

Ann Millner proposes the following substitute bill:

School Safety Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies school safety provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies communication device requirements for new construction to post-completion determination;
- revises screening and training requirements for school safety personnel;
- adjusts school safety personnel provisions;
- changes safety assessment deadlines and frequency;
- establishes a school safety foundation for certain purposes;
- creates compliance supports;
- modifies certain administrative structures within the school safety program; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$25,000,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

15A-5-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 21, 381

53-22-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

53-22-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

53-22-104.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

29 **53-22-104.2**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 30 **53-22-105**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 31 **53-22-106**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 32 **53B-28-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 65, 378
 33 **53B-28-403**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 332
 34 **53E-1-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 3, 460 and 525
 35 **53G-5-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 63
 36 **53G-5-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 63
 37 **53G-8-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
 38 **53G-8-701**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 39 **53G-8-701.5**, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 40 **53G-8-701.6**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 41 **53G-8-701.8**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 42 **53G-8-704**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 43 **53G-8-802**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 23
 44 **53G-8-803**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 45 **53G-8-805**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
 46 **53G-9-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 520
 47 **53G-9-703**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 20
 48 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

49 ENACTS:

50 **53-22-108**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
 51 **53-22-109**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
 52 **53-25-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53 REPEALS:

54 **53F-4-208**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383

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

57 Section 1. Section **15A-5-203** is amended to read:

58 **15A-5-203 . Amendments and additions to IFC related to fire safety, building,**
 59 **and site requirements.**

60 (1) For IFC, Chapter 5, Fire Service Features:

61 (a) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 501.5, Access grade and fire flow, is added as
 62 follows: "An authority having jurisdiction over a structure built in accordance with

- 63 the requirements of the International Residential Code as adopted in the State
64 Construction Code, may require an automatic fire sprinkler system for the structure
65 only by ordinance and only if any of the following conditions exist:
- 66 (i) the structure:
- 67 (A) is located in an urban-wildland interface area as provided in the Utah
68 Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted as a construction code under the State
69 Construction Code; and
- 70 (B) does not meet the requirements described in Utah Code, Subsection 65A-8-203
71 (4)(a) and Utah Administrative Code, R652-122-1300, Minimum Standards for
72 County Wildland Fire Ordinance;
- 73 (ii) the structure is in an area where a public water distribution system with fire
74 hydrants does not exist as required in Utah Administrative Code, R309-550-5,
75 Water Main Design;
- 76 (iii) the only fire apparatus access road has a grade greater than 10% for more than
77 500 continual feet;
- 78 (iv) the total floor area of all floor levels within the exterior walls of the dwelling unit
79 exceeds 10,000 square feet; or
- 80 (v) the total floor area of all floor levels within the exterior walls of the dwelling unit
81 is double the average of the total floor area of all floor levels of unsprinkled
82 homes in the subdivision that are no larger than 10,000 square feet.
- 83 (vi) Exception: A single family dwelling does not require a fire sprinkler system if
84 the dwelling:
- 85 (A) is located outside the wildland urban interface;
- 86 (B) is built in a one-lot subdivision; and
- 87 (C) has 50 feet of defensible space on all sides that limits the propensity of fire
88 spreading from the dwelling to another property."
- 89 (b) In IFC, Chapter 5, Section 506.1, Where Required, is deleted and rewritten as
90 follows: "Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of
91 secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or
92 fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official, after consultation with the building
93 owner, may require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box
94 shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official. For
95 each fire jurisdiction that has at least one building with a required key box, the fire
96 jurisdiction shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or other operating rule or policy that

97 creates a process to ensure that each key to each key box is properly accounted for
98 and secure."

99 (c) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 507.1.1, Isolated one- and two-family dwellings, is
100 added as follows: "Fire flow may be reduced for an isolated one- and two-family
101 dwelling when the authority having jurisdiction over the dwelling determines that the
102 development of a full fire-flow requirement is impractical."

103 (d) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 507.1.2, Pre-existing subdivision lots, is added as follows:
104 "507.1.2 Pre-existing subdivision lots.

105 The requirements for a pre-existing subdivision lot shall not exceed the requirements
106 described in Section 501.5."

107 (e) In IFC, Chapter 5, Section 507.5.1, here required, a new exception is added: "3. One
108 interior and one detached accessory dwelling unit on a single residential lot."

109 (f)(i) IFC, Chapter 5, Section 510.1, Emergency responder communication coverage
110 in new buildings, is amended by adding: "When required by the fire code official,
111 unless the new building is a public school as that term is defined in Section
112 53G-9-205.1 or a private school, ~~then~~ if determined by the fire code official to be
113 necessary after construction of the new building is completed, then the fire code
114 official shall require," at the beginning of the first paragraph.

115 (ii) For public and private schools, an initial radio coverage test must be conducted
116 by a qualified professional using appropriate testing equipment, and a report of the
117 results must be submitted to the fire code official. Subsequent routine testing may
118 be conducted by the fire code official using basic equipment. The fire code official
119 may require additional professional testing if routine testing indicates potential
120 issues with radio coverage.

121 (2) For IFC, Chapter 6, Building Services and Systems:

122 (a) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 604.6.1, Elevator key location, is deleted and rewritten as
123 follows: "Firefighter service keys shall be kept in a "Supra-Stor-a-key" elevator key
124 box or similar box with corresponding key system that is adjacent to the elevator for
125 immediate use by the fire department. The key box shall contain one key for each
126 elevator, one key for lobby control, and any other keys necessary for emergency
127 service. The elevator key box shall be accessed using a 6049 numbered key."

128 (b) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 606.1, General, is amended as follows: On line three, after
129 the word "Code", add the words "and NFPA 96".

130 (c) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 607.2, a new exception 5 is added as follows: "5. A Type 1

131 hood is not required for a cooking appliance in a microenterprise home kitchen, as
132 that term is defined in Utah Code, Section 26B-7-401, for which the operator obtains
133 a permit in accordance with Section 26B-7-416."

134 (3) IFC, Chapter 7, Fire and Smoke Protection Features, Section 702.5, is deleted.

135 Section 2. Section **53-22-102** is amended to read:

136 **53-22-102 . State security chief -- Creation -- Appointment.**

137 (1) There is created within the department a state security chief.

138 (2) The state security chief:

139 (a) is appointed by the commissioner with the approval of the governor;

140 (b) is subject to the supervision and control of the commissioner;

141 (c) may be removed at the will of the commissioner;

142 (d) shall be qualified by experience and education to:

143 (i) enforce the laws of this state relating to school safety;

144 (ii) perform duties prescribed by the commissioner; and

145 (iii) enforce rules made under this chapter.

146 (3) The state security chief shall:

147 (a) establish building and safety standards for all public and private schools, including:

148 (i) coordinating with the State Board of Education to establish the required minimum
149 safety and security standards for all public and private school facilities, including:

150 (A) limited entry points, including, if applicable, secured entry points for specific
151 student grades or groups;

152 (B) video surveillance of entrances when school is in session;

153 (C) subject to Subsection (6), [ground-level] exterior windows surrounding only
154 the immediate entryways and only interior windows of a classroom entrance or
155 instructional area protected by security [film] glazing or ballistic windows;

156 (D) internal classroom door locks;

157 (E) bleed kits and first aid kits;

158 (F) exterior cameras on entrances, parking areas, and campus grounds; and

159 (G) fencing around playgrounds or supervised parameters using existing and
160 adequate staffing to monitor in consultation with the county security chief;

161 (ii) establishing a schedule or timeline for existing buildings to come into compliance
162 with this section;

163 (iii) creating a process to examine plans and specifications for construction or
164 remodeling of a school building, in accordance with Section 53E-3-706;

- 165 (iv) recommending to the commissioner the denial or revocation a public or private
166 school's occupancy permit for a building if:
- 167 (A) the building does not meet the standards established in this section; and
168 (B) after consultation with the local governing board, the building remains
169 non-compliant with the standards established in this section;
- 170 (v) creating minimum standards for radio communication equipment in every school;
171 and
- 172 (vi) establishing a process to approve the safety and security criteria the state
173 superintendent of public instruction establishes for building inspectors described
174 in Section 53E-3-706;
- 175 (b) oversee the implementation of the school safety personnel requirements described in
176 Section 53G-8-701.5, including:
- 177 (i) in consultation with a county security chief, overseeing the school guardian
178 program described in Section 53-22-105, including approving and coordinating
179 the relevant training programs;
- 180 (ii) establishing an application process for approved alternatives to the school safety
181 personnel requirements described in Section 53G-8-701.5;
- 182 (iii) selecting training requirements for school safety and security specialists in
183 consultation with the State Board of Education as described in Section
184 53G-8-701.6;
- 185 (iv) as required by Section 53G-8-701.8, tracking each school safety and security
186 director for a local education agency and ensuring that the contact information for
187 the school safety and security directors is readily available to the local law
188 enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction; and
- 189 (v) reviewing and approving the State Board of Education's school resource officer
190 training program as described in Section 53G-8-702;
- 191 (c) oversee the creation of school safety trainings, protocols, and incident responses,
192 including:
- 193 (i) in consultation with the State Board of Education, defining what constitutes an
194 "active threat" and "developmentally appropriate" for purposes of the emergency
195 response training described in Section 53G-8-803;
- 196 (ii) in consultation with the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health,
197 establishing or selecting an adolescent mental health and de-escalation training for
198 school safety personnel;

- 199 (iii) consulting with the School Safety Center to develop the model critical incident
200 response that all schools and law enforcement will use during a threat, including:
201 (A) standardized response protocol terminology for use throughout the state,
202 including what constitutes a threat;
203 (B) protocols for planning and safety drills, including drills required in a school
204 before the school year begins;
205 (C) integration and appropriate use of a panic alert device described in Subsection
206 53G-8-805;
207 (D) the establishment of incident command for a threat or safety incident,
208 including which entity and individual runs the incident command;
209 (E) the required components for a communication plan to be followed during an
210 incident or threat;
211 (F) reunification plan protocols, including the appropriate design and use of an
212 incident command by others responding to or involved in an incident; and
213 (G) recommendations for safety equipment for schools, including amounts and
214 types of first aid supplies;
- 215 (iv) reviewing and suggesting any changes to the response plans and training under
216 Section 53G-8-803;
- 217 (v) creating the official standard response protocol described in Section 53G-8-803
218 for use by schools and law enforcement for school safety incidents; and
- 219 (vi) establishing a manner for any security personnel described in Section
220 53G-8-701.5 to be quickly identified by law enforcement during an incident;
- 221 (d) in consultation with the School Safety Center established in Section 53G-8-802:
222 (i) create a process to receive and analyze the school safety needs assessments
223 described in Section 53G-8-701.5; and
224 (ii) establish a required data reporting system for public schools to report serious and
225 non-serious threats and other data related to threat assessment that the state
226 security chief determines to be necessary; and
- 227 (e) fulfill any other duties and responsibilities determined by the commissioner.
- 228 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
229 department, in consultation with the state security chief, shall make rules to fulfill the
230 duties described in this section.
- 231 (5) The state security chief may delegate duties under this section to a sworn department
232 member with the approval of the commissioner.

- 233 (6)(a) A school building shall come into compliance with window protection
 234 requirements in Subsection (3)(a) by:
- 235 (i) for schools located in a county of the first or second class, secure exterior
 236 windows surrounding only the immediate entryways by July 1, 2035;
 237 (ii) for schools located in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class, secure
 238 exterior windows surrounding only the immediate entryways by July 1, 2040; and
 239 (iii) for all schools, secure only interior windows of a classroom entrance or
 240 instructional area from the floor, by July 1, 2040.
- 241 (b) The state security chief may grant an extension to the timelines in this Subsection (6)
 242 if requested by a local education agency.

