

1 **Student Integration Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses the integration of a student into a school upon the commission of a
6 crime by the student.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

- 9 ▶ defines the term, "forcible felony";
- 10 ▶ addresses a school integration plan for a student who commits a forcible felony; and
- 11 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 None

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 AMENDS:

18 **53G-8-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3

19 **53G-8-213**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 75

20 **53G-8-701.8**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

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

23 Section 1. Section **53G-8-102** is amended to read:

24 **53G-8-102 . Definitions for chapter.**

25 [Reserved] As used in this chapter, "forcible felony" means the same as that term is
26 defined in Section 76-2-402.

27 Section 2. Section **53G-8-213** is amended to read:

28 **53G-8-213 . Reintegration plan for student alleged to have committed violent**
29 **felony or weapon offense.**

30 (1) As used in this section, "multidisciplinary team" means:

- 31 (a) the local education agency;
- 32 (b) the juvenile court;
- 33 (c) the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services;
- 34 (d) a school safety and security specialist designated under Section 53G-8-701.6;
- 35 (e) school safety and security director designated under Section 53G-8-701.8;
- 36 (f) a school resource officer if applicable; and
- 37 (g) any other relevant party that should be involved in a reintegration plan.
- 38 (2) If a school district receives a notification from the juvenile court or a law enforcement
- 39 agency that a student was arrested for, charged with, or adjudicated in the juvenile court
- 40 for a serious offense, the school shall develop a reintegration plan for the student with a
- 41 multidisciplinary team, the student, and the student's parent or guardian, within five
- 42 school days after the day on which the school receives a notification.
- 43 (3) The school may deny admission to the student until the school completes the
- 44 reintegration plan under Subsection (2).
- 45 (4) The reintegration plan under Subsection (2) shall address:
- 46 (a) a behavioral intervention for the student;
- 47 (b) a short-term mental health or counseling service for the student;
- 48 (c) an academic intervention for the student; and
- 49 (d) if the serious offense was directed at a school employee or another student within the
- 50 school, notification of the reintegration plan to that school employee or student and
- 51 the student's parent.
- 52 (5) A school district may not reintegrate a student into a school where:
- 53 (a) a student or staff member has a protective order against the student being
- 54 reintegrated; or
- 55 (b) a student or staff member is the victim of a sexual crime or forcible felony
- 56 committed by the student being reintegrated.
- 57 (6)(a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a school district may elect to not integrate a
- 58 student into a school if the student has committed, or allegedly committed, a forcible
- 59 felony.
- 60 (b) If a school district elects to not integrate a student under Subsection (6)(a), the school
- 61 district shall provide alternative education options for the student.
- 62 [~~6~~] (7) A reintegration plan under this section is classified as a protected record under
- 63 Section 63G-2-305.
- 64 [~~7~~] (8) All other records of disclosures under this section are governed by Title 63G,

65 Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, and the Family
66 Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g.

67 Section 3. Section **53G-8-701.8** is amended to read:

68 **53G-8-701.8 . School safety and security director.**

- 69 (1) Except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3), an LEA shall designate a school
70 safety and security director as the LEA point of contact for the county security chief,
71 local law enforcement, and the state security chief.
- 72 (2) A school safety and security director shall:
- 73 (a) participate in and satisfy the training requirements, including the annual and biannual
74 requirements, described in:
- 75 (i) Section 53-22-105 for school guardians;
76 (ii) Section 53G-8-702 for school resource officers; and
77 (iii) Section 53G-8-704 for armed school security guards;
- 78 (b) have a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7,
79 Concealed Firearm Act;
- 80 (c) if the designee is an employee of an LEA, participate on the multidisciplinary team
81 the LEA establishes;
- 82 (d) coordinate security responses among, if applicable, the following individuals in the
83 LEA that employs the school safety and security director:
- 84 (i) school safety and security specialists;
85 (ii) school resource officers;
86 (iii) armed school security guards; and
87 (iv) school guardians; and
- 88 (e) collaborate and maintain effective communications with local law enforcement, a
89 county security chief, the LEA, and school-based behavioral and mental health
90 professionals to ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and
91 regulations relating to school safety and security.
- 92 (3) A school safety and security director:
- 93 (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and
94 (b) may, at the LEA that employs the director:
- 95 (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat;
96 (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school safety and security director has
97 reasonable cause to believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a
98 forcible felony[~~, as that term is defined in Section 76-2-402;~~] .

- 99 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 76-10-505.5(4), if a school safety and security director is
100 carrying a firearm, the school safety and security director shall carry the school safety
101 and security director's firearm in a concealed manner and may not, unless during an
102 active threat, display or open carry a firearm while on school grounds.
- 103 (5) A school may use the services of the school safety and security director on a temporary
104 basis to satisfy the school safety personnel requirement of Subsection 53G-8-701.5(2).
- 105 (6) The state security chief shall:
- 106 (a) for each school safety and security director, track each school safety and security
107 director by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each
108 school safety and security director; and
- 109 (b) make the information described in Subsection (6)(a) readily available to each law
110 enforcement agency in the state categorized by LEA.

111 **Section 4. Effective Date.**

112 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.