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**Workforce Development**  
2026 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**  
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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes a statewide youth apprenticeship governance council and authorizes participation in the federal Workforce Pell Grant program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ authorizes the governor to delegate approval authority for eligible workforce programs to the Utah Board of Higher Education;
- ▶ authorizes the Department of Workforce Services to provide wage record data to the Utah Board of Higher Education;
- ▶ authorizes the Utah Board of Higher Education to enter into interstate agreements;
- ▶ provides governmental immunity;
- ▶ classifies certain student data as protected records;
- ▶ establishes the Statewide Youth Apprenticeship Governance Council to coordinate youth apprenticeship programs across state agencies and education providers; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53E-10-310**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

**53H-1-403**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 8

28 **53H-15-101**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,  
 29 Chapter 8

30 **63G-2-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 17

31 ENACTS:

32 **53H-11-416**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 **53H-13-312**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 **53H-15-306**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

36 **53H-15-305**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session,  
 37 Chapter 8

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

40 Section 1. Section **53E-10-310** is amended to read:

41 **53E-10-310 . Utah first credential program.**

42 (1) As used in this section:

43 (a) "Eligible institution" means an institution of higher education as defined in Section  
 44 53H-1-101.

45 (b) "First credential" means a certificate awarded by the state board to an eligible student  
 46 who meets the criteria described in Subsection (7).

47 (c)(i) "Industry-recognized credential" means a credential that is:

48 (A) developed and offered by, or endorsed by, a nationally recognized industry  
 49 association or organization representing a sizable portion of the industry sector;

50 (B) sought or accepted by employers within the industry or sector as a recognized,  
 51 preferred, or required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, or  
 52 advancement purposes; and

53 (C) regularly reviewed, updated, and validated by the issuing body to ensure  
 54 ongoing alignment with industry standards and labor market needs.

55 (ii) "Industry-recognized credential" may also include a credential offered through a  
 56 catalyst center as described in Section 53E-3-507.1.

57 (d) "Master credential list" means the list of [~~approved industry-recognized~~]credentials  
 58 that meets the first credential certificate requirements described in Subsection (7) and  
 59 is maintained by the state board in accordance with this section.

60 (e) "Program" means the first credential program described in this section.

61 (f) "Technical college" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53H-1-101.

- 62 (2) The commissioner of higher education, the state superintendent of public instruction,  
63 and the governor's education advisor shall establish the First Credential Oversight  
64 Committee comprised of:
- 65 (a) representatives from industries, including:
- 66 (i) members of professional associations or trade groups; and  
67 (ii) employers from high-demand sectors as the state board determines in  
68 collaboration with the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Department of  
69 Workforce Services;
- 70 (b) representatives from education including:
- 71 (i) members from the state board;  
72 (ii) the director of the Catalyst Center Grant Program described in Section  
73 53E-3-507.1;  
74 (iii) LEA administrators, such as a superintendent or charter school director;  
75 (iv) professionals from institutions of higher education, including technical colleges;  
76 (v) career and technical education specialists; and  
77 (vi) Talent Ready Utah; and
- 78 (c) workforce development experts, including representatives from the Department of  
79 Workforce Services.
- 80 (3) The state board shall staff the First Credential Oversight Committee.
- 81 (4) The First Credential Oversight Committee shall develop a first credential master plan,  
82 which shall include:
- 83 (a) a framework for developing and maintaining the master credential list;
- 84 (b) a comprehensive needs assessment framework that evaluates:
- 85 (i) resources available through institutions of higher education, including:
- 86 (A) faculty expertise and availability;  
87 (B) facilities and equipment;  
88 (C) existing certification programs; and  
89 (D) potential for program expansion;
- 90 (ii) industry partnership opportunities, including:
- 91 (A) geographical proximity to potential partners;  
92 (B) willingness of local industries to participate;  
93 (C) capacity for work-based learning placements; and  
94 (D) alignment between industry needs and educational capabilities; and  
95 (iii) general resource availability, including:

- 96 (A) current funding streams and potential funding sources;  
97 (B) existing technology infrastructure;  
98 (C) qualified personnel and staffing needs; and  
99 (D) professional development requirements;
- 100 (c) credential approval processes;  
101 (d) methods for ensuring industry demand alignment;  
102 (e) wage considerations for occupations associated with approved credentials;  
103 (f) clear definitions of industry-recognized credentials;  
104 (g) strategies for promoting stackability and sequencing of credentials;  
105 (h) approaches to ensure regional relevance of credentials;  
106 (i) mechanisms for collaboration between educational institutions, industry partners, and  
107 workforce development agencies;  
108 (j) strategies for continuous evaluation and improvement of the program;  
109 (k) the creation of a credentials review committee, including membership and duties;  
110 (l) in accordance with Subsection (17), an established framework of planning,  
111 implementation, and student outcome performance funding for an LEA administering  
112 first credential programming;
- 113 (m) a weighted system for the master credential list that:  
114 (i) assigns higher values to credentials based on:  
115 (A) alignment with high-demand, high-wage occupations;  
116 (B) incorporation of multiple learning pathways, including coursework,  
117 apprenticeships, internships, work-based learning, and related service  
118 opportunities;  
119 (C) industry recognition and portability; and  
120 (D) stackability with other credentials or degrees; and  
121 (ii) uses the weighted values to:  
122 (A) determine incentive funding levels;  
123 (B) prioritize program expansion support; and  
124 (C) guide student career planning; and
- 125 (n) guidelines for LEAs to procure industry-recognized certification program licenses,  
126 including:  
127 (i) verification that certifications appear on the master credential list;  
128 (ii) requirement for competency-based assessments in proctored environments;  
129 (iii) documentation of local industry endorsement; and

