

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 and settlement agreements with a local education agency.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- prohibits a local education agency from contracting with the United States Department of Justice unless the attorney general's office reviews the contract or settlement agreement;
- requires the attorney general's office to review each proposed contract or settlement agreement; and
- allows the Utah State Board of Education and the attorney general's office to make recommendations regarding the contract 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 1. Section **53G-7-226** is enacted to read:

53G-7-226 . Review of contracts 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 or settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice unless the attorney general's office first

- 29 reviews the contract or settlement agreement.
- 30 (2) The attorney general's office shall:
- 31 (a) review each proposed contract or settlement agreement between the United States
- 32 Department of Justice and an LEA or LEA governing board; and
- 33 (b) disclose the content of the settlement agreement or contract to the state board.
- 34 (3) The attorney general's office and the state board may make recommendations regarding
- 35 the contract or settlement agreement.
- 36 (4) This section does not require the attorney general's office or the state board to enforce
- 37 the terms or conditions of any contract or settlement agreement reviewed under this
- 38 section.
- 39 Section 2. **Effective date.**
- 40 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.