243 Section 3. Section **53-22-103** is amended to read:

244 **53-22-103 . County sheriff responsibilities -- Coordination.**

- 245 (1) Each county sheriff shall identify an individual as a county security chief within the
 246 sheriff's office to coordinate security responsibilities, protocols, and required trainings
 247 between the state security chief, the county sheriff's office, and the corresponding police
 248 chiefs whose jurisdiction includes a public school within the county.
- 249 (2) The county security chief shall:
- 250 (a) in collaboration with the school safety and security specialist described in Section
 251 53G-8-701.6 and a member of the local law enforcement agency of relevant
 252 jurisdiction as described in Section 53-25-601:
- 253 (i) ~~[conduct, or coordinate]~~ administer or coordinate with a designee from the local
 254 law enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction to ~~[conduct]~~ participate in, by any
 255 appropriate means the county security chief determines, the school safety needs
 256 assessment described in Section 53G-8-701.5; and
- 257 (ii) ~~[conduct a building safety evaluation at least annually using]~~ review the results of
 258 the school safety needs assessment to recommend and implement improvements
 259 to school facilities, policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating
 260 to school safety and security;
- 261 (b) collaborate and maintain effective communications regarding school safety with
 262 each:
- 263 (i) school safety and security specialist in the county security chief's county, as
 264 described in Section 53G-8-701.6;
- 265 (ii) school safety and security director in the county security chief's county, as
 266 described in Section 53G-8-701.8; and

- 267 (iii) local law enforcement agency within the county;
- 268 (c) administer with the corresponding police chiefs whose jurisdiction includes a public
269 school, the trainings described in Sections 53-22-105 and 53G-8-704, including:
- 270 (i) assessing if an individual is capable of the duties and responsibilities that the
271 trainings cover; and
- 272 (ii) denying an individual the ability to be a school safety personnel described in
273 Section 53G-8-701.5 if the county security chief finds the individual is not
274 capable of the duties and responsibilities that the trainings cover; and
- 275 (d) in conjunction with the state security chief, administer the school guardian program
276 established in Section 53-22-105 at any school participating in the program in the
277 county security chief's county.

278 Section 4. Section **53-22-104.1** is amended to read:

279 **53-22-104.1 . School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem --**
280 **Report -- Expiration.**

- 281 (1) There is created a School Security Task Force composed of the following members:
- 282 (a) the House chair and vice chair of the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
283 Standing Committee during the 2024 General Session, with the House chair serving
284 as the co-chair of the task force;
- 285 (b) two members from the Senate, whom the president of the Senate selects and one of
286 whom the president of the Senate appoints as co-chair of the task force;
- 287 (c) the state security chief;
- 288 (d) one member of the State Board of Education, whom the chair of State Board of
289 Education selects;
- 290 (e) a member of the School Safety Center or designee, whom the state security chief
291 selects;
- 292 (f) the director of the Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Services or the director's
293 designee;
- 294 (g) a member of the Utah School Superintendents Association, whom the chairs select;
- 295 (h) the Commissioner of Higher Education or the commissioner's designee;
- 296 (i) a school security expert, whom the state security chief selects;
- 297 (j) the chief information security officer described in Section 63A-16-210 or the chief's
298 designee;
- 299 (k) the director of a school safety foundation established under Section 53-22-108 or the
300 director's designee;

- 301 ~~[(h)]~~ (l) one member of the Chiefs of Police Association from a county of the first or
 302 second class;
- 303 ~~[(i)]~~ (m) one member of the Sheriff's Association from a county of the third, fourth, fifth,
 304 or sixth class, whom the president of the association selects;
- 305 ~~[(j)]~~ (n) one county security chief, whom the state security chief selects;
- 306 ~~[(k)]~~ (o) a school safety and security director, whom the chairs select;
- 307 ~~[(l)]~~ (p) a school resource officer, whom the state security chief selects; and
- 308 ~~[(m)]~~ (q) a member of the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, whom the chairs
 309 select.
- 310 (2) The task force shall:
- 311 (a) review school safety updates;
- 312 **(b) study possible recommendations for minimum cybersecurity standards for local**
 313 **education agencies;**
- 314 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) consult with the Education Advisory Board created in Section 53-22-104.2; and
- 315 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) develop legislation recommendations as necessary.
- 316 (3)(a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.
- 317 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.
- 318 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff for the task
 319 force.
- 320 (5)(a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be
 321 paid in accordance with:
- 322 (i) Section 36-2-2;
- 323 (ii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 2, Lodging, Meal, and Transportation
 324 Expenses; and
- 325 (iii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.
- 326 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for
 327 the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem and
 328 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates
 329 established by the Division of Finance under:
- 330 (i) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
- 331 (ii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106
 332 and 63A-3-107.

333 Section 5. Section **53-22-104.2** is amended to read:

334 **53-22-104.2 . The School Security Task Force -- Public Education Advisory**

335 **Board.**

- 336 (1) There is created an advisory board to the task force called the Public Education
337 Advisory Board.
- 338 (2) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:
- 339 (a) the state security chief, who acts as chair of the advisory board;
- 340 (b) the construction and facility specialist at the State Board of Education;
- 341 (c) the director of school safety and student services at the State Board of Education or
342 the director's designee;
- 343 (d) a school nurse, whom the state security chief selects;
- 344 (e) a school district technology director, whom the director of school safety and student
345 services selects;
- 346 [~~(e)~~] (f) a superintendent from a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, whom the state
347 security chief selects;
- 348 [~~(d)~~] (g) a superintendent from a county of the first, second, or third class, whom the state
349 security chief selects;
- 350 [~~(e)~~] (h) a charter school director [~~from~~] who is employed in a county of the fourth, fifth,
351 or sixth class, whom the state security chief selects;
- 352 [~~(f)~~] (i) a charter school director from a county of the first, second, or third class, whom
353 the state security chief selects;
- 354 [~~(g)~~] (j) the president of the Utah School Boards Association or the president's designee;
- 355 [~~(h)~~] (k) a parent representative from a school community council or parent teacher
356 organization, whom the state security chief selects;
- 357 [~~(i)~~] (l) a facilities manager from an LEA in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class,
358 whom the state security chief selects;
- 359 [~~(j)~~] (m) a facilities manager from an LEA in county of the first, second, or third class,
360 whom the state security chief selects;
- 361 [~~(k)~~] (n) a representative of private schools, whom the state security chief selects; and
- 362 [~~(l)~~] (o) a member of the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, whom the state
363 security chief selects.
- 364 (3) The advisory board's purpose is to:
- 365 (a) review and provide input on official business of the task force;
- 366 (b) provide recommendations and suggestions for the task force's consideration; and
- 367 (c) study and evaluate the policies, procedures, and programs implemented for school
368 safety and provide proactive information regarding the implementation.

- 369 (4)(a) A majority of the members of the advisory board constitutes a quorum.
- 370 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the advisory board.
- 371 (5)(a) The advisory board shall select two members to serve as co-chairs.
- 372 (b) The co-chairs are responsible for the call and conduct of meetings.
- 373 (6) The staff of the state security chief shall provide staff for the advisory board.
- 374 (7) A member of the advisory board who is not a legislator may not receive compensation
- 375 for the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem and
- 376 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates
- 377 established by the Division of Finance under:
- 378 (a) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and
- 379 (b) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and
- 380 63A-3-107.
- 381 Section 6. Section **53-22-105** is amended to read:
- 382 **53-22-105 . School guardian program.**
- 383 (1) As used in this section:
- 384 (a) "Annual training" means an annual four-hour training that:
- 385 (i) a county security chief or a designee administers in coordination with personnel
- 386 from local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section
- 387 53-25-601(2)(b);
- 388 (ii) the state security chief approves;
- 389 (iii) can be tailored to local needs;
- 390 (iv) allows an individual to practice and demonstrate firearms proficiency at a
- 391 firearms range using the firearm the individual carries for self defense and defense
- 392 of others;
- 393 (v) includes the following components:
- 394 (A) firearm safety, including safe storage of a firearm;
- 395 (B) de-escalation tactics;
- 396 (C) the role of mental health in incidents; and
- 397 (D) disability awareness and interactions; and
- 398 (vi) contains other training needs as determined by the state security chief.
- 399 (b) "Biannual training" means a twice-yearly training that:
- 400 (i) is at least four hours, unless otherwise approved by the state security chief;
- 401 (ii) a county security chief or a designee administers in coordination with personnel
- 402 from local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section

- 403 53-25-601(2)(b);
- 404 (iii) the state security chief approves;
- 405 (iv) can be tailored to local needs; and
- 406 (v) through which a school guardian at a school or simulated school environment:
- 407 (A) receives training on the specifics of the building or buildings of the school,
- 408 including the location of emergency supplies and security infrastructure; and
- 409 (B) participates in a live-action practice plan with school administrators in
- 410 responding to active threats at the school; and
- 411 (vi) shall be taken with at least three months in between the two trainings.
- 412 (c) "Firearm" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-501.
- 413 (d) "Initial training" means an in-person training that:
- 414 (i) a county security chief or a designee administers in coordination with personnel
- 415 from local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section
- 416 53-25-601(2)(b);
- 417 (ii) the state security chief approves;
- 418 (iii) can be tailored to local needs; and
- 419 (iv) provides:
- 420 (A) training on general familiarity with the types of firearms that can be concealed
- 421 for self-defense and defense of others;
- 422 (B) training on the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a
- 423 school setting;
- 424 (C) training at a firearms range with instruction regarding firearms fundamentals,
- 425 marksmanship, the demonstration and explanation of the difference between
- 426 sight picture, sight alignment, and trigger control, and a recognized pistol
- 427 course;
- 428 (D) current laws dealing with the lawful use of a firearm by a private citizen,
- 429 including laws on self-defense, defense of others, transportation of firearms,
- 430 and concealment of firearms;
- 431 (E) coordination with law enforcement officers in the event of an active threat;
- 432 (F) basic trauma first aid;
- 433 (G) the appropriate use of force, emphasizing the de-escalation of force and
- 434 alternatives to using force;
- 435 (H) situational response evaluations, including:
- 436 (I) protecting and securing a crime or accident scene;

- 437 (II) notifying law enforcement;
- 438 (III) controlling information; and
- 439 (IV) other training that the county sheriff, designee, or department deems
- 440 appropriate.
- 441 (e) "Program" means the school guardian program created in this section.
- 442 (f)(i) "School employee" means an employee of a school whose duties and
- 443 responsibilities require the employee to be physically present at a school's campus
- 444 while school is in session.
- 445 (ii) "School employee" does not include a principal, teacher, or individual whose
- 446 primary responsibilities require the employee to be primarily present in a
- 447 classroom to teach, care for, or interact with students, unless:
- 448 (A) the principal, teacher, or individual is employed at a school with ~~[100]~~ 350 or
- 449 fewer students;
- 450 (B) the principal, teacher, or individual is employed at a school with adjacent
- 451 campuses as determined by the state security chief; or
- 452 (C) as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3).
- 453 (g) "School guardian" means a school employee who meets the requirements of
- 454 Subsection (3).
- 455 (2)(a)(i) There is created within the department the school guardian program[;] .
- 456 (ii) ~~[the]~~ The state security chief shall oversee the school guardian program[;] .
- 457 (iii) ~~[the]~~ The applicable county security chief shall administer the school guardian
- 458 program in each county.
- 459 (b) The state security chief shall ensure that the school guardian program includes:
- 460 (i) initial training;
- 461 (ii) biannual training; and
- 462 (iii) annual training.
- 463 (c) A county sheriff may partner or contract with:
- 464 (i) another county sheriff to support the respective county security chiefs in jointly
- 465 administering the school guardian program in the relevant counties; and
- 466 (ii) a local law enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction to provide the:
- 467 (A) initial training;
- 468 (B) biannual training; and
- 469 (C) annual training.
- 470 (3)(a) A school employee that volunteers to participate is eligible to join the program as