- 130 (iv) alignment with state and federal computer science initiatives where applicable,  
131 including the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program described in Section  
132 53H-13-306.
- 133 (5) In accordance with the Utah First Credential Master Plan, the state board shall:
- 134 (a) ensure that the credentials review committee membership reflects a balance of  
135 perspectives and expertise;
- 136 (b) develop an online application and submission system for credentialing organizations  
137 and providers to submit programs for inclusion in the master credential list;
- 138 (c) establish and maintain the master credential list based on the recommendations of the  
139 credentials review committee;
- 140 (d) develop clear mechanisms for students to understand how earning one credential can  
141 lead to higher-level certifications or degrees; and
- 142 (e) foster partnerships between high schools, technical colleges, employers, and  
143 apprenticeship programs to ensure students have access to meaningful work-based  
144 learning opportunities.
- 145 (6) The state board shall:
- 146 (a) automatically include on the initial master credential list any existing credential that:  
147 (i) meets the definition of industry-recognized credential under this section; and  
148 (ii) is currently recognized by the state board or Utah Board of Higher Education as  
149 of July 1, 2024; and
- 150 (b) review all automatically included credentials within one year to ensure ongoing  
151 compliance with program requirements.
- 152 (7) The state board shall award a first credential certificate to an eligible student who  
153 completes one of the following:
- 154 (a) concurrent enrollment courses, composed of:  
155 (i) between 12 and 18 core general education credits, or as industry standards dictate,  
156 with courses from different general education categories; or  
157 (ii) a prescribed set of courses as the Utah Board of Higher Education designates;
- 158 (b) an industry-recognized credential included on the master credential list;
- 159 (c) 300 hours of completion through a youth apprenticeship program that:  
160 (i) is described in Sections 35A-6-102 and 35A-6-104.5; and  
161 (ii) includes courses that fulfill the requirements for an industry-recognized credential  
162 included on the master credential list;
- 163 (d) completion of a technical college certificate; or

- 164 (e) completion of a Career and Technical Education Pathway program.
- 165 (8) The Utah Board of Higher Education shall ensure that credits earned for a first  
166 credential certificate are:
- 167 (a) accepted and transferable to institutions of higher education, including technical  
168 colleges;
- 169 (b) applicable towards relevant degree programs; and
- 170 (c) recognized by relevant industries as adequate preparation for employment.
- 171 (9) Subject to legislative appropriations, the Utah Board of Higher Education shall award a  
172 first credential scholarship to each student who earns a first credential certificate.
- 173 (10) The first credential scholarship may be used at the following institutions:
- 174 (a) an institution of higher education as defined in Section 53H-1-101; or
- 175 (b) a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the  
176 Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.
- 177 (11) The Utah Board of Higher Education shall annually determine the first credential  
178 scholarship amount based on:
- 179 (a) the number of eligible students; and
- 180 (b) appropriations made by the Legislature.
- 181 (12) A student may use the first credential scholarship for:
- 182 (a) tuition and fees;
- 183 (b) books and supplies; or
- 184 (c) other educational expenses as the Utah Board of Higher Education determines.
- 185 (13) The Utah Board of Higher Education shall ensure the scholarship is valid for use  
186 within three years from the date the student graduates from high school.
- 187 (14) A student may earn the first credential scholarship in addition to any other  
188 state-sponsored scholarships for which the student may be eligible.
- 189 (15) The first credential oversight committee shall present the master plan described in  
190 Subsection (4) to the Education Interim Committee by the November 2025 interim  
191 committee meeting.
- 192 (16) Every three years, the First Credential Oversight Committee shall:
- 193 (a) review the Utah First Credential Master Plan;
- 194 (b) as needed, create a list of recommendations and update the Utah First Credential  
195 Master Plan;
- 196 (c) report the list of recommendations and the updated Utah First Credential Master Plan  
197 to:

- 198 (i) the state board;
- 199 (ii) the Utah Board of Higher Education;
- 200 (iii) the Department of Workforce Services;
- 201 (iv) the Education Interim Committee; and
- 202 (v) the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee.
- 203 (17)(a) The state board shall administer a first credential grant program for an LEA and
- 204 award a grant in accordance with the following process.
- 205 (b) The First Credential Oversight Committee shall establish:
- 206 (i) a needs assessment tool that evaluates:
- 207 (A) an LEA's current first credential offering;
- 208 (B) an LEA's capacity to develop or expand a first credential pathway;
- 209 (C) resources and support needed for a first credential program, including
- 210 resources available through institutions of higher education, industry
- 211 partnership opportunities, and general resource availability; and
- 212 (D) each potential barrier to implementation; and
- 213 (ii) a continuum of need to place each applying LEA.
- 214 (c) An LEA seeking a first credential grant shall submit to the First Credential Oversight
- 215 Committee:
- 216 (i) a completed needs assessment; and
- 217 (ii) a grant application that contains:
- 218 (A) current first credential data, including current credentials offered;
- 219 (B) preliminary goals for creating or expanding first credential opportunities
- 220 within the LEA; and
- 221 (C) if applicable, plans for procurement of industry certification program licenses,
- 222 including certification details and alignment with master credential list,
- 223 documentation of employer endorsements, assessment and proctoring
- 224 procedures, and integration with existing computer science programs.
- 225 (d) The First Credential Oversight Committee shall:
- 226 (i) review each submitted application and needs assessment;
- 227 (ii) assign the LEA a placement on the continuum of need; and
- 228 (iii) provide to the LEA a specific requirement for an implementation plan based on:
- 229 (A) the LEA's continuum placement;
- 230 (B) each identified area for growth;
- 231 (C) each available resource; and

