

1st Sub. H.B. 448
Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind Amendments

House Amendments

Amendment 2

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Representative **Stephen L. Whyte** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Line 373:*

373 for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind;
374 (c) consult regarding the entrance policies and procedures described in Section
375 53E-8-402; and
376 (d) **in accordance with Section 53E-8-407**, make recommendations regarding { } :
(i) the Educational Enrichment Program for Deaf { } **and**
377 Hard of Hearing { } **Students; and**
(ii) **the Educational Enrichment Program for** Blind { } **and Visually Impaired Students { ,in**
accordance with Section }
378 { **53E-8-407** } .
(3) **The advisory council may form subcommittees regarding the separate programs**
described in Subsection (2)(d).

2. *Line 457 through 462:*

457 Section **53E-8-407**. is amended to read:
458 **53E-8-407** Educational Enrichment Program for Deaf { } **and** Hard of Hearing { } **Students --**
Enrichment Program for Blind { }
459 and Visually Impaired Students -- Funding for the { **program** } **programs**.
460 (1) As used in this section, "program" means the enrichment programs this section creates.
461 [(1)](2) There is established[-]:
462 (a) the Educational Enrichment Program for Deaf[-] **and** Hard of Hearing[-] **Students; and**

3. *Line 472:*

472 accordance with Section 12 of the Utah Enabling Act and distributed by the director of
473 the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration under [~~Section~~]Sections
474 53C-3-103 and 53D-2-203.
(6) (a) **To ensure all students who qualify for the programs have an opportunity to**
participate:
(i) **an LEA shall:**
(A) **develop a communication plan to notify deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired,**
or deafblind students of opportunities the programs provide; or

- (B) provide to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind the directory information of each student described in Subsection (6)(a)(i)(A) within the LEA; and**
- (i) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind may only use the directory information described in Subsection (6)(a)(i)(B) to notify students of opportunities the programs provide.**
- (b) A parent may opt out of the notification described in Subsection (6)(a) at any time.**