- 471 a school guardian if:
- 472 (i) the school administrator approves the volunteer school employee to be designated
473 as a school guardian;
- 474 (ii) the school employee satisfactorily completes initial training within six months
475 before the day on which the school employee joins the program;
- 476 (iii) the school employee holds a valid concealed carry permit issued under [~~Title 53,~~
477 Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act;
- 478 (iv) the school employee certifies to the sheriff of the county where the school is
479 located that the school employee has undergone the training in accordance with
480 Subsection (3)(a)(ii) and intends to serve as a school guardian; and
- 481 (v) the school employee [~~successfully completes a mental health screening selected~~
482 ~~by the state security chief in collaboration with the Office of Substance Abuse and~~
483 ~~Mental Health established in Section 26B-5-102.~~]:
- 484 (A) completes an initial "fit to carry" assessment the Department of Health and
485 Human Services approves and a provider administers; and
- 486 (B) maintains compliance with mental health screening requirements consistent
487 with law enforcement standards.
- 488 (b) After joining the program a school guardian shall complete annual training and
489 biannual training to retain the designation of a school guardian in the program.
- 490 (4) The state security chief shall:
- 491 (a) for each school that participates in the program, track each school guardian at the
492 school by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each
493 guardian;
- 494 (b) make the information described in Subsection (4)(a) readily available to each law
495 enforcement agency in the state categorized by school; and
- 496 (c) provide each school guardian with a one-time stipend of \$500.
- 497 (5) A school guardian:
- 498 (a) may store the school guardian's firearm on the grounds of a school only if:
- 499 (i) the firearm is stored in a biometric gun safe;
- 500 (ii) the biometric gun safe is located in the school guardian's office; and
- 501 (iii) the school guardian is physically present on the grounds of the school while the
502 firearm is stored in the safe;
- 503 (b) shall carry the school guardian's firearm in a concealed manner; and
- 504 (c) may not, unless during an active threat, display or open carry a firearm while on

- 505 school grounds.
- 506 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), this section does not prohibit an individual who
507 has a valid concealed carry permit but is not participating in the program from carrying a
508 firearm on the grounds of a public school or charter school under Subsection 76-10-505.5
509 (4).
- 510 (7) A school guardian:
- 511 (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and
512 (b) may, at the school where the school guardian is employed:
- 513 (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat; and
514 (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school guardian has reasonable cause
515 to believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a forcible felony, as
516 that term is defined in Section 76-2-402.
- 517 (8) A school may designate a single volunteer or multiple volunteers to participate in the
518 school guardian program to satisfy the school safety personnel requirements of Section
519 53G-8-701.5.
- 520 (9) The department may adopt, according to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
521 Rulemaking Act, rules to administer this section.
- 522 (10) A school guardian who has active status in the guardian program is not liable for any
523 civil damages or penalties if the school guardian:
- 524 (a) when carrying or storing a firearm:
- 525 (i) is acting in good faith; and
526 (ii) is not grossly negligent; or
- 527 (b) threatens, draws, or otherwise uses a firearm reasonably believing the action to be
528 necessary in compliance with Section 76-2-402.
- 529 (11) A school guardian shall file a report described in Subsection (12) if, during the
530 performance of the school guardian's duties, the school guardian points a firearm at an
531 individual.
- 532 (12)(a) A report described in Subsection (11) shall include:
- 533 (i) a description of the incident;
534 (ii) the identification of the individuals involved in the incident; and
535 (iii) any other information required by the state security chief.
- 536 (b) A school guardian shall submit a report required under Subsection (11) to the school
537 administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief within
538 48 hours after the incident.

- 539 (c) The school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security
540 chief shall consult and review the report submitted under Subsection (12)(b).
- 541 (13) The requirements of Subsections (11) and (12) do not apply to a training exercise.
- 542 (14) A school guardian may have the designation of school guardian revoked at any time by
543 the school principal, county sheriff, or state security chief.
- 544 (15)(a) Any information or record created detailing a school guardian's participation in
545 the program is:
- 546 (i) a private, controlled, or protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
547 Records Access and Management Act; and
- 548 (ii) available only to:
- 549 (A) the state security chief;
- 550 (B) administrators at the school guardian's school;
- 551 (C) if applicable, other school safety personnel described in Section 53G-8-701.5;
- 552 (D) a local law enforcement agency that would respond to the school in case of an
553 emergency; and
- 554 (E) the individual designated by the county sheriff in accordance with Section
555 53-22-103 of the county of the school where the school guardian in the
556 program is located.
- 557 (b) The information or record described in Subsection (15)(a) includes information
558 related to the school guardian's identity and activity within the program as described
559 in this section and any personal identifying information of a school guardian
560 participating in the program collected or obtained during initial training, annual
561 training, and biannual training.
- 562 (c) An individual who intentionally or knowingly provides the information described in
563 Subsection (15)(a) to an individual or entity not listed in Subsection (15)(a)(ii) is
564 guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

565 Section 7. Section **53-22-106** is amended to read:

566 **53-22-106 . Substantial threats against a school reporting requirements --**

567 **Exceptions.**

- 568 (1) As used in this section, "substantial threat" means a threat made with serious intent to
569 cause harm.
- 570 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), if a state employee or person in a position of
571 special trust as defined in Section 76-5-404.1, including an individual licensed under
572 Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical

573 Practice Act, has reason to believe a substantial threat against a school, school
574 employee, or student attending a school or is aware of circumstances that would
575 reasonably result in a substantial threat against a school, school employee, or student
576 attending a school, the state employee or person in a position of special trust shall
577 immediately report the suspected substantial threat to:

578 [~~(a) the state security chief;~~]
579 [~~(b)~~] (a) the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact; [~~or~~]
580 [~~(c)~~] (b) [~~to~~]the nearest peace officer or law enforcement agency[-] ; and
581 (c) the state security chief.

582 (3)(a)(i) If the state security chief, a peace officer, or law enforcement agency
583 receives a report under Subsection (2), the state security chief, peace officer, or
584 law enforcement agency shall immediately notify the local education agency that
585 the substantial threat would impact.

586 (ii) If the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact receives a
587 report under Subsection (2), the local education agency that the substantial threat
588 would impact shall immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement
589 agency and the state security chief.

590 (b)(i) A local education agency that the substantial threat would impact shall
591 coordinate with the law enforcement agency on the law enforcement agency's
592 investigation of the report described in Subsection (1).

593 (ii) If a law enforcement agency undertakes an investigation of a report under
594 Subsection (2), the law enforcement agency shall provide a final investigatory
595 report to the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact upon
596 request.

597 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), the reporting requirement described in Subsection (2) does
598 not apply to:

599 (a) a member of the clergy with regard to any confession an individual makes to the
600 member of the clergy while functioning in the ministerial capacity of the member of
601 the clergy if:

602 (i) the individual made the confession directly to the member of the clergy;
603 (ii) the member of the clergy is, under canon law or church doctrine or practice,
604 bound to maintain the confidentiality of the confession; and
605 (iii) the member of the clergy does not have the consent of the individual making the
606 confession to disclose the content of the confession; or

- 607 (b) an attorney, or an individual whom the attorney employs, if:
 608 (i) the knowledge or belief of the substantial threat arises from the representation of a
 609 client; and
 610 (ii) if disclosure of the substantial threat would not reveal the substantial threat to
 611 prevent reasonably certain death or substantial bodily harm in accordance with
 612 Utah Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.6.

- 613 (5)(a) When a member of the clergy receives information about the substantial threat
 614 from any source other than a confession, the member of the clergy shall report the
 615 information even if the member of the clergy also received information about the
 616 substantial threat from the confession of the perpetrator.
 617 (b) Exemption of the reporting requirement for an individual described in Subsection (4)
 618 does not exempt the individual from any other actions required by law to prevent
 619 further substantial threats or actual harm related to the substantial threat.

- 620 (6) The physician-patient privilege does not:
 621 (a) excuse an individual who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical
 622 Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, from
 623 reporting under this section; or
 624 (b) constitute grounds for excluding evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding
 625 resulting from a report under this section.

626 Section 8. Section **53-22-108** is enacted to read:

627 **53-22-108 . School safety foundation.**

- 628 (1) As used in this section:
 629 (a) "Authorized foundation" means a nonprofit foundation that:
 630 (i) meets the requirements of this section; and
 631 (ii) the state security chief authorizes in consultation with the School Safety Center
 632 created in Section 53G-8-802.
 633 (b) "School safety product" means equipment, technology, service, or material that
 634 enhances school safety and security.
 635 (2) The state security chief may approve a nonprofit foundation to be an authorized
 636 foundation if the foundation:
 637 (a) maintains status as a nonprofit organization under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3);
 638 (b) has operated continuously in the state for three or more years;
 639 (c) maintains a primary mission focused on school safety;
 640 (d) operates under a board of directors that includes:

- 641 (i) a law enforcement representative;
642 (ii) an educator or school administrator; and
643 (iii) an emergency management professional;
644 (e) demonstrates financial stability through:
645 (i) an annual independent audit;
646 (ii) maintained reserves; and
647 (iii) a clean financial record; and
648 (f) provides evidence of:
649 (i) successful project management;
650 (ii) an existing relationship with an educational institution; and
651 (iii) knowledge of school safety requirements described in federal and state law.
652 (3) A foundation seeking authorization shall submit to the state security chief:
653 (a) a written application that demonstrates compliance with Subsection (2);
654 (b) a financial record for the previous three years;
655 (c) a current board member qualification;
656 (d) a proposed school safety initiative; and
657 (e) an internal procurement policy for purchases not made from a state cooperative
658 contract.
659 (4) The state security chief shall:
660 (a) review an application within 60 days;
661 (b) request additional information if needed;
662 (c) issue a written decision; and
663 (d) maintain a public record of an authorized foundation, including records related to the
664 approval process of an authorized foundation.
665 (5) An authorized foundation may:
666 (a) use a state cooperative contract in accordance with Section 63G-6a-2105;
667 (b) make a bulk purchase of a school safety product; and
668 (c) in coordination with the state security chief and the School Safety Center:
669 (i) facilitate a donation of a school safety product; and
670 (ii) distribute a product to a school.
671 (6) An authorized foundation shall:
672 (a) follow Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, when utilizing a state
673 cooperative contract;
674 (b) maintain separate accounting for a school safety purchase;

- 675 (c) by August 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the state security chief that
 676 includes:
 677 (i) any product procured through a state cooperative contract;
 678 (ii) the annual independent audit required in Subsection (2)(e);
 679 (iii) all schools served;
 680 (iv) the total value of a donation facilitated; and
 681 (v) a compliance certification; and
 682 (d) renew authorization every three years.
- 683 (7) The state security chief:
 684 (a) may revoke authorization if the authorized foundation:
 685 (i) fails to maintain a requirement of this section;
 686 (ii) engages in financial mismanagement; or
 687 (iii) submits false information in a report required by this section; and
 688 (b) shall, before revoking authorization:
 689 (i) provide written notice to the foundation;
 690 (ii) allow a 30-day period to remedy the violation;
 691 (iii) provide an opportunity for a hearing; and
 692 (iv) issue a final written decision.
- 693 (8) Authorization under this section does not:
 694 (a) create state liability;
 695 (b) imply state endorsement;
 696 (c) override a local procurement requirement; and
 697 (d) exempt the foundation from an applicable law.
- 698 Section 9. Section **53-22-109** is enacted to read:
 699 **53-22-109 . School safety -- Compliance.**
- 700 (1) As used in this section:
 701 (a) "Compliance issue" means a violation of a school safety requirement under:
 702 (i) this chapter; or
 703 (ii) rules established in accordance with this chapter.
 704 (b) "Tiered system of support" means an escalating system of:
 705 (i) technical assistance;
 706 (ii) intervention; and
 707 (iii) corrective action.
- 708 (2) The state security chief shall, in collaboration with the School Safety Center:

- 709 (a) establish a tiered system of support for a compliance issue;
 710 (b) develop implementation procedures for the system; and
 711 (c) define criteria for:
 712 (i) evaluating a compliance issue;
 713 (ii) assigning an appropriate tier; and
 714 (iii) monitoring progress.
- 715 (3) In establishing the system under Subsection (2), the state security chief and School
 716 Safety Center shall consider:
 717 (a) severity of the compliance issue;
 718 (b) risk to student and staff safety;
 719 (c) available technical assistance resources;
 720 (d) local education agency capacity; and
 721 (e) required corrective action timelines.

