

**PURPOSE OF MINIMUM SCHOOL PROGRAM**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

House Sponsor: Adam Gardiner

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends purpose provisions in the Minimum School Program Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the purpose of the Minimum School Program Act to refer to "each child" and include other public education schools and programs; and
- ▶ makes conforming amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-17a-102**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72

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

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-102** is amended to read:

**53A-17a-102. Purpose of chapter.**

(1) The purpose of this chapter is to provide a minimum school program for the state in accordance with the constitutional mandate. It recognizes that [~~all children~~] each child of the



28 state ~~[are]~~ is entitled to reasonably equal educational opportunities regardless of ~~[their]~~ the  
29 child's place of residence in the state [and] or of the economic situation of [their respective  
30 school districts or other agencies] the child's respective public school, other state and local  
31 agencies, or other public education schools and programs.

32 (2) It further recognizes that although the establishment of an educational system is  
33 primarily a state function, school districts should be required to participate on a partnership  
34 basis in the payment of a reasonable portion of the cost of a minimum program.

35 (3) It is also the purpose of this chapter to describe the manner in which the state and  
36 the school districts shall pay their respective share of the costs of a minimum program. This  
37 chapter also recognizes that each locality should be empowered to provide educational facilities  
38 and opportunities beyond the minimum program and accordingly provide a method whereby  
39 that latitude of action is permitted and encouraged.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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