- 232 (D) each additional factor the First Credential Oversight Committee determines  
233 relevant.
- 234 (e) An LEA shall submit to the First Credential Oversight Committee an implementation  
235 plan that includes:
- 236 (i) specific goals for expanding a first credential opportunity;  
237 (ii) each implementation step and timeline;  
238 (iii) a detailed cost projection; and  
239 (iv) each additional element the committee requires based on the needs assessment  
240 results.
- 241 (f) The First Credential Oversight Committee shall:
- 242 (i) review the implementation plan;  
243 (ii) direct technical assistance to the LEA in accordance with the LEA's  
244 implementation plan;  
245 (iii) provide feedback to the LEA to improve the implementation plan;  
246 (iv) approve each implementation plan that meets the established criteria; and  
247 (v) award an implementation grant for each approved plan.
- 248 (g) Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board shall:
- 249 (i) award an incentive grant to an LEA that:
- 250 (A) has implemented an approved plan;  
251 (B) increases the number of students who earn a first credential certificate; and  
252 (C) achieves each established implementation goal; and
- 253 (ii) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
254 and in collaboration with the First Credential Oversight Committee, establish by  
255 rule:
- 256 (A) tiers for incentive grant awards;  
257 (B) performance metrics for continued funding;  
258 (C) reporting requirements for a grant recipient;  
259 (D) requirements for reporting certification program outcomes and industry  
260 alignment;  
261 (E) procedures for coordinating with computer science initiative grants; and  
262 (F) guidelines for certification program procurement and implementation.
- 263 (18) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and in  
264 collaboration with the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Department of  
265 Workforce Services, the state board shall make rules to implement the provisions of this

266 section.

267 Section 2. Section **53H-1-403** is amended to read:

268 **53H-1-403 . Other required reports to the Legislature or state level entities.**

269 (1) The following entities shall submit reports to the Education Interim Committee as  
270 described in each referenced section:

271 (a) the board shall submit:

272 (i) an annual report regarding the board's activities and performance against the  
273 board's goals and metrics as described in Section 53H-1-203;

274 (ii) an annual report detailing the board's progress and recommendations on  
275 workforce related issues as described in Section 53H-1-203;

276 (iii) a report regarding an institution compensating a student athlete for the use of the  
277 student athlete's name, image, or likeness as described in Section 53H-6-202; and

278 (iv) an annual report regarding the talent advisory councils as described in Section  
279 53H-13-309;

280 (b) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide a summary  
281 regarding the data collected from campus expression climate surveys as described in  
282 Section 53H-1-504;

283 (c) the Utah Education and Telehealth Network shall provide an annual report as  
284 described in Section 53H-4-213.7;

285 (d) an institution with and without housing facilities shall provide an annual report  
286 regarding crime statistics as described in Section 53H-7-603;

287 (e) the Center for Civic Excellence at Utah State University shall provide a report before  
288 July 1, 2029, regarding implementation as described in Section 53H-4-307.6;

289 (f) the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Advisory  
290 Board shall provide by July 1 each year a report as described in Section 53H-5-205;

291 (g) the Utah Data Research Center shall provide an annual report as described in [~~Section~~]  
292 Sections 53H-15-303 and 53H-15-306;

293 (h) the Higher Education and Corrections Council shall provide an annual report as  
294 described in Section 53H-1-604; [~~and~~]

295 (i) the youth apprenticeship council shall provide the written report as described in  
296 Section 53H-13-312; and

297 [(+)] (j) the commissioner shall provide, in collaboration with the entities described in  
298 Subsection 53H-13-405(1), an annual report regarding the cooperative education  
299 program as described in Section 53H-13-407.

- 300 (2) The following entities shall submit reports to the Executive Appropriations Committee  
301 as described in each referenced section:
- 302 (a) the board shall submit:
- 303 (i) in the September 2025 meeting, a report regarding institutions' strategic  
304 reinvestment plans as described in Section 53H-8-210; and
- 305 (ii) in the September 2026 and 2027 meetings, a report regarding the progress of  
306 institutions in executing the institutions' strategic reinvestment plan as described  
307 in Section 53H-8-210; and
- 308 (b) the Nucleus Institute shall provide an annual report as described in Section  
309 53H-16-406.
- 310 (3) The following entities shall submit reports to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and  
311 Environment Interim Committee as described in each referenced section:
- 312 (a) the Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center  
313 shall annually report as described in Section 53H-4-316; and
- 314 (b) the Utah State University Food Security Council shall prepare and submit an annual  
315 written report as described in Section 53H-4-313.
- 316 (4) The following entities shall submit reports to the Economic Development and  
317 Workforce Services Interim Committee as described in each referenced section:
- 318 (a) the commissioner shall provide, in collaboration with the entities described in  
319 Subsection 53H-13-405(1), an annual report regarding the cooperative education  
320 program as described in Section 53H-13-407;
- 321 (b) Utah State University shall provide a report every three years regarding the remote  
322 online opportunities program as described in Section 53H-4-312;
- 323 (c) the Utah State University Food Security Council shall prepare and submit an annual  
324 written report as described in Section 53H-4-313; and
- 325 (d) the Nucleus Institute shall provide an annual report as described in Section  
326 53H-16-406.
- 327 (5) The ASPIRE Engineering Research Center at Utah State University shall provide an  
328 annual report to the Transportation and Infrastructure Appropriations Subcommittee as  
329 described in Section 53H-4-306.6.
- 330 (6) The Utah Data Research Center shall provide an annual report to the Business and  
331 Labor Interim Committee as described in Section [53H-15-305] 53H-15-306.
- 332 (7) The board shall provide the following reports to state agencies and departments as  
333 described in each referenced section:

- 334 (a) to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management and others upon request,  
335 an annual technical college lease report as described in Section 53H-9-602;
- 336 (b) to the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, an annual report regarding  
337 number of credits awarded as described in Section 53H-3-703; and
- 338 (c) to the Rules Review and General Oversight Committee, an annual report regarding  
339 civil liberties complaints as described in Section 53H-7-303.
- 340 (8) The board shall provide to the general session of the Legislature for budget  
341 recommendation purposes an annual report regarding:
- 342 (a) waivers of tuition as described in Section 53H-11-307; and  
343 (b) nonresident tuition scholarships as described in Section 53H-11-405.
- 344 (9) An institution shall provide the following reports as described in each referenced  
345 section:
- 346 (a) to the institution's governing board and published on the governing board's website,  
347 the institution's required prohibited submissions described in Section 53H-1-502;
- 348 (b) to the board, disclosures of foreign gifts received as described in Section 53H-8-503;
- 349 (c) for a qualifying institution, to the board annually regarding the faculty incentive  
350 component of the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative as described in  
351 Section 53H-1-603;
- 352 (d) for a degree-granting institution:
- 353 (i) to the board annually regarding post-tenured data as described in Section  
354 53H-3-406; and
- 355 (ii) to the board annually regarding technical education as described in Section  
356 53H-3-609;
- 357 (e) for a technical college:
- 358 (i) to the board annually regarding secondary student needs and access to programs as  
359 described in Section 53H-3-1203; and
- 360 (ii) to the board annually regarding annual leases as described in Section 53H-9-602;
- 361 (f) on a date the board determines for 2026 and 2027, regarding the institution's progress  
362 in executing the institution's strategic reinvestment plan as described in Section  
363 53H-8-210;
- 364 (g) in accordance with rules the board establishes, to the board annually regarding the  
365 Opportunity scholarships awarded as described in Section 53H-11-402;
- 366 (h) in accordance with rules the board establishes, reports related to the promise grants  
367 as described in Section 53H-11-414;

