

**OFFICE OF STUDENT HEALTH AFFAIRS**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Office of Student Health Affairs (office) within the Department of Health and Human Services (department).

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the office within the Department of Health and Human Services;
- ▶ creates a director to oversee the office;
- ▶ establishes the office's duties; and
- ▶ creates a reporting requirement.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**26B-9-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26B-9-102** is enacted to read:

**26B-9-102. Office of Student Health Affairs -- Creation -- Duties.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Director" means the director of the office appointed under Subsection

(3).

(b) "Office" means the Office of Student Health Affairs.

(c) "School-based health center" means a health clinic that:

(i) is located in or near a school;

- 33 (ii) is organized through school, community, and health provider  
34 relationships;
- 35 (iii) is administered by a sponsoring facility; and
- 36 (iv) provides primary health services through health professionals to children  
37 in accordance with state law.
- 38 (2) There is created within the department the Office of Student Health  
39 Affairs.
- 40 (3) (a) The executive director of the department shall appoint a director of the  
41 office who:
- 42 (i) has a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college;  
43 (ii) is experienced in administration; and  
44 (iii) is knowledgeable about education and health practices.
- 45 (b) The director is the administrative head of the office and shall serve under  
46 the supervision of the executive director.
- 47 (c) The executive director may hire staff as necessary to carry out the duties of  
48 the office described in Subsection (4).
- 49 (4) The office shall:
- 50 (a) oversee health services provided by the department for Utah's public  
51 education and higher education systems;
- 52 (b) coordinate with the State Board of Education, the Department of  
53 Education, and the department to increase student health access, including:
- 54 (i) maintenance and promotion of physical wellness;  
55 (ii) mental health services; and  
56 (iii) management of chronic health conditions;
- 57 (c) leverage public and private funding sources to expand the geographic  
58 location of communities served by school-based health centers; and
- 59 (d) establish a plan for cooperation between the State Board of Education and  
60 local health departments to minimize redundancy of service delivery and maximize  
61 coordination and access to school health services.
- 62 (5) On or before November 1 of each year, the director shall provide a report  
63 to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee and the Education Interim Committee.

64 regarding:

65           (a) activities and accomplishments of the office; and

66           (b) recommendations for improving the delivery of student health

67 services.