722 Section 10. Section **53-25-601** is enacted to read:

723 **Part 6. Requirements for School Safety**

724 **53-25-601 . Requirements for school safety.**

- 725 (1) As used in this section:
 726 (a) "Local law enforcement agency" means the law enforcement agency with primary
 727 jurisdiction over a school's physical location.
 728 (b) "School safety needs assessment" means the assessment required under Section
 729 53G-8-701.5.
 730 (c) "Security camera system" means the system described in Section 53G-8-805.
- 731 (2) Each local law enforcement agency shall:
 732 (a) as coordinated with the county security chief described in Section 53-22-103,
 733 allocate adequate personnel to participate in the school safety needs assessments with
 734 a school's school safety and security specialist as required by Section 53G-8-701.5
 735 for each school within the local law enforcement's jurisdiction;
 736 (b) if a school within the local law enforcement agency's jurisdiction elects to satisfy the
 737 requirements described in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(2)(a)(ii) by employing school
 738 guardians, assign adequate personnel time as the county security chief determines to
 739 assist the county security chief in administering the trainings required under Section
 740 53-22-105;
 741 (c) ensure the school safety and security specialist for each school has all relevant
 742 information collected by the county security chief or the local law enforcement

- 743 agency to submit the completed assessments to the School Safety Center created in
744 Section 53G-8-802 by October 15 of each year;
745 (d) coordinate with each school within the local law enforcement's jurisdiction to obtain
746 and maintain access to school security camera systems as described in Section
747 53G-8-805; and
748 (e) coordinate with the relevant county security chiefs as specified in Sections 53-22-103
749 and 53-22-105.

750 Section 11. Section **53B-28-401** is amended to read:

751 **53B-28-401 . Campus safety plans and training -- Institution duties -- Governing**
752 **board duties.**

753 (1) As used in this section:

754 (a) "Covered offense" means:

- 755 (i) sexual assault;
756 (ii) domestic violence;
757 (iii) dating violence; or
758 (iv) stalking.

759 (b) "Institution" means an institution of higher education described in Section 53B-1-102.

760 (c) "Student organization" means a club, group, sports team, fraternity or sorority, or
761 other organization:

- 762 (i) of which the majority of members is composed of students enrolled in an
763 institution; and
764 (ii)(A) that is officially recognized by the institution; or
765 (B) seeks to be officially recognized by the institution.

766 (2) An institution shall develop a campus safety plan that addresses:

- 767 (a) where an individual can locate the institution's policies and publications related to a
768 covered offense;
769 (b) institution and community resources for a victim of a covered offense;
770 (c) the rights of a victim of a covered offense, including the measures the institution
771 takes to ensure, unless otherwise provided by law, victim confidentiality throughout
772 all steps in the reporting and response to a covered offense;
773 (d) how the institution informs the campus community of a crime that presents a threat
774 to the campus community;
775 (e) availability, locations, and methods for requesting assistance of security personnel on
776 the institution's campus;

- 777 (f) guidance on how a student may contact law enforcement for incidents that occur off
778 campus;
- 779 (g) institution efforts related to increasing campus safety, including efforts related to the
780 institution's increased response in providing services to victims of a covered offense,
781 that:
- 782 (i) the institution made in the preceding 18 months; and
783 (ii) the institution expects to make in the upcoming 24 months;
- 784 (h) coordination and communication between institution resources and organizations,
785 including campus law enforcement;
- 786 (i) institution coordination with local law enforcement or community resources,
787 including coordination related to a student's safety at an off-campus location; and
788 (j) how the institution requires a student organization to provide the campus safety
789 training as described in Subsection (5).
- 790 (3) An institution shall:
- 791 (a) prominently post the institution's campus safety plan on the institution's website and
792 each of the institution's campuses; and
793 (b) annually update the institution's campus safety plan.
- 794 (4) An institution shall develop a campus safety training curriculum that addresses:
- 795 (a) awareness and prevention of covered offenses, including information on institution
796 and community resources for a victim of a covered offense;
797 (b) bystander intervention; and
798 (c) sexual consent.
- 799 (5) An institution shall require a student organization, in order for the student organization
800 to receive or maintain official recognition by the institution, to annually provide campus
801 safety training, using the curriculum described in Subsection (4), to the student
802 organization's members.
- 803 [~~(6) An institution shall report annually to the Education Interim Committee and the Law
804 Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, at or before the committees'
805 November meetings, on crime statistics aggregated by housing facility as described in
806 Subsection 53B-28-403(2).]~~
- 807 Section 12. Section **53B-28-403** is amended to read:
- 808 **53B-28-403 . Student housing crime reporting.**
- 809 (1) As used in this section:
- 810 (a) "Campus law enforcement" means an institution's police department.

- 811 (b) "Crime statistics" means the number of each of the crimes in 34 C.F.R. Sec.
812 668.46(c)(1) that are reported to a local police agency or campus law enforcement,
813 listed by type of crime.
- 814 (c) "Institution" means an institution of higher education described in Section 53B-2-101.
- 815 (d)(i) "Institution noncampus housing facility" means a building or property that:
816 (A) is used for housing students;
817 (B) is not part of the institution's campus; and
818 (C) the institution owns, manages, controls, or leases;
- 819 (ii) "Institution noncampus housing facility" includes real property that is adjacent to,
820 and is used in direct support of, the building or property described in Subsection
821 (1)(d)(i).
- 822 (e) "Local law enforcement agency" means a state or local law enforcement agency
823 other than campus law enforcement.
- 824 (f)(i) "On-campus housing facility" means a building or property that is:
825 (A) used for housing students; and
826 (B) part of the institution's campus.
- 827 (ii) "On-campus housing facility" includes real property that is:
828 (A) adjacent to the on-campus housing facility; and
829 (B) used in direct support of the on-campus housing facility.
- 830 (g) "Student housing" means:
831 (i) an institution noncampus housing facility;
832 (ii) an on-campus housing facility; or
833 (iii) a student organization noncampus housing facility.
- 834 (h) "Student organization" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53B-28-401.
- 835 (i) "Student organization noncampus housing facility" means a building or property that:
836 (i) is used for housing students;
837 (ii) is not part of the institution's campus; and
838 (iii)(A) a student organization owns, manages, controls, or leases; or
839 (B) is real property that is adjacent to the student organization noncampus housing
840 facility and is used in direct support of the noncampus housing facility.
- 841 (2) An institution with the types of housing facilities described in this Subsection (2) shall:
842 (a) create a report of crime statistics aggregated by:
843 (i) on-campus housing facility, identified and listed individually using the institution's
844 system for inventorying institution facilities;

- 845 (ii) institution noncampus housing facility, identified and listed individually using the
 846 institution's system for inventorying institution facilities; and
- 847 (iii) student organization noncampus housing facilities, identified and listed
 848 individually using the institution's system for identifying student organization
 849 noncampus housing facilities; and
- 850 (b) ~~[include the report described in Subsection (2)(a) in the report described in~~
 851 ~~Subsection 53B-28-401(6).]~~ report annually to the Education Interim Committee and
 852 the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, at or before the
 853 committee's November meetings, on crime statistics aggregated by housing facility
 854 as described in Subsection(2)(a).
- 855 (3) An institution that does not have the types of housing described in Subsection (2) shall
 856 report the crime statistics as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1092(f), the Jeanne Clery
 857 Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, to the entities
 858 specified in Subsection (2).
- 859 (4) Upon request from an institution, a local law enforcement agency shall provide to the
 860 institution crime statistics for each student housing facility over which the local law
 861 enforcement agency has jurisdiction.
- 862 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Except as provided in Section 53B-28-303, when campus law enforcement receives
 863 a complaint or report of a crime that campus law enforcement reasonably determines
 864 occurred outside of campus law enforcement's jurisdiction, campus law enforcement
 865 shall share any record of the complaint or report with the local law enforcement agency
 866 with jurisdiction.
- 867 Section 13. Section **53E-1-201** is amended to read:
- 868 **53E-1-201 . Reports to and action required of the Education Interim Committee.**
- 869 (1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following recurring
 870 reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:
- 871 (a) the report described in Section 9-22-109 by the STEM Action Center Board,
 872 including the information described in Section 9-22-113 on the status of the computer
 873 science initiative and Section 9-22-114 on the Computing Partnerships Grants
 874 Program;
- 875 (b) the prioritized list of data research described in Section 53B-33-302 and the report on
 876 research and activities described in Section 53B-33-304 by the Utah Data Research
 877 Center;
- 878 (c) the report described in Section 53B-1-402 by the Utah Board of Higher Education on

- 879 career and technical education issues and addressing workforce needs;
- 880 (d) the annual report of the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section
881 53B-1-402;
- 882 (e) the reports described in Section [~~53B-28-401~~] 53B-28-403 by the Utah Board of
883 Higher Education regarding activities related to campus safety;
- 884 (f) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section
885 53E-1-203;
- 886 (g) the annual report described in Section 53E-2-202 by the state board on the strategic
887 plan to improve student outcomes;
- 888 (h) the report described in Section 53E-8-204 by the state board on the Utah Schools for
889 the Deaf and the Blind;
- 890 (i) the report described in Section 53E-10-703 by the Utah Leading through Effective,
891 Actionable, and Dynamic Education director on research and other activities;
- 892 (j) the report described in Section 53F-2-522 regarding mental health screening
893 programs;
- 894 (k) the report described in Section 53F-4-203 by the state board and the independent
895 evaluator on an evaluation of early interactive reading software;
- 896 (l) the report described in Section 63N-20-107 by the Governor's Office of Economic
897 Opportunity on UPSTART;
- 898 (m) the reports described in Sections 53F-5-214 and 53F-5-215 by the state board
899 related to grants for professional learning and grants for an elementary teacher
900 preparation assessment;
- 901 (n) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-219 by the state board on the
902 Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program;
- 903 (o) the report described in Section 53F-5-405 by the state board regarding an evaluation
904 of a partnership that receives a grant to improve educational outcomes for students
905 who are low income;
- 906 (p) the report described in Section 53B-35-202 regarding the Higher Education and
907 Corrections Council;
- 908 (q) the report described in Section 53G-7-221 by the state board regarding innovation
909 plans;
- 910 (r) the reports described in Section 53F-6-412 regarding the Utah Fits All Scholarship
911 Program.
- 912 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following occasional

- 913 reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:
- 914 (a) in 2027, 2030, 2033, and 2035, the reports described in Sections 53B-1-116,
915 53B-1-117, and 53B-1-118;
- 916 (b) if required, the report described in Section 53E-4-309 by the state board explaining
917 the reasons for changing the grade level specification for the administration of
918 specific assessments;
- 919 (c) if required, the report described in Section 53E-5-210 by the state board of an
920 adjustment to the minimum level that demonstrates proficiency for each statewide
921 assessment;
- 922 (d) the report described in Section 53E-10-702 by Utah Leading through Effective,
923 Actionable, and Dynamic Education;
- 924 (e) if required, the report described in Section 53F-2-513 by the state board evaluating
925 the effects of salary bonuses on the recruitment and retention of effective teachers in
926 high poverty schools;
- 927 (f) upon request, a report described in Section 53G-7-222 by an LEA regarding
928 expenditure of a percentage of state restricted funds to support an innovative
929 education program;
- 930 (g) the reports described in Section 53G-11-304 by the state board regarding proposed
931 rules and results related to educator exit surveys; and
- 932 (h) the report described in Section 26B-5-113 by the Office of Substance Use and
933 Mental Health, the state board, and the Department of Health and Human Services
934 regarding recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based
935 health services.