- 368 (i) to the board annually regarding credit for prior learning as described in Section  
 369 53H-3-702; and
- 370 (j) for an institution with or without housing facilities, an annual report regarding crime  
 371 statistics to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee as  
 372 described in Section 53H-7-603.
- 373 (10) An institution's board of trustees shall provide to the board annually a report regarding  
 374 any approved contracts or grants as described in Section 53H-8-208.
- 375 (11) The commissioner shall provide the following reports as described in each referenced  
 376 section:
- 377 (a) an annual summary report regarding institutional matches for the faculty incentive  
 378 component of the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative as described in  
 379 Section 53H-1-603; and
- 380 (b) in collaboration with the entities described in Subsection 53H-13-405(1), an annual  
 381 report regarding the cooperative education program as described in Section  
 382 53H-13-407 to the Talent, Education, and Industry Alignment Board and the board.
- 383 (12) The Talent Ready Utah Program shall provide an annual report to the board as  
 384 described in Section 53H-13-304.
- 385 (13) The Utah Works Program shall provide an annual report to the board as described in  
 386 Section 53H-13-307.
- 387 (14) The University of Utah shall provide an annual report to the governor regarding the  
 388 engineering experiment station as described in Section 53H-4-208.
- 389 (15) The Center for Civic Excellence at Utah State University vice provost shall annually  
 390 report to the provost, the president of the institution, and the commissioner as described  
 391 in Section 53H-4-307.6.

392 Section 3. Section **53H-11-416** is enacted to read:

393 **53H-11-416 . Workforce Pell Grant program -- State participation authorized.**

394 (1) As used in this section:

395 (a) "Eligible workforce program" means an educational program that:

396 (i) an institution of higher education offers; and

397 (ii) the board approves for submission to the United States Secretary of Education for  
 398 consideration regarding participation in the federal Workforce Pell Grant program.

399 (b) "Federal Workforce Pell Grant program" means the program that Section 401 of the  
 400 Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070a, as amended, establishes to  
 401 provide federal Pell Grant assistance to students the federal government determines

- 402           are eligible and who enroll in eligible workforce programs.
- 403           (c) "Secretary" means the United States Secretary of Education.
- 404           (d) "Title IV programs" means federal student financial aid programs authorized under
- 405           Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq., including
- 406           the federal Pell Grant program and the federal Workforce Pell Grant program.
- 407       (2) The governor may delegate to the board, in consultation with the State Workforce
- 408           Development Board, the authority that federal law grants to the governor to approve
- 409           eligible workforce programs to submit to the secretary for consideration regarding
- 410           participation in the federal Workforce Pell Grant program.
- 411       (3) The board shall:
- 412           (a) receive applications from institutions of higher education that seek approval of
- 413           eligible workforce programs;
- 414           (b) determine whether a program meets the requirements that federal law and regulations
- 415           establish for eligible workforce programs;
- 416           (c) create an approved list of eligible programs to submit to the secretary for
- 417           consideration regarding participation in the federal Workforce Pell Grant program;
- 418           (d) certify the eligibility of approved programs to the United States Secretary of
- 419           Education;
- 420           (e) monitor programs that the board approves;
- 421           (f) reapprove programs as federal regulations require; and
- 422           (g) withdraw approval from programs that fail to meet federal or state requirements.
- 423       (4)(a) The board may limit the number of programs the board approves or the number of
- 424           institutions that may participate during any award year to ensure effective program
- 425           administration and quality control.
- 426           (b) The commissioner of higher education acts as the board's designee to execute
- 427           certifications, agreements, and other documents that federal regulations require.
- 428           (c) The board may contract with third-party vendors for data analysis, labor market
- 429           information, outcome tracking, or technical assistance necessary to perform the
- 430           board's duties under this section.
- 431       (5)(a)(i) The Department of Workforce Services shall provide to the board, upon the
- 432           board's request, unemployment insurance wage record data that the board needs to:
- 433                   (A) calculate completion rates and job placement rates for eligible workforce
- 434                   programs;
- 435                   (B) certify completion rates and job placement rates to the United States Secretary

- 436 of Education; and  
437 (C) verify student enrollment, completion, employment, and earnings for purposes  
438 of administering Title IV programs.
- 439 (ii) The Department of Workforce Services may contract with third-party vendors for  
440 data analysis, technical assistance, or services necessary to perform the  
441 department's duties under this section.
- 442 (b) The board may request and a state agency may provide to the board administrative  
443 data, including personally identifiable information, that the board needs to perform  
444 the board's duties under this section.
- 445 (c) The board shall:
- 446 (i) use data the board receives under this Subsection (5) only for purposes this section  
447 authorizes;
- 448 (ii) maintain the confidentiality and security of personally identifiable information  
449 the board receives;
- 450 (iii) comply with federal and state privacy laws; and
- 451 (iv) enter into data sharing agreements with state agencies that provide data under  
452 this Subsection (5).
- 453 (d) The board may share data with the United States Secretary of Education, the United  
454 States Secretary of Labor, or another state as federal law or an interstate agreement  
455 requires, subject to applicable privacy protections.
- 456 (e) An individual commits a class B misdemeanor if the individual knowingly or  
457 intentionally:
- 458 (i) discloses personally identifiable information the individual obtains under this  
459 Subsection (5) for a purpose this section does not authorize;
- 460 (ii) uses personally identifiable information the individual obtains under this  
461 Subsection (5) for a purpose this section does not authorize; or
- 462 (iii) accesses personally identifiable information the individual obtains under this  
463 Subsection (5) without authorization.
- 464 (6) The board may enter into agreements with another state to allow:
- 465 (a) students who reside in the state to enroll in eligible workforce programs that the  
466 other state approves; or
- 467 (b) students who reside in the other state to enroll in eligible workforce programs that  
468 the board approves.
- 469 (7) The board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah

