

Parental Education on Student Use of Technology Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for parental education regarding student use of technology.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the State Board of Education to:

- create a video presentation for parents regarding potential safety and legal issues a student may encounter regarding the student's use of technology; and

- make the video presentation available to each school district so that the school district may provide the video presentation to parents;

- provides a sunset date; and

- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53G-9-703, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 20

63I-1-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

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

Section 1. Section **53G-9-703** is amended to read:

53G-9-703 . Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety -- Video presentation regarding student use of technology.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a school district shall offer a seminar for

parents of students who attend school in the school district that:

(i) is offered at no cost to parents;

(ii)(A) begins at or after 6 p.m.; or

(B) takes place on a Saturday;

(iii)(A) is held in at least one school located in the school district; or

(B) is provided through a virtual platform; and

(iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

(b)(i) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000 students enrolled in the school district.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), a school district may not be required to offer more than three seminars.

(c) A school district may:

(i) develop the district school's own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or

(ii) use the curriculum developed by the state board under Subsection (2).

(d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance boundaries of the school district of the date and time of a parent seminar, so the charter school may inform parents of the seminar.

(2) The state board shall:

(a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that includes information on:

(i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

(ii) bullying;

(iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention, including education on limiting access to fatal means;

(iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

(v) the SafeUT Crisis Line established in Section 53B-17-1202; and

(b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon request.

(3)(a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or value to families in the school district.

(b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school board shall notify the state board and provide the reasons why the local school board chose

not to offer the parent seminar.

- (4)(a) The state board shall develop a brief video presentation that is directed at educating parents about potential safety and legal issues a student may encounter regarding the student's use of technology, including:
- (i) sharing personal data via social media and other means of communication; and
 - (ii) creating or sharing sexual or nude images, both real and artificially produced.
- (b) The state board shall make the video presentation described in Subsection (4)(a) available to each school district so that the school district may provide the video presentation to parents within the school district.

Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.

- (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created -- Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking -- Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (8) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (10) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.
- (11) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is repealed December 31, 2025.
- (12) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

- 97 (13) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 98 (14) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed July 1,
99 2028.
- 100 (15) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 101 (16) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established -- Members,
102 is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 103 (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 104 (18) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 105 (19) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
106 Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 107 (20) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed July 1,
108 2027.
- 109 (21) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the Land
110 Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
111 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 112 (22) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council,
113 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 114 (23) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or waiver of
115 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 116 (24) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
117 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 118 (25) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
119 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 120 (26) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed
121 January 1, 2028.
- 122 (27) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 123 (28) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is
124 repealed July 1, 2033.
- 125 (29) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of governmental
126 immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 127 (30) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is repealed
128 July 1, 2024.
- 129 (31) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 130 (32) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.

131 (33) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed July
132 1, 2025.

133 (34) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July 1,
134 2027.

135 (35) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
136 repealed January 1, 2025.

137 (36) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
138 repealed January 1, 2025.

139 (37) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.

140 (38) Subsection 53G-9-703(4), regarding the parental video presentation concerning student
141 use of technology, is repealed January 1, 2030.

142 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

143 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.