936 Section 14. Section **53G-5-202** is amended to read:

937 **53G-5-202 . Status and powers of State Charter School Board.**

- 938 (1) The State Charter School Board may:
- 939 (a) enter into contracts;
- 940 (b) sue and be sued; and
- 941 (c)(i) at the discretion of the charter school, provide administrative services to, or
942 perform other school functions for, charter schools authorized by the State Charter
943 School Board; and
- 944 (ii) charge fees for the provision of services or functions.
- 945 (2) The state board shall:
- 946 (a) approve the State Charter School Board's annual budget; and

947 (b) otherwise grant autonomy to the State Charter School Board to manage the State
948 Charter School Board's budget.

949 (3) The State Charter School Board shall assign an existing employee to be the charter
950 liaison described in Section 53G-8-802.

951 (4) The charter school liaison described in Section 53G-8-802 shall coordinate with a safety
952 liaison from each authorizer to provide required trainings, information, and other
953 relevant school safety needs as the School Safety Center determines.

954 Section 15. Section **53G-5-205** is amended to read:

955 **53G-5-205 . Charter school authorizers -- Power and duties -- Charter**
956 **application minimum standard.**

957 (1) The following entities are eligible to authorize charter schools:

958 (a) the State Charter School Board;

959 (b) a local school board; or

960 (c) an institution of higher education board of trustees, as that term is defined in Section
961 53G-5-102.

962 (2) A charter school authorizer shall:

963 (a) authorize and promote the establishment of charter schools;

964 (b) before an application for charter school authorization is submitted to a charter school
965 authorizer, review and evaluate the proposal to support and strengthen the charter
966 school authorization proposal;

967 (c) review and evaluate the performance of charter schools authorized by the authorizer
968 and hold a charter school accountable for the performance measures established in
969 the charter school's charter agreement;

970 (d) assist charter schools in understanding and carrying out the charter school's charter
971 obligations; [~~and~~]

972 (e) provide technical support to charter schools and persons seeking to establish charter
973 schools by:

974 (i) identifying and promoting successful charter school models;

975 (ii) facilitating the application and approval process for charter school authorization;
976 or

977 (iii) directing charter schools and persons seeking to establish charter schools to
978 sources of funding and support[-] ; and

979 (f) designate an existing employee to coordinate with the charter school liaison
980 described in Section 53G-5-202.

- 981 (3) A charter school authorizer may:
- 982 (a) make recommendations to the Legislature on legislation pertaining to charter schools;
- 983 (b) make recommendations to the state board on charter school rules and charter school
- 984 funding; or
- 985 (c) provide technical support, as requested, to another charter school authorizer relating
- 986 to charter schools.
- 987 (4) Within 60 days after the day on which an authorizer approves an application for a new
- 988 charter school, the state board may direct an authorizer to do the following if the
- 989 authorizer or charter school applicant failed to follow statutory or state board rule
- 990 requirements made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
- 991 Rulemaking Act:
- 992 (a) reconsider the authorizer's approval of an application for a new charter school; and
- 993 (b) correct deficiencies in the charter school application or authorizer's application
- 994 process as described in statute or state board rule, made in accordance with Title
- 995 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, before approving the new
- 996 application.
- 997 (5) The state board shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
- 998 Rulemaking Act, make rules establishing minimum standards that a charter school
- 999 authorizer is required to apply when evaluating a charter school application.
- 1000 (6) The minimum standards described in Subsection (5) shall include:
- 1001 (a) reasonable consequences for an authorizer that fails to comply with statute or state
- 1002 board rule;
- 1003 (b) a process for an authorizer to review:
- 1004 (i) the skill and expertise of a proposed charter school's governing board; and
- 1005 (ii) the functioning operation of the charter school governing board of an authorized
- 1006 charter school;
- 1007 (c) a process for an authorizer to review the financial viability of a proposed charter
- 1008 school and of an authorized charter school;
- 1009 (d) a process to evaluate:
- 1010 (i) how well an authorizer's authorized charter school complies with the charter
- 1011 school's charter agreement;
- 1012 (ii) whether an authorizer's authorized charter school maintains reasonable academic
- 1013 and education standards; and
- 1014 (iii) standards that an authorizer is required to meet to demonstrate the authorizer's

1015 capacity to oversee and evaluate the charter schools the authorizer authorizes.

1016 Section 16. Section **53G-8-102** is amended to read:

1017 **53G-8-102 . Definitions.**

1018 [Reserved] As used in this chapter:

- 1019 (1) "Climate" means the perceptions and experiences of students, staff, parents, and the
 1020 community regarding the school's environment and the resources that support the
 1021 experiences.
- 1022 (2) "Culture" means the beliefs, values, and practices that shape how a school functions and
 1023 influences student learning and well-being through policies, procedures, and safety
 1024 protocols.
- 1025 (3) "K-12 School Campus" means an LEA governed property or building where K-12
 1026 students gather daily for instructional purposes and has an assigned administrator.
- 1027 (4) "Physical Space" means the way in which a building is designed and structured to
 1028 promote safety including the minimum safety and security standards as described in
 1029 Section 53-22-102.
- 1030 (5) "School safety means" the physical space, culture, and climate of a school.

1031 Section 17. Section **53G-8-701** is amended to read:

1032 **53G-8-701 . Definitions.**

1033 As used in this part:

- 1034 (1) "Armed school security guard" means the same as that term is defined in Section [
 1035 53G-8-804] 53G-8-704.
- 1036 (2) "County security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-101.
- 1037 (3) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-1-102.
- 1038 (4) "Public school" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-205.1.
- 1039 (5) "School guardian" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-106.
- 1040 (6) "School is in session" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-3-516.
- 1041 (7) "School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section
 1042 53-13-103, who contracts with or whose law enforcement agency contracts with an LEA
 1043 to provide law enforcement services for the LEA.
- 1044 (8) "School safety and security director" means an individual whom an LEA designates in
 1045 accordance with Section 53G-8-701.8.
- 1046 (9) "School safety and security specialist" means a school employee designated under
 1047 Section 53G-8-701.6 who is responsible for supporting school safety initiatives.
- 1048 (10) "School [~~safety-center~~] Safety Center" means the same as that term is defined in

1049 Section 53G-8-801.

1050 (11) "State security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-101.

1051 Section 18. Section **53G-8-701.5** is amended to read:

1052 **53G-8-701.5 . School safety needs assessment -- School safety personnel --**

1053 **Alternative requirements.**

1054 (1)(a) In accordance with Subsections (1)(c) through (e), [No] no later than [~~December~~
1055 ~~31, 2024~~] October 15 of an applicable year, an LEA shall:

1056 (i) ensure a school safety needs assessment the state security chief selects in
1057 collaboration with the school safety center is conducted in accordance with
1058 Subsection (1)(b) for each school or K-12 campus within the LEA to determine
1059 the needs and deficiencies regarding:

1060 (A) appropriate school safety personnel, including necessary supports, training,
1061 and policy creation for the personnel;

1062 (B) physical building security and safety, including required upgrades to facilities
1063 and safety technology[; and] ;

1064 (C) a school's current threat and emergency response protocols, including any
1065 emergency response agreements with local law enforcement;

1066 (D) cardiac emergency preparedness, including an inventory of whether
1067 automated external defibrillators are present and accessible, maintenance
1068 status, and current staff training offerings; and

1069 (E) compliance with universal access key box requirements under Section
1070 53G-8-805; and

1071 (ii) report the results of the school safety needs assessment for each school within the
1072 LEA to the state security chief and the School Safety Center.

1073 (b)(i) The school safety specialist described in Section 53G-8-701.6, in collaboration
1074 with the county security chief[~~or designee described in Section 53-22-103~~] , and
1075 with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction over the school as
1076 described in Section 53-25-601, shall conduct the school safety needs assessment
1077 for each school.

1078 (ii) A school safety and security director may fulfill the role of a school safety and
1079 security specialist in conducting the school safety needs assessment.

1080 [~~(e) In collaboration with the School Safety Center described in Section 53G-8-802, the~~
1081 ~~state security chief described in Section 53-22-102 shall create a school safety needs~~
1082 ~~assessment that an LEA shall use to ensure compliance with this Subsection (1).]~~

- 1083 (c) The school safety needs assessment required under Subsection (1)(a)(i) shall be
 1084 conducted at least once every three years for each school or K-12 campus.
- 1085 (d) An LEA may implement a rotating or staggered schedule for conducting school
 1086 safety needs assessments among the buildings within the LEA, provided that:
 1087 (i) each school within a K-12 campus is assessed at least once every three years; and
 1088 (ii) the LEA documents the rotating or staggered assessment schedule and shares this
 1089 schedule with the state security chief, the School Safety Center, the county
 1090 security chief, and the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described
 1091 in Section 53-25-601.
- 1092 (e) The LEA shall update the assessment schedule as necessary to ensure compliance
 1093 with the three-year assessment requirement under Subsection (1)(c).
- 1094 [~~(d)~~] (f) The state board shall use the results of the school safety needs assessment for
 1095 each school within an LEA to award a grant to an LEA in accordance with Section
 1096 53F-5-220.
- 1097 [~~(e)~~] (g) Any information or record detailing a school's needs assessment results is:
 1098 (i) a private, controlled, or protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
 1099 Records Access and Management Act; and
 1100 (ii) available only to:
 1101 (A) the state security chief;
 1102 (B) the School Safety Center;
 1103 (C) members of an LEA governing board;
 1104 (D) administrators of the LEA and school the needs assessment concerns;
 1105 (E) only to the extent necessary to award a grant under Section 53F-5-220, the
 1106 state board;
 1107 (F) the applicable school safety personnel described in Subsection (2);
 1108 (G) a local law enforcement agency that would respond to the school in case of an
 1109 emergency; and
 1110 (H) the county security chief.
- 1111 [~~(f)~~] (h) An individual who intentionally or knowingly provides the information
 1112 described in Subsection [~~(1)(e)~~] (1)(g) to an individual or entity not listed in
 1113 Subsection [~~(1)(e)(ii)~~] (1)(g)(ii) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
- 1114 (2)(a) An LEA shall ensure each school within the LEA has the following school safety
 1115 personnel:
 1116 (i) a school safety and security specialist described in Section 53G-8-701.6; and