- 470 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:
- 471 (a) establish procedures for institutions of higher education to apply for approval of
- 472 eligible workforce programs;
- 473 (b) establish criteria the board will use to determine whether a program meets federal
- 474 requirements for eligible workforce programs;
- 475 (c) establish procedures for the board to consult with the State Workforce Development
- 476 Board before the board approves a program;
- 477 (d) establish procedures for the board to calculate and certify completion rates and job
- 478 placement rates;
- 479 (e) establish procedures for the board to monitor, reapprove, and withdraw approval of
- 480 programs;
- 481 (f) require institutions that offer eligible workforce programs to disclose program
- 482 information to students; and
- 483 (g) implement this section and comply with federal requirements.
- 484 (8)(a) The board, the commissioner of higher education, and employees of the board
- 485 acting within the scope of employment have immunity from suit for a decision the
- 486 board, the commissioner, or an employee makes or an action the board, the
- 487 commissioner, or an employee takes regarding:
- 488 (i) approval or denial of an eligible workforce program;
- 489 (ii) withdrawal of approval of an eligible workforce program;
- 490 (iii) calculation or certification of completion rates or job placement rates; or
- 491 (iv) any other discretionary function this section authorizes.
- 492 (b) Subsection (8)(a) does not limit the immunity that Title 63G, Chapter 7,
- 493 Governmental Immunity Act of Utah, provides.
- 494 Section 4. Section **53H-13-312** is enacted to read:
- 495 **53H-13-312 . Statewide Youth Apprenticeship Governance Council -- Creation --**
- 496 **Membership -- Duties -- Reporting.**
- 497 (1) There is created the Statewide Youth Apprenticeship Governance Council to strengthen
- 498 collaboration across agencies, create system alignment, and ensure shared accountability
- 499 for developing and sustaining youth apprenticeship programs in the state.
- 500 (2) The youth apprenticeship council is composed of the following members:
- 501 (a) the director of the talent program or the director's designee;
- 502 (b) the state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee;
- 503 (c) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

- 504           (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the executive  
505           director's designee;
- 506           (e) the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity or the  
507           executive director's designee;
- 508           (f) three representatives from industry who have experience in apprenticeship or  
509           work-based learning programs, appointed by the talent board;
- 510           (g) one representative from a local education agency, appointed by the State Board of  
511           Education;
- 512           (h) one representative from an institution of higher education, appointed by the board;  
513           and
- 514           (i) any additional individuals the youth apprenticeship council determines necessary to  
515           fulfill the council's duties.
- 516       (3) The youth apprenticeship council shall select a chair and vice chair from among the  
517       members of the youth apprenticeship council.
- 518       (4) The youth apprenticeship council shall meet at least quarterly.
- 519       (5) Attendance of a majority of the members of the youth apprenticeship council constitutes  
520       a quorum for the transaction of official youth apprenticeship council business.
- 521       (6) Formal action by the youth apprenticeship council requires the majority vote of a  
522       quorum.
- 523       (7) A member of the youth apprenticeship council:
- 524           (a) may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service; and
- 525           (b) who is not employed by the state may receive per diem and travel expenses in  
526           accordance with:
- 527               (i) Section 63A-3-106;
- 528               (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and
- 529               (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106  
530               and 63A-3-107.
- 531       (8) The youth apprenticeship council shall:
- 532           (a) clarify and define the roles and responsibilities of state agencies involved in youth  
533           apprenticeship programs to:
- 534               (i) minimize duplication of efforts; and
- 535               (ii) ensure aligned action across the talent program, the State Board of Education, the  
536               board, and the Department of Workforce Services;
- 537           (b) develop and maintain:

- 538           (i) a statewide operational definition of youth apprenticeship; and  
539           (ii) shared program quality standards to ensure local education agencies, institutions  
540                 of higher education, and participating employers are aligned on a consistent  
541                 program model;
- 542           (c) coordinate cross-agency implementation structures by:  
543                 (i) establishing regular cross-agency meetings;  
544                 (ii) creating operational team structures; and  
545                 (iii) developing decision-making processes to support consistent and coordinated  
546                 implementation statewide;
- 547           (d) establish communication roles and protocols to:  
548                 (i) define how agencies coordinate communication efforts;  
549                 (ii) assign messaging responsibilities;  
550                 (iii) identify appropriate communication channels and processes; and  
551                 (iv) ensure consistency and avoid conflicting or duplicative outreach to students,  
552                 families, local education agencies, and employers;
- 553           (e) develop and recommend statewide strategies for:  
554                 (i) student incentives to support participation in youth apprenticeship programs; and  
555                 (ii) employer incentives to encourage engagement in youth apprenticeship programs;
- 556           (f) implement unified performance monitoring and integrated data systems by:  
557                 (i) developing shared performance measures; and  
558                 (ii) coordinating a data strategy to track participation, outcomes, and long-term  
559                 system impact;
- 560           (g) develop coordinated communication and phased statewide implementation plans that:  
561                 (i) establish consistent messaging across agencies;  
562                 (ii) establish statewide priorities for which industry sectors to prioritize; and  
563                 (iii) use workforce data and analysis of high-wage, in-demand careers to inform  
564                 prioritization; and
- 565           (h) perform other duties as directed by the talent board to support the development and  
566                 sustainability of youth apprenticeship programs in the state.
- 567           (9) The talent program shall provide staff support to the youth apprenticeship council.  
568           (10) The youth apprenticeship council shall report to the talent board:  
569                 (a) on the activities and progress of the youth apprenticeship council; and  
570                 (b) no less than twice each calendar year.
- 571           (11) No later than November 1, 2027, the youth apprenticeship council shall submit a

572 written report to the Education Interim Committee and the Economic Development and  
 573 Workforce Services Interim Committee that includes:  
 574 (a) recommendations on statewide funding needs for youth apprenticeship programs;  
 575 (b) recommendations on employer incentive structures; and  
 576 (c) a comprehensive statewide action plan for expanding youth apprenticeship  
 577 opportunities.

