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School Technology Amendments
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore
House Sponsor: Ariel Defay

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to internet policy in a public school.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- at parent request, requires the use of a specific content filtering system;
- requires the use of a parent monitoring system; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53G-7-1001, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

53G-7-1003, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3

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

Section 1. Section **53G-7-1001** is amended to read:

53G-7-1001 . Definitions.

[Reserved] As used in this part, "public school" means the same as that term is defined in

Section 53G-9-205.1.

Section 2. Section **53G-7-1003** is repealed and reenacted to read:

28 **53G-7-1003 . Process and content standards for policy.**29 (1) As used in this section:30 (a) "Parent-accessible monitoring system" means a technology platform that enables a
31 parent to review the activity of the parent's student on school managed devices.32 (b) "Policy" means the elementary and secondary school online access policy adopted by
33 a local school board to meet the requirements of Section 53G-7-1002.34 (c) "Preapproved content filtering system" means a method of internet access control
35 that permits use only of the websites or online resources the local school board or
36 school administrator preapproves.37 (2)(a) The local school board shall:38 (i) direct the development of each policy;39 (ii) adopt the policy in an open meeting;40 (iii) assign the policy an effective date;41 (iv) review the policy at least every three years;42 (v) add a footnote to the policy indicating the effective date of the last review; and43 (vi) post a notice of the policy's availability in a conspicuous place within each
44 school.45 (b) The local school board may issue a public notice, separate from the notice required
46 under Subsection (2)(a)(vi), if the school board considers issuing the notice
47 appropriate.48 (3) The local school board shall ensure that the policy:49 (a) restricts access to internet or online sites that contain obscene material;50 (b) states how the local school board intends to meet the requirements of Section
51 53G-7-1002;52 (c) at the request of a student's parent, requires the use of a preapproved content filtering
53 system when the student uses a school approved electronic device;54 (d) requires the use of a parent-accessible monitoring system;55 (e) informs the public that the school has adopted administrative procedures and
56 guidelines for staff to follow in enforcing the policy;57 (f) informs the public that the school has adopted procedures to handle complaints about:58 (i) the policy;59 (ii) the enforcement of the policy; and60 (iii) observed behavior; and61 (g) states that the procedures described in Subsections (3)(e) and (f) are available for

62 review at the school.

63 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

64 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.