- 1117 (ii) based on the results of the needs assessment described in Subsection (1), at least
1118 one of the following:
1119 (A) a school resource officer;
1120 (B) a school guardian; or
1121 (C) an armed school security guard.
- 1122 (b) In addition to the school safety personnel described in Subsection (2)(a), an LEA
1123 shall designate a school safety and security director described in Section 53G-8-701.8.
- 1124 (c) ~~[If a school has more than 350 students enrolled at the school, the]~~ The same
1125 individual may ~~[not]~~ serve in more than one of the roles listed in Subsections (2)(a)
1126 and (b) if the school notifies the School Safety Center and the state security chief of
1127 the decision to have the same individual serve in multiple roles as described in this
1128 Subsection (2).
- 1129 (d) An LEA may implement the requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(ii) before the LEA
1130 has completed the school safety needs assessment described in Subsection (1).
- 1131 (e) The state security chief in consultation with the School Safety Center shall establish
1132 a timeline for an LEA to comply with the school safety personnel requirements of
1133 this Subsection (2).
- 1134 (3)(a) An LEA, school administrator, or private school may apply to the state security
1135 chief for an approved alternative to the requirements described in:
1136 (i) Section 53-22-105;
1137 (ii) this section;
1138 (iii) Section 53G-8-701.6;
1139 (iv) Section 53G-8-701.8; and
1140 (v) Section 53G-8-704.
- 1141 (b) In approving or denying an application described in Subsection (3)(a), the state
1142 security chief may consider factors that impact a school or LEA's ability to adhere to
1143 the requirements of this section, including the school or LEA's:
1144 (i) population size;
1145 (ii) staffing needs or capacity;
1146 (iii) geographic location;
1147 (iv) available funding; or
1148 (v) general demonstration of need for an alternative to the requirements of this
1149 section.
- 1150 (4) A private school shall identify an individual at the private school to serve as the safety

1151 liaison with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction and the state security chief.

1152 Section 19. Section **53G-8-701.6** is amended to read:

1153 **53G-8-701.6 . School safety and security specialist.**

1154 (1) As used in this section, "principal" means the chief administrator at a public school,
1155 including:

1156 (a) a school principal;

1157 (b) a charter school director; or

1158 (c) the superintendent of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

1159 (2)(a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b) and except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5

1160 (3), every campus within an LEA shall designate a school safety and security
1161 specialist from the employees of the relevant campus.

1162 (b) The school safety and security specialist:

1163 (i) may not be a principal; and

1164 (ii) may be the school safety and security director at one campus within the LEA.

1165 (3) The school safety and security specialist shall:

1166 (a) report directly to the principal;

1167 (b) oversee school safety and security practices to ensure a safe and secure school
1168 environment for students and staff;

1169 (c) ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations
1170 relating to school safety and security through collaborating and maintaining effective
1171 communications with the following as applicable:

1172 (i) the principal;

1173 (ii) school staff;

1174 (iii) the school resource officer;

1175 (iv) the armed school security guard;

1176 (v) the school guardian;

1177 (vi) local law enforcement;

1178 (vii) the county security chief;

1179 (viii) the school safety and security director;

1180 (ix) the LEA; and

1181 (x) school-based behavioral and mental health professionals;

1182 (d) in collaboration with the county security chief [~~or designee described in Section~~

1183 ~~53-22-103~~] and with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction over the school

1184 as described in Section 53-25-601:

- 1185 (i) conduct the school safety needs assessment described in Section 53G-8-701.5;
1186 (ii) in accordance with Sections 53-25-601 and 53G-8-701.5, submit the completed
1187 assessments to the School Safety Center created in Section 53G-8-802 by October
1188 15 of each year; and
- 1189 ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) ~~[conduct a building safety evaluation at least annually using-]~~ review the
1190 results of the school safety needs assessment to recommend and implement
1191 improvements to school facilities, policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and
1192 regulations relating to school safety and security;
- 1193 (e) ~~[if the specialist is also an employee of an LEA,]~~ participate on the multidisciplinary
1194 team that the ~~[LEA]~~ school establishes;
- 1195 (f) conduct a behavioral threat assessment when the school safety and security specialist
1196 deems necessary using an evidence-based tool the state security chief recommends in
1197 consultation with the school safety center and the Office of Substance ~~[Abuse]~~ Use
1198 and Mental Health;
- 1199 (g) regularly monitor and report to the principal, local law enforcement, and, if
1200 applicable, the LEA superintendent or designee, security risks for the school resulting
1201 from:
- 1202 (i) issues with school facilities; or
- 1203 (ii) the implementation of practices, policies, procedures, and protocols relating to
1204 school safety and security;
- 1205 (h) coordinate with local first responder agencies to implement and monitor safety and
1206 security drills in accordance with policy and applicable procedures and protocols;
- 1207 (i) ensure that school staff, and, when appropriate, students, receive training on and
1208 remain current on the school's safety and security procedures and protocols;
- 1209 (j) following an event where security of the school has been significantly compromised,
1210 organize a debriefing with the individuals listed in Subsection (3)(c) following the
1211 recommendations from the state security chief, in collaboration with the School
1212 Safety Center, regarding strengthening school safety and security practices, policies,
1213 procedures, and protocols;
- 1214 (k) abide by any LEA, school, or law enforcement agency policy outlining the chain of
1215 command;
- 1216 (l) during an emergency, coordinate with the following individuals as applicable, the:
- 1217 (i) school resource officer;
- 1218 (ii) school guardians;

- 1219 (iii) armed school security guards;
- 1220 (iv) school administrators; and
- 1221 (v) responding law enforcement officers;
- 1222 (m) follow any LEA, school, or law enforcement agency student privacy policies,
- 1223 including state and federal privacy laws;
- 1224 (n) participate in an annual training the state security chief selects in consultation with
- 1225 the School Safety Center; and
- 1226 (o) remain current on:
- 1227 (i) a comprehensive school guideline the state security chief selects;
- 1228 (ii) the duties of a school safety and security specialist described in this Subsection
- 1229 (3); and
- 1230 (iii) the school's emergency response plan.
- 1231 (4) During an active emergency at the school, the school safety and security specialist is
- 1232 subordinate to any responding law enforcement officers.
- 1233 Section 20. Section **53G-8-701.8** is amended to read:
- 1234 **53G-8-701.8 . School safety and security director.**
- 1235 (1) Except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3), an LEA shall designate a school
- 1236 safety and security director as the LEA point of contact for the county security chief,
- 1237 local law enforcement, and the state security chief.
- 1238 (2) A school safety and security director shall:
- 1239 (a) participate in and satisfy the training requirements~~[-including the annual and~~
- 1240 ~~biannual requirements, described in]~~ as follows:
- 1241 (i) only once, the training requirements described in Section 53-22-105 for school
- 1242 guardians;
- 1243 (ii) ~~[Section 53G-8-702 for]~~ the school resource [officers] officer and administrator
- 1244 training the state security chief approves in consultation with the School Safety
- 1245 Center; and
- 1246 ~~[(iii) Section 53G-8-704 for armed school security guards;]~~
- 1247 ~~[(b) have a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7,~~
- 1248 ~~Concealed Firearm Act;]~~
- 1249 ~~[(e)]~~ (b) if serving as a backup school guardian, satisfy all requirements described in
- 1250 53-22-105;
- 1251 (c) if the designee is an employee of an LEA, participate on the multidisciplinary team
- 1252 the LEA establishes;

- 1253 (d) coordinate security responses among, if applicable, the following individuals in the
 1254 LEA that employs the school safety and security director:
- 1255 (i) school safety and security specialists;
 - 1256 (ii) school resource officers;
 - 1257 (iii) armed school security guards; and
 - 1258 (iv) school guardians; and
- 1259 (e) collaborate and maintain effective communications with local law enforcement, a
 1260 county security chief, the LEA, and school-based behavioral and mental health
 1261 professionals to ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and
 1262 regulations relating to school safety and security.
- 1263 (3) A school safety and security director:
- 1264 (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and
 - 1265 (b) may, at the LEA that employs the director:
 - 1266 (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat; and
 - 1267 (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school safety and security director has
 1268 reasonable cause to believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a
 1269 forcible felony, as that term is defined in Section 76-2-402[;] .
- 1270 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 76-10-505.5(4), if a school safety and security director is
 1271 carrying a firearm, the school safety and security director shall carry the school safety
 1272 and security director's firearm in a concealed manner and may not, unless during an
 1273 active threat, display or open carry a firearm while on school grounds.
- 1274 (5) A school may use the services of the school safety and security director on a temporary
 1275 basis to satisfy the school safety personnel requirement of Subsection 53G-8-701.5(2).
- 1276 (6) The state security chief shall:
- 1277 (a) for each school safety and security director, track each school safety and security
 1278 director by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each
 1279 school safety and security director; and
 - 1280 (b) make the information described in Subsection (6)(a) readily available to each law
 1281 enforcement agency in the state categorized by LEA.
- 1282 Section 21. Section **53G-8-704** is amended to read:
- 1283 **53G-8-704 . Contracts between an LEA and a contract security company for**
 1284 **armed school security guards.**
- 1285 (1) As used in this section:;
- 1286 (a) "Armed private security officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section

- 1287 58-63-102.
- 1288 (b) "Armed school security guard" means an armed private security officer who[-is]:
- 1289 (i) is licensed as an armed private security officer under Title 58, Chapter 63,
- 1290 Security Personnel Licensing Act; and
- 1291 (ii) has met the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a).
- 1292 (c) "Contract security company" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 1293 58-63-102.
- 1294 (d) "State security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-102.
- 1295 (2)(a) An LEA may use an armed school security guard to satisfy the school safety
- 1296 personnel requirements of Section 53G-8-701.5.
- 1297 (b) An LEA that uses an armed school security guard under Subsection (2)(a) shall
- 1298 contract with a contract security company to provide armed school security guards at
- 1299 each school within the LEA.
- 1300 (3) The contract described in Subsection (2)(b) shall include a detailed description of:
- 1301 (a) the rights of a student under state and federal law with regard to:
- 1302 (i) searches;
- 1303 (ii) questioning;
- 1304 (iii) arrests; and
- 1305 (iv) information privacy;
- 1306 (b) job assignment and duties of an armed school security guard, including:
- 1307 (i) the school to which an armed school security guard will be assigned;
- 1308 (ii) the hours an armed school security guard is present at the school;
- 1309 (iii) the point of contact at the school that an armed school security guard will contact
- 1310 in case of an emergency;
- 1311 (iv) specific responsibilities for providing and receiving information;
- 1312 (v) types of records to be kept, and by whom; and
- 1313 (vi) training requirements; and
- 1314 (c) other expectations of the contract security company in relation to school security at
- 1315 the LEA.
- 1316 (4)(a) In addition to the requirements for licensure under Title 58, Chapter 63, Security
- 1317 Personnel Licensing Act, an armed private security officer may only serve as an
- 1318 armed school security guard under a contract described in Subsection (2)(b) if the
- 1319 armed private security officer:
- 1320 (i) has a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7,