578 Section 5. Section **53H-15-101** is amended to read:

579 **53H-15-101 . General provisions -- Definitions.**

580 As used in this chapter:

- 581 (1) "Advisory board" means the Utah Data Research Advisory Board created in Section  
 582 53H-15-203.
- 583 (2) "Center" means the Utah Data Research Center created in Section 53H-15-202.
- 584 (3) "Data" means any information about a person stored in a physical or electronic record.
- 585 (4) "Data research program" means the data maintained by the center in accordance with  
 586 Section 53H-15-302.
- 587 (5) "De-identified data" means data about a person that cannot, without additional  
 588 information, identify the person to another person or machine.
- 589 (6) "Director" means the director of the Utah Data Research Center created in Section  
 590 53H-15-202.
- 591 (7) "Office" means the Office of the Legislative Auditor General created in Section  
 592 36-12-15.
- 593 (8) "Participating entity" means:
- 594 (a) the State Board of Education, which includes the director as defined in Section  
 595 53E-10-701;
- 596 (b) the board;
- 597 (c) the Department of Workforce Services;
- 598 (d) the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- 599 (e) the Department of Commerce.
- 600 (9) "Participating state agency" means a department, division, office, entity, agency, or  
 601 other unit of state government that provides data to the program described under Section  
 602 53H-15-305.
- 603 (10) "Personal data" means data as defined in Subsection 63A-19-101(24).
- 604 [~~9~~] (11) "Unique student identifier" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
 605 53E-4-308.

606 Section 6. Section **53H-15-305** is repealed and reenacted to read:

607 **53H-15-305 . Participating state agency access.**

- 608 (1) In addition to performing data research and responding to data research requests under  
609 Section 53H-15-303, the center shall maintain a program to support data collection,  
610 analysis, exchange, and for operational transactional purposes among participating state  
611 agencies to provide access to data to promote the improvement of public health,  
612 education, safety, and well-being of the state's citizenry and improvement of the overall  
613 efficiency of state agencies.
- 614 (2) The director shall provide bi-annual updates to the advisory board about the program in  
615 Subsection (1).
- 616 (3) The program described in Subsection (1):
- 617 (a) may collect, store, and process personal data as allowed under state and federal law;  
618 (b) shall include protections to prevent the unauthorized access, use, or redisclosure of  
619 personal data; and  
620 (c) shall be considered a high-risk processing activity under Subsection 63A-19-101(17).
- 621 (4) A participating state agency and the center shall include any contribution of personal  
622 data to the program described in Subsection (1) in the applicable personal data collection  
623 notice required under Section 63A-19-402.
- 624 (5) A participating state agency that chooses to contribute personal data to the program  
625 described in Subsection (1) shall comply with:
- 626 (a) guidelines established by the center; and  
627 (b) applicable state and federal data privacy laws.
- 628 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
629 center may create rules to establish:
- 630 (a) procedures for submitting personal data under this section;  
631 (b) procedures consistent with applicable federal and state data confidentiality and  
632 privacy provisions to prevent the unauthorized access, use, or redisclosure of  
633 personal data; and  
634 (c) any additional requirements needed to administer this section.
- 635 (7) Before contributing personal data to the program described in Subsection (1), a  
636 participating state agency and the center shall enter into a written agreement that:
- 637 (a) specifies the personal data that the participating state agency will share with the  
638 center;  
639 (b) defines the purposes for which the center may use the personal data contributed by

- 640 the participating state agency; and
- 641 (c) establishes timelines for disposing of personal data the participating state agency
- 642 discloses when:
- 643 (i) the personal data is no longer needed for the program described in Subsection (1);
- 644 or
- 645 (ii) required by state or federal law.
- 646 (8) The center may create a fee schedule in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 for
- 647 completing an operational transactional service.
- 648 (9) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring an entity to provide personal data
- 649 to the program described in Subsection (1).
- 650 (10) The program described in Subsection (1) is not subject to Title 63G, Chapter 2,
- 651 Government Records Access and Management Act.
- 652 Section 7. Section **53H-15-306** is enacted to read:
- 653 **53H-15-306 . Reporting.**
- 654 (1) The center shall report to the Education Interim Committee and Business and Labor
- 655 Interim Committee:
- 656 (a) before July 1 of each year regarding the center's:
- 657 (i) research and service priorities for the year;
- 658 (ii) completed research from the previous year; and
- 659 (iii) activities and accomplishments in the previous year; and
- 660 (b) before December 1 of each year, the center's ongoing data research and service
- 661 priority list described in Subsection 53H-15-303(2).
- 662 (2) The Education Interim Committee shall provide the center ongoing input regarding the
- 663 center's activities and data research priorities.
- 664 Section 8. Section **63G-2-103** is amended to read:
- 665 **63G-2-103 . Definitions.**
- 666 As used in this chapter:
- 667 (1) "Audit" means:
- 668 (a) a systematic examination of financial, management, program, and related records for
- 669 the purpose of determining the fair presentation of financial statements, adequacy of
- 670 internal controls, or compliance with laws and regulations; or
- 671 (b) a systematic examination of program procedures and operations for the purpose of
- 672 determining their effectiveness, economy, efficiency, and compliance with statutes
- 673 and regulations.

