**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

34 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-525** is enacted to read:

35 **53A-1a-525. Utah Charter School Profile Website.**

36 (1) As used in this section:

37 (a) "Charter management organization" means a person with which a charter school
38 contracts to provide management or oversight services regarding the charter school's
39 expenditures, administration, personnel, or instructional materials or methods.

40 (b) "Website" means the Utah Charter School Profile Website described in Subsection
41 (2).

42 (2) There is created the Utah Charter School Profile Website to be administered by the
43 State Board of Education.

44 (3) The website shall permit an individual to review or access the following profile
45 information for each charter school:

46 (a) the charter school's charter school application described in Section [53A-1a-504](#);

47 (b) the charter school's charter agreement described in Section [53A-1a-508](#);

48 (c) (i) the number of teachers employed by the charter school who are licensed; and

49 (ii) the number of teachers employed by the charter school on the basis of
50 demonstrated competency, qualified to teach under alternative certification or authorization
51 programs;

52 (d) whether the charter school has elected in accordance with Section [53A-1a-512](#) to
53 participate as an employer for the following retirement programs:

54 (i) Title 49, Chapter 12, Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Act;

55 (ii) Title 49, Chapter 13, Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement Act; or

56 (iii) Title 49, Chapter 22, New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act;

57 (e) (i) whether under Section [53A-1a-512](#) the governing board of the charter has
58 offered employee benefit plans for the charter school employees under Title 49, Chapter 20,

59 Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act or under any other program; and

60 (ii) if the governing board offers employee benefits in a program that is not described
61 in Title 49, Chapter 20, Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act, a statement that
62 the charter school as an employer does not offer those benefits;

63 (f) if the charter school receives a school grade under Chapter 1, Part 11, School
64 Grading Act, the charter school's grade and a link to school grading information on the State
65 Board of Education website;

66 (g) the number of students in the last five years or, if the charter has been open for
67 enrollment for fewer than five years, since the charter school opened for enrollment, who
68 transferred to another public or private school after attending the charter school for:

69 (i) less than one year;

70 (ii) one year;

71 (iii) two years; and

72 (iv) three years;

73 (h) (i) the charter school's mission statement; and

74 (ii) specific information on how the charter school implements the mission statement
75 and accomplishes mission statement objectives;

76 (i) (i) the name of a charter management organization, if any, that the charter school
77 contracts with and a reasonable description of the services that the charter management
78 organization provides; and

79 (ii) the percent of the charter school's annual budget that is paid to the charter
80 management organization;

81 (j) (i) each time, if at all, the charter school's governing board has requested the charter
82 school's authorizer to place the charter school in a voluntary school improvement process
83 described in Section [53A-1a-509.5](#); and

84 (ii) if the charter school's governing board has made a request described in Subsection
85 (3)(j)(i), each year in which the governing board made the request and each time that the
86 charter school's authorizer granted the request;

87 (k) a link to the Utah Public Finance Website created in Section [63A-3-402](#) with an
88 explanation that information on charter school expenditures is available on the Utah Public
89 Finance Website;

90 (l) a copy of the charter school's most recent financial audit report as described in
91 Section 53A-1a-507; and

92 (m) whether the charter school requires a student's parent or guardian to volunteer time
93 in the classroom or otherwise for the parent or guardian's student to attend the charter school.

94 (4) No later than January 1, 2018, the website shall:

95 (a) be operational; and

96 (b) permit public access to the information described in Subsection (3).

97 (5) The State Board of Education shall maintain an archive of all information on the
98 website.

99 (6) Upon request by the State Board of Education, a charter school authorizer or charter
100 school shall provide or assist with the collection of information described in Subsection (3).

101 (7) (a) A charter school shall include on an enrollment application to the charter school
102 the following statement in easy-to-read font type and size: "The State Board of Education
103 provides profile information about this and other charter schools on the Utah Charter School
104 Profile Website, including information about teachers employed by a charter school, charter
105 school expenditures, charter school agreements, and charter school student transfer rates to
106 other schools."

107 (b) If the enrollment application is an electronic application, the charter school shall
108 include a hyperlink to the charter school's profile on the website.

Legislative Review Note
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