- 1321 Concealed Firearm Act;[~~and~~]
- 1322 (ii) has undergone training from a county security chief or local law enforcement
- 1323 agency regarding:
- 1324 (A) the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a school
- 1325 setting;
- 1326 (B) the role of armed security guards in a school setting; and
- 1327 (C) coordination with law enforcement and school officials during an active threat[.];
- 1328 (iii) completes an initial "fit to carry" assessment the Department of Health and
- 1329 Human Services approves and a provider administers; and
- 1330 (iv) maintains compliance with mental health screening requirements consistent with
- 1331 law enforcement standards.
- 1332 (b) An armed school security guard that meets the requirements of Subsection (4)(a)
- 1333 shall, in order to remain eligible to be assigned as an armed school security guard at
- 1334 any school under a contract described in Subsection (2)(b), participate in and satisfy
- 1335 the training requirements of the initial, annual, and biannual trainings as defined in
- 1336 Section 53-22-105.
- 1337 (5) An armed school security guard may conceal or openly carry a firearm at the school at
- 1338 which the armed school security guard is employed under the contract described in
- 1339 Subsection (2)(b).
- 1340 (6) An LEA that enters a contract under this section shall inform the state security chief and
- 1341 the relevant county security chief of the contract and provide the contact information of
- 1342 the contract security company employing the armed security guard for use during an
- 1343 emergency.
- 1344 (7) The state security chief shall:
- 1345 (a) for each LEA that contracts with a contract security company under this section,
- 1346 track each contract security company providing armed school security guards by
- 1347 name and the contact information for use in case of an emergency; and
- 1348 (b) make the information described in Subsection (7)(a) readily available to each law
- 1349 enforcement agency in the state by school.
- 1350 (8) An armed school security guard shall file a report described in Subsection (9) if, during
- 1351 the performance of the armed school security guard's duties, the armed school security
- 1352 guard:
- 1353 (a) points a firearm at an individual; or
- 1354 (b) aims a conductive energy device at an individual and displays the electrical current.

- 1355 (9)(a) A report described in Subsection (8) shall include:
- 1356 (i) a description of the incident;
- 1357 (ii) the identification of the individuals involved in the incident; and
- 1358 (iii) any other information required by the state security chief.
- 1359 (b) An armed school security guard shall submit a report required under Subsection (8)
- 1360 to the school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security
- 1361 chief within 48 hours after the incident.
- 1362 (c) The school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security
- 1363 chief shall consult and review the report submitted under Subsection (9)(b).
- 1364 Section 22. Section **53G-8-802** is amended to read:
- 1365 **53G-8-802 . State Safety and Support Program -- State board duties -- LEA**
- 1366 **duties.**
- 1367 (1) There is created the School Safety Center.
- 1368 (2) The School Safety Center shall:
- 1369 (a) develop in conjunction with the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health and the
- 1370 state security chief model student safety and support policies for an LEA, including:
- 1371 (i) requiring an evidence-based behavior threat assessment that includes[:]
- 1372 [~~(A)~~] _recommended interventions with an individual whose behavior poses a
- 1373 threat to school safety; [~~and~~]
- 1374 [~~(B)~~] _establishes defined roles for a multidisciplinary team and school safety
- 1375 personnel described in Title 53G, Chapter 8, Part 7, School Safety Personnel,
- 1376 including[;]
- 1377 (ii) procedures for referrals to law enforcement; and
- 1378 (iii) procedures for referrals to a community services entity, a family support
- 1379 organization, or a health care provider for evaluation or treatment;
- 1380 (b) provide training in consultation with the state security chief:
- 1381 (i) in school safety;
- 1382 (ii) in evidence-based approaches to improve school climate and address and correct
- 1383 bullying behavior;
- 1384 (iii) in evidence-based approaches in identifying an individual who may pose a threat
- 1385 to the school community;
- 1386 (iv) in evidence-based approaches in identifying an individual who may be showing
- 1387 signs or symptoms of mental illness;
- 1388 (v) on permitted disclosures of student data to law enforcement and other support

- 1389 services under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec.
 1390 1232g;
- 1391 (vi) on permitted collection of student data under 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h and Sections
 1392 53E-9-203 and 53E-9-305; and
- 1393 (vii) for administrators on rights and prohibited acts under:
- 1394 (A) Chapter 9, Part 6, Bullying and Hazing;
- 1395 (B) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000d et seq.;
- 1396 (C) Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.;
- 1397 (D) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq.; and
- 1398 (E) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.;
- 1399 (c) conduct and disseminate evidence-based research on school safety concerns;
- 1400 (d) disseminate information on effective school safety initiatives;
- 1401 (e) encourage partnerships between public and private sectors to promote school safety;
- 1402 (f) provide technical assistance to an LEA in the development and implementation of
 1403 school safety initiatives;
- 1404 (g) in conjunction with the state security chief, make available to an LEA the model
 1405 critical incident response training program a school and law enforcement agency
 1406 shall use during a threat;
- 1407 (h) provide space for the public safety liaison described in Section 53-1-106 and the
 1408 school-based mental health specialist described in Section 26B-5-102;
- 1409 (i) collaborate with the state security chief to determine appropriate application of school
 1410 safety requirements in Utah Code to an online school;
- 1411 (j) create a model school climate survey that may be used by an LEA to assess
 1412 stakeholder perception of a school environment;
- 1413 (k) in accordance with Section 53G-5-202, establish a charter school liaison including
 1414 defined responsibilities for charter school communication and coordination with the
 1415 School Safety Center; and
- 1416 (l) assist a foundation described in Section 53-22-108 in distributing school safety
 1417 products if a foundation seeks assistance;
- 1418 (m) establishes defined roles for a multidisciplinary team and school safety personnel
 1419 described in Title 53G, Chapter 8, Part 7, School Safety Personnel; [and]
- 1420 [~~(k)~~] (n) assist LEAs in implementing and maintaining universal access key box
 1421 requirements under Section 53G-8-805;
- 1422 (o) in consultation with the state security chief, select a system to track relevant data,

1423 including the tracking required in Sections 53-22-105, 53G-8-701.5, 53G-8-701.8,
 1424 and 53G-8-704; and

1425 (p) collect aggregate data and school climate survey results from an LEA that
 1426 administers the model school climate survey described in Subsection [~~(2)(i)~~] (2)(j).

1427 (3) Nothing in this section requires:

1428 (a) an individual to respond to a school climate survey; or

1429 (b) an LEA to use the model school climate survey or any specified questions in the
 1430 model school climate survey described in Subsection [~~(2)(i)~~] (2)(j).

1431 (4) The state board shall require an LEA to:

1432 (a)(i) if an LEA administers a school climate survey, review school climate data for
 1433 each school within the LEA; and

1434 (ii) based on the review described in Subsection (4)(a)(i):

1435 (A) revise practices, policies, and training to eliminate harassment and
 1436 discrimination in each school within the LEA;

1437 (B) adopt a plan for harassment- and discrimination-free learning; and

1438 (C) host outreach events or assemblies to inform students and parents of the plan
 1439 adopted under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B);

1440 (b) no later than September 1 of each school year, send a notice to each student, parent,
 1441 and LEA staff member stating the LEA's commitment to maintaining a school
 1442 climate that is free of harassment and discrimination; and

1443 (c) report to the state board annually on the LEA's implementation of the plan under
 1444 Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B) and progress.

1445 Section 23. Section **53G-8-803** is amended to read:

1446 **53G-8-803 . Standard response protocol to active threats in schools.**

1447 The state security chief described in Section 53-22-102, in consultation with the School
 1448 Safety Center, shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
 1449 Rulemaking Act, to:

1450 (1) in accordance with the standard response protocol established by the state security chief,
 1451 require an LEA or school to develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency
 1452 response plans for use during an emergency that include developmentally appropriate
 1453 training for students and adults regarding:

1454 (a) active threats;

1455 (b) emergency preparedness;

1456 (c) cardiac emergency preparedness;

1457 [(e)] (d) drills as required under Subsection 15A-5-202.5 and by the state security chief;
 1458 and
 1459 [(d)] (e) standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders; and
 1460 (2) identify the necessary components of emergency preparedness and response plans,
 1461 including underlying standard response protocols and emerging best practices for an
 1462 emergency.

1463 Section 24. Section **53G-8-805** is amended to read:

1464 **53G-8-805 . Panic alert device -- Security cameras -- Key box.**

1465 (1) As used in this section:

1466 (a) "Universal access key box" means a UL Standard 1037 compliant secure container
 1467 designed to store and protect emergency access keys and devices.

1468 (b) "Emergency responder" means law enforcement, fire service, or emergency medical
 1469 personnel authorized by local authorities to respond to school emergencies.

1470 [(1)] (2) In accordance with the results of the school safety needs assessment described in
 1471 Section 53G-8-701.5, an LEA shall provide [~~a staff person~~] the lead teacher in each
 1472 classroom with a wearable panic alert device that [~~allows for immediate contact with~~
 1473 ~~emergency services or emergency services agencies, law enforcement agencies, health~~
 1474 ~~departments, and fire departments~~] shall communicate directly with public safety
 1475 answering points.

1476 [(2)] (3) An LEA shall ensure, before the school year begins, all school building personnel
 1477 receive training on the protocol and appropriate use of the panic alert device described in
 1478 Subsection [(1)] (2).

1479 [(3)] (4) An LEA shall:

1480 (a) ensure all security cameras within a school building are accessible by:

1481 (i) a local law enforcement agency; and

1482 (ii) public safety answering points;

1483 (b) coordinate with a local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access
 1484 protocols[-] ; and

1485 (c) physically mark all hallways and doorways consistent with the incident response
 1486 method or system the state security chief creates.

1487 [(4)]

1488 (5) A school building shall include universal access key boxes that:

1489 (a) are installed at main entry points;

1490 (b) contain master keys and access devices providing complete access to all areas of the

- 1491 school;
- 1492 (c) are accessible only to authorized emergency responders;
- 1493 (d) are electronically monitored for tampering; and
- 1494 (e) are weather-resistant and vandal-resistant.
- 1495 (6) An LEA shall:
- 1496 (a) maintain universal access key boxes by:
- 1497 (i) conducting quarterly inspections;
- 1498 (ii) updating contents within 24 hours of any lock or access control changes;
- 1499 (iii) maintaining current key and access device inventories;
- 1500 (iv) documenting all inspections and updates; and
- 1501 (v) immediately replacing any damaged or malfunctioning boxes;
- 1502 (b) coordinate with local emergency responders to:
- 1503 (i) determine optimal box placement;
- 1504 (ii) establish access protocols;
- 1505 (iii) maintain current emergency contact information; and
- 1506 (iv) conduct annual reviews of box usage and effectiveness;
- 1507 (c) include universal access key box locations and protocols in:
- 1508 (i) school emergency response plans;
- 1509 (ii) building schematic diagrams provided to emergency responders; and
- 1510 (iii) school safety and security training materials.
- 1511 (7) The state board shall:
- 1512 (a) establish standards for:
- 1513 (i) box installation and placement;
- 1514 (ii) access control and monitoring;
- 1515 (iii) maintenance schedules; and
- 1516 (iv) compliance verification;
- 1517 (b) in direct coordination with the state security chief, ensure new construction or major
- 1518 remodeling of a school building shall include the installation of automated external
- 1519 defibrillators in appropriate locations as the state board determines; and
- 1520 (c) provide technical assistance to LEAs implementing this section.
- 1521 (8) Nothing in this section:
- 1522 (a) affects requirements for fire department key boxes under applicable building or fire
- 1523 codes; or
- 1524 (b) restricts additional security measures implemented by LEAs that exceed these

1525 requirements.

