

School District Contracting Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ariel Defay

Senate Sponsor: John D. Johnson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to federal contracts ~~that~~ and settlement agreements between LEAs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- prohibits an LEA from contracting with the United States Department of Justice unless the State Board of Education reviews the contract ~~that~~ or settlement agreement ;

- requires the State Board of Education to review each proposed contract ~~that~~ or settlement agreement between the

United States Department of Justice and an LEA or its governing board; and

- allows the State Board of Education to make recommendations regarding the contract ~~that~~ or settlement agreement .

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53G-7-226, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 3. Section **53G-7-226** is enacted to read:

53G-7-226 . Review of contracts ~~that~~ and settlement agreements between local education agencies and the United

States Department of Justice.

(1) An LEA or LEA governing board may not enter into a contract ~~that~~ or settlement agreement with the United States

26 Department of Justice unless the State Board of Education first reviews the contract ~~hat~~ **or**
26a **settlement agreement** ~~hat~~ .
27 (2) The State Board of Education:
28 (a) shall review each proposed contract ~~hat~~ **or settlement agreement** ~~hat~~ between the United
28a States Department of Justice
29 and an LEA or LEA governing board; and
30 (b) may make recommendations regarding the contract ~~hat~~ **or settlement agreement** ~~hat~~ .
31 (3) This section does not require the State Board of Education to enforce the terms or
32 conditions of any contract ~~hat~~ **or settlement agreement** ~~hat~~ reviewed under this section.
33 Section 2. **Effective date.**
34 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.