- 674 (2) "Chief administrative officer" means the chief administrative officer of a governmental  
675 entity who is responsible to fulfill the duties described in Section 63A-12-103.
- 676 (3) "Chronological logs" mean the regular and customary summary records of law  
677 enforcement agencies and other public safety agencies that show:  
678 (a) the time and general nature of police, fire, and paramedic calls made to the agency;  
679 and  
680 (b) any arrests or jail bookings made by the agency.
- 681 (4) "Classification," "classify," and their derivative forms mean determining whether a  
682 record series, record, or information within a record is public, private, controlled,  
683 protected, or exempt from disclosure under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).
- 684 (5)(a) "Computer program" means:  
685 (i) a series of instructions or statements that permit the functioning of a computer  
686 system in a manner designed to provide storage, retrieval, and manipulation of  
687 data from the computer system; and  
688 (ii) any associated documentation and source material that explain how to operate the  
689 computer program.
- 690 (b) "Computer program" does not mean:  
691 (i) the original data, including numbers, text, voice, graphics, and images;  
692 (ii) analysis, compilation, and other manipulated forms of the original data produced  
693 by use of the program; or  
694 (iii) the mathematical or statistical formulas, excluding the underlying mathematical  
695 algorithms contained in the program, that would be used if the manipulated forms  
696 of the original data were to be produced manually.
- 697 (6)(a) "Contractor" means:  
698 (i) any person who contracts with a governmental entity to provide goods or services  
699 directly to a governmental entity; or  
700 (ii) any private, nonprofit organization that receives funds from a governmental entity.
- 701 (b) "Contractor" does not mean a private provider.
- 702 (7) "Controlled record" means a record containing data on individuals that is controlled as  
703 provided by Section 63G-2-304.
- 704 (8) "Designation," "designate," and their derivative forms mean indicating, based on a  
705 governmental entity's familiarity with a record series or based on a governmental entity's  
706 review of a reasonable sample of a record series, the primary classification that a  
707 majority of records in a record series would be given if classified and the classification

- 708 that other records typically present in the record series would be given if classified.
- 709 (9) "Elected official" means each person elected to a state office, county office, municipal  
710 office, school board or school district office, special district office, or special service  
711 district office, but does not include judges.
- 712 (10) "Explosive" means a chemical compound, device, or mixture:
- 713 (a) commonly used or intended for the purpose of producing an explosion; and
- 714 (b) that contains oxidizing or combustive units or other ingredients in proportions,  
715 quantities, or packing so that:
- 716 (i) an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or detonator of any part of the  
717 compound or mixture may cause a sudden generation of highly heated gases; and
- 718 (ii) the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of:
- 719 (A) producing destructive effects on contiguous objects; or
- 720 (B) causing death or serious bodily injury.
- 721 (11) "Government audit agency" means any governmental entity that conducts an audit.
- 722 (12)(a) "Governmental entity" means:
- 723 (i) executive department agencies of the state, the offices of the governor, lieutenant  
724 governor, state auditor, attorney general, and state treasurer, the Board of Pardons  
725 and Parole, the Board of Examiners, the National Guard, the Career Service  
726 Review Office, the State Board of Education, the Utah Board of Higher  
727 Education, and the State Archives;
- 728 (ii) the Office of the Legislative Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Fiscal  
729 Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, the Legislature, and  
730 legislative committees, except any political party, group, caucus, or rules or sifting  
731 committee of the Legislature;
- 732 (iii) courts, the Judicial Council, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and similar  
733 administrative units in the judicial branch;
- 734 (iv) any state-funded institution of higher education or public education; or
- 735 (v) any political subdivision of the state, but, if a political subdivision has adopted an  
736 ordinance or a policy relating to information practices pursuant to Section  
737 63G-2-701, this chapter shall apply to the political subdivision to the extent  
738 specified in Section 63G-2-701 or as specified in any other section of this chapter  
739 that specifically refers to political subdivisions.
- 740 (b) "Governmental entity" also means:
- 741 (i) every office, agency, board, bureau, committee, department, advisory board, or

- 742 commission of an entity listed in Subsection (12)(a) that is funded or established  
743 by the government to carry out the public's business;
- 744 (ii) as defined in Section 11-13-103, an interlocal entity or joint or cooperative  
745 undertaking, except for the Water District Water Development Council created  
746 pursuant to Section 11-13-228;
- 747 (iii) as defined in Section 11-13a-102, a governmental nonprofit corporation;
- 748 (iv) an association as defined in Section 53G-7-1101;
- 749 (v) the Utah Independent Redistricting Commission; and
- 750 (vi) a law enforcement agency, as defined in Section 53-1-102, that employs one or  
751 more law enforcement officers, as defined in Section 53-13-103.
- 752 (c) "Governmental entity" does not include:
- 753 (i) the Utah Educational Savings Plan created in Section 53H-10-202[-] ; or  
754 (ii) the Workforce Pell Grant program created in Section 53H-11-416.
- 755 (13) "Government Records Office" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
756 63A-12-201.
- 757 (14) "Gross compensation" means every form of remuneration payable for a given period to  
758 an individual for services provided including salaries, commissions, vacation pay,  
759 severance pay, bonuses, and any board, rent, housing, lodging, payments in kind, and  
760 any similar benefit received from the individual's employer.
- 761 (15) "Individual" means a human being.
- 762 (16)(a) "Initial contact report" means an initial written or recorded report, however  
763 titled, prepared by peace officers engaged in public patrol or response duties  
764 describing official actions initially taken in response to either a public complaint  
765 about or the discovery of an apparent violation of law, which report may describe:
- 766 (i) the date, time, location, and nature of the complaint, the incident, or offense;
- 767 (ii) names of victims;
- 768 (iii) the nature or general scope of the agency's initial actions taken in response to the  
769 incident;
- 770 (iv) the general nature of any injuries or estimate of damages sustained in the incident;
- 771 (v) the name, address, and other identifying information about any person arrested or  
772 charged in connection with the incident; or
- 773 (vi) the identity of the public safety personnel, except undercover personnel, or  
774 prosecuting attorney involved in responding to the initial incident.
- 775 (b) "Initial contact [reports do] report" does not include follow-up or investigative reports

776 prepared after the initial contact report. However, if the information specified in  
777 Subsection (16)(a) appears in follow-up or investigative reports, it may only be  
778 treated confidentially if it is private, controlled, protected, or exempt from disclosure  
779 under Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).