1526 (9) This section is not subject to the restrictions in Section 41-6a-2003.

1527 Section 25. Section **53G-9-207** is amended to read:

1528 **53G-9-207 . Child sexual abuse prevention.**

1529 (1) As used in this section:

1530 (a)(i) "Age-appropriate instructional material" means materials that provide

1531 instruction on:

1532 (A) the responsibility of adults for the safety of children;

1533 (B) how to recognize uncomfortable inner feelings;

1534 (C) how to say no and leave an uncomfortable situation;

1535 (D) how to set clear boundaries;

1536 (E) the risks of sharing intimate images or personal information through electronic

1537 means; and

1538 ~~(E)~~ (F) the importance of discussing uncomfortable situations with parents and

1539 other trusted adults.

1540 (ii) "Age-appropriate instructional material" does not include materials that:

1541 (A) invites a student to share personal experiences about abuse during instruction;

1542 (B) gives instruction regarding consent as described in Section 76-5-406; or

1543 (C) includes sexually explicit language or depictions.

1544 (b) "Alternative provider" means a provider other than the provider selected by the state

1545 board under Subsection (8) that provides the training and instruction described in

1546 Subsection (4) with instructional materials approved under Subsection (2).

1547 (c) "School personnel" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-203.

1548 (d) "Sexual extortion" means the criminal offense described in Section 76-5b-204.

1549 (2) The state board shall approve, in partnership with the Department of Health and Human

1550 Services, age-appropriate instructional materials for the training and instruction

1551 described in Subsections (3)(a) and (4).

1552 (3)(a) An LEA shall provide, once every three years, training and instruction on child

1553 sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness to:

1554 (i) school personnel in elementary and secondary schools on:

1555 (A) responding to a disclosure of child sexual abuse in a supportive, appropriate

1556 manner;

1557 (B) identifying children who are victims or may be at risk of becoming victims of

1558 human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation; and

- 1559 (C) the mandatory reporting requirements described in Sections 53E-6-701 and
 1560 80-2-602;
- 1561 (D) appropriate responses to incidents of sexual extortion, including connecting
 1562 victims with support services; and
- 1563 (ii) parents of elementary school students on:
- 1564 (A) recognizing warning signs of a child who is being sexually abused or who is a
 1565 victim or may be at risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking or
 1566 commercial sexual exploitation; [~~and~~]
- 1567 (B) effective, age-appropriate methods for discussing the topic of child sexual
 1568 abuse with a child[-] ; and
- 1569 (C) resources available for victims of sexual extortion.
- 1570 (b) An LEA:
- 1571 (i) shall use the instructional materials approved by the state board under Subsection
 1572 (2) to provide the training and instruction under Subsections (3)(a) and (4); or
- 1573 (ii) may use instructional materials the LEA creates to provide the instruction and
 1574 training described in Subsections (3)(a) and (4), if the LEA's instructional
 1575 materials are approved by the state board under Subsection (2).
- 1576 (4)(a) In accordance with Subsections (4)(b) and (5), an LEA may provide instruction on
 1577 child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness to elementary
 1578 school students using age-appropriate curriculum.
- 1579 (b) An LEA that provides the instruction described in Subsection (4)(a) shall use the
 1580 instructional materials approved by the state board under Subsection (2) to provide
 1581 the instruction.
- 1582 (5)(a) An elementary school student may not be given the instruction described in
 1583 Subsection (4) unless the parent of the student is:
- 1584 (i) notified in advance of the:
- 1585 (A) instruction and the content of the instruction; and
 1586 (B) parent's right to have the student excused from the instruction;
- 1587 (ii) given an opportunity to review the instructional materials before the instruction
 1588 occurs; and
- 1589 (iii) allowed to be present when the instruction is delivered.
- 1590 (b) Upon the written request of the parent of an elementary school student, the student
 1591 shall be excused from the instruction described in Subsection (4).
- 1592 (c) Participation of a student requires compliance with Sections 53E-9-202 and

1593 53E-9-203.

1594 (6) An LEA may determine the mode of delivery for the training and instruction described
1595 in Subsections (3) and (4).

1596 (7) Upon request of the state board, an LEA shall provide evidence of compliance with this
1597 section.

1598 (8) The state board shall select a provider to provide the training and instruction described
1599 in Subsection (4), including requiring the provider selected to:

1600 (a) engage in outreach efforts to support more schools to participate in the training and
1601 instruction;

1602 (b) provide materials for the instruction involving students in accordance with
1603 Subsection (4);

1604 (c) provide an outline of how many LEAs, schools, and students the provider could
1605 service; and

1606 (d) submit a report to the state board that includes:

1607 (i) information on the LEAs the provider engaged with in the outreach efforts,
1608 including:

1609 (A) how many schools within an LEA increased instructional offerings for
1610 training and instruction; and

1611 (B) the reasons why an LEA chose to participate or not in the offered training or
1612 instruction;

1613 (ii) the number of schools and students that received the training and instruction;

1614 (iii) budgetary information regarding how the provider utilized any funds the state
1615 board allocated; and

1616 (iv) additional information the state board requests.

1617 (9) Subject to legislative appropriation, there is created a grant program to support an LEA
1618 that chooses to use an alternative provider other than the provider selected by the state
1619 board under Subsection (8) to provide the training and instruction described in
1620 Subsection (4).

1621 (10) The state board shall:

1622 (a) establish a process to select alternative providers for an LEA to use, including:

1623 (i) an application process for a provider to become an alternative provider;

1624 (ii) required criteria for a provider to become an alternative provider; and

1625 (iii) relevant timelines;

1626 (b) create a process for an LEA to receive a grant award described in Subsection (9),

- 1627 including:
- 1628 (i) an application process;
- 1629 (ii) relevant timelines; and
- 1630 (iii) a scoring rubric and corresponding formula for determining a grant amount; and
- 1631 (c) make grant awards on a first come first served basis until the state board distributes
- 1632 all appropriated funds.

1633 (11) An LEA that receives a grant award described in Subsection (10)(b) shall:

- 1634 (a) use the grant award to cover the costs needed for implementation of the training or
- 1635 instruction described in Subsection (4); and
- 1636 (b) upon request of the state board, provide an itemized list of the uses of the grant
- 1637 award.

1638 Section 26. Section **53G-9-703** is amended to read:

1639 **53G-9-703 . Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**

1640 (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a school district shall offer a seminar for

1641 parents of students who attend school in the school district that:

- 1642 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;
- 1643 (ii)(A) if in person, begins at or after 6 p.m.;[-or]
- 1644 (B) if in person, takes place on a Saturday; or
- 1645 (C) may be conducted at anytime online and recorded if the recording is made
- 1646 available on the school district's website, including the parent portal created in
- 1647 Section 53G-6-806.
- 1648 (iii)(A) is held in at least one school located in the school district; or
- 1649 (B) is provided through a virtual platform; and
- 1650 (iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

1651 (b)(i) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000

1652 students enrolled in the school district.

1653 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), a school district may not be required to

1654 offer more than three seminars.

1655 (c) A school district may:

- 1656 (i) develop the district school's own curriculum for the seminar described in
- 1657 Subsection (1)(a); or
- 1658 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the state board under Subsection (2).

1659 (d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance boundaries

1660 of the school district of the date and time of a parent seminar, so the charter school

1661 may inform parents of the seminar.

1662 (2) The state board shall:

1663 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that includes
1664 information on:

1665 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

1666 (ii) bullying;

1667 (iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention, including
1668 education on limiting access to fatal means;

1669 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction;[-and]

1670 (v) the SafeUT Crisis Line established in Section 53B-17-1202; and

1671 (vi) resources related to the topics described in this Subsection (2); and

1672 (b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon
1673 request.

1674 (3)(a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school
1675 board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant
1676 interest or value to families in the school district.

1677 (b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school board
1678 shall notify the state board and provide the reasons why the local school board chose
1679 not to offer the parent seminar.

1680 Section 27. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

1681 **63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

1682 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is
1683 repealed July 1, 2028.

1684 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --
1685 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.

1686 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,
1687 is repealed July 1, 2027.

1688 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is
1689 repealed July 1, 2027.

1690 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

1691 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --
1692 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.

1693 (7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance
1694 Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking --

- 1695 Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1696 (8) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed
1697 July 1, 2029.
- 1698 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1699 [~~(10) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem~~
1700 ~~-- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.~~]
- 1701 [~~(11) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is~~
1702 ~~repealed December 31, 2025.~~]
- 1703 [~~(12)~~ (10) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections
1704 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1705 [~~(13)~~ (11) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1706 [~~(14)~~ (12) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed
1707 July 1, 2028.
- 1708 [~~(15)~~ (13) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1709 [~~(16)~~ (14) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established --
1710 Members, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 1711 [~~(17)~~ (15) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1712 [~~(18)~~ (16) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1713 [~~(19)~~ (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
1714 Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1715 [~~(20)~~ (18) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed
1716 July 1, 2027.
- 1717 [~~(21)~~ (19) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the
1718 Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
1719 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 1720 [~~(22)~~ (20) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections
1721 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1722 [~~(23)~~ (21) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or
1723 waiver of governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1724 [~~(24)~~ (22) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
1725 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1726 [~~(25)~~ (23) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
1727 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1728 [~~(26)~~ (24) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed

- 1729 January 1, 2028.
- 1730 [(27)] (25) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 1731 [(28)] (26) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission,
1732 is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 1733 [(29)] (27) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of
1734 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1735 [(30)] (28) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is
1736 repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1737 [(31)] (29) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 1738 [(32)] (30) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1,
1739 2025.
- 1740 [(33)] (31) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is
1741 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 1742 [(34)] (32) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July
1743 1, 2027.
- 1744 [(35)] (33) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
1745 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 1746 [(36)] (34) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
1747 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 1748 [(37)] (35) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.

1749 Section 28. **Repealer.**

1750 This bill repeals:

1751 Section **53F-4-208, State board procurement for school security software.**

1752 Section 29. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

1753 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1754 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
1755 fiscal year 2026.

1756 Subsection 29(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

1757 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
1758 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
1759 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

1760 ITEM 1 To State Board of Education - Contracted Initiatives and Grants

1761 From Public Education Economic Stabilization

1762 Restricted Account, One-time

25,000,000

1763 Schedule of Programs:

1764 School Safety and Support Grant Program 25,000,000

1765 The Legislature intends \$25,000,000 for the

1766 School Safety and Support Grant Program in this item be

1767 used as follows, for:

1768 (1) supporting general grants to local education

1769 agencies prioritized by need as the school security task

1770 force described in Section 53-22-104.1 determines in

1771 coordination with the state security chief and the school

1772 safety center;

1773 (2) research expenses supporting the work of the

1774 school security task force as the co-chairs of the task

1775 force authorize;

1776 (3) targeted grants to local education agencies

1777 for needs reported in the local education agencies' school

1778 safety needs assessments described in Section

1779 53G-8-701.5; and

1780 (4) the state board to use up to \$500,000 for the

1781 administration of the multi-tiered system of support for

1782 compliance issues as described in Section 53-22-109, if:

1783 (a) the state board determines the ongoing costs associated with

1784 the administration of the multi-tiered system of support

1785 for compliance issues; and

1786 (b) the state board reports the ongoing costs to the Education

1787 Interim Committee no later than September 1, 2026.

1788 Section 30. **Effective Date.**

1789 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.