780 (c) "Initial contact [reports do] report" does not include accident reports, as that term is  
781 described in Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 4, Accident Responsibilities.

782 (17) "Legislative body" means the Legislature.

783 (18) "Notice of compliance" means a statement confirming that a governmental entity has  
784 complied with an order of the director of the Government Records Office.

785 (19) "Person" means:

786 (a) an individual;

787 (b) a nonprofit or profit corporation;

788 (c) a partnership;

789 (d) a sole proprietorship;

790 (e) other type of business organization; or

791 (f) any combination acting in concert with one another.

792 (20) "Private provider" means any person who contracts with a governmental entity to  
793 provide services directly to the public.

794 (21) "Private record" means a record containing data on individuals that is private as  
795 provided by Section 63G-2-302.

796 (22) "Protected record" means a record that is classified protected as provided by Section  
797 63G-2-305.

798 (23) "Public record" means a record that is not private, controlled, or protected and that is  
799 not exempt from disclosure as provided in Subsection 63G-2-201(3)(b).

800 (24) "Reasonable search" means a search that is:

801 (a) reasonable in scope and intensity; and

802 (b) not unreasonably burdensome for the government entity.

803 (25)(a) "Record" means a book, letter, document, paper, map, plan, photograph, film,  
804 card, tape, recording, electronic data, or other documentary material regardless of  
805 physical form or characteristics:

806 (i) that is prepared, owned, received, or retained by a governmental entity or political  
807 subdivision; and

808 (ii) where all of the information in the original is reproducible by photocopy or other  
809 mechanical or electronic means.

- 810 (b) "Record" does not include:
- 811 (i) a personal note or personal communication prepared or received by an employee
- 812 or officer of a governmental entity:
- 813 (A) in a capacity other than the employee's or officer's governmental capacity; or
- 814 (B) that is unrelated to the conduct of the public's business;
- 815 (ii) a temporary draft or similar material prepared for the originator's personal use or
- 816 prepared by the originator for the personal use of an individual for whom the
- 817 originator is working;
- 818 (iii) material that is legally owned by an individual in the individual's private capacity;
- 819 (iv) material to which access is limited by the laws of copyright or patent unless the
- 820 copyright or patent is owned by a governmental entity or political subdivision;
- 821 (v) proprietary software;
- 822 (vi) junk mail or a commercial publication received by a governmental entity or an
- 823 official or employee of a governmental entity;
- 824 (vii) a book that is cataloged, indexed, or inventoried and contained in the collections
- 825 of a library open to the public;
- 826 (viii) material that is cataloged, indexed, or inventoried and contained in the
- 827 collections of a library open to the public, regardless of physical form or
- 828 characteristics of the material;
- 829 (ix) a daily calendar[-];
- 830 (x) a note prepared by the originator for the originator's own use or for the sole use of
- 831 an individual for whom the originator is working;
- 832 (xi) a computer program that is developed or purchased by or for any governmental
- 833 entity for its own use;
- 834 (xii) a note or internal memorandum prepared as part of the deliberative process by:
- 835 (A) a member of the judiciary;
- 836 (B) an administrative law judge;
- 837 (C) a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole; or
- 838 (D) a member of any other body, other than an association or appeals panel as
- 839 defined in Section 53G-7-1101, charged by law with performing a
- 840 quasi-judicial function;
- 841 (xiii) a telephone number or similar code used to access a mobile communication
- 842 device that is used by an employee or officer of a governmental entity, provided
- 843 that the employee or officer of the governmental entity has designated at least one

- 844 business telephone number that is a public record as provided in Section  
 845 63G-2-301;
- 846 (xiv) information provided by the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program,  
 847 created in Section 49-20-103, to a county to enable the county to calculate the  
 848 amount to be paid to a health care provider under Subsection 17-63-706(2)(e)(ii);
- 849 (xv) information that an owner of unimproved property provides to a local entity as  
 850 provided in Section 11-42-205;
- 851 (xvi) a video or audio recording of an interview, or a transcript of the video or audio  
 852 recording, that is conducted at a Children's Justice Center established under  
 853 Section 67-5b-102;
- 854 (xvii) child sexual abuse material, as defined by Section 76-5b-103;
- 855 (xviii) before final disposition of an ethics complaint occurs, a video or audio  
 856 recording of the closed portion of a meeting or hearing of:
- 857 (A) a Senate or House Ethics Committee;
- 858 (B) the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission;
- 859 (C) the Independent Executive Branch Ethics Commission, created in Section  
 860 63A-14-202; or
- 861 (D) the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission established in Section  
 862 63A-15-201;
- 863 (xix) confidential communication described in Section 58-60-102, 58-61-102, or  
 864 58-61-702;
- 865 (xx) any item described in Subsection (25)(a) that is:
- 866 (A) described in Subsection 63G-2-305(17), (18), or (23)(b); and
- 867 (B) shared between any of the following entities:
- 868 (I) the Division of Risk Management;
- 869 (II) the Office of the Attorney General;
- 870 (III) the governor's office; or
- 871 (IV) the Legislature;
- 872 (xxi) the email address that a candidate for elective office provides to a filing officer  
 873 under Subsection 20A-9-201(5)(c)(ii) or 20A-9-203(4)(c)(iv); or
- 874 (xxii) except as provided in Sections 31A-16-105, 31A-16-107.5, and 27a-3-303, an  
 875 investment policy, or information related to an investment policy, provided to the  
 876 insurance commissioner as described in Title 31A, Chapter 18, Investments.
- 877 (26) "Record series" means a group of records that may be treated as a unit for purposes of

- 878 designation, description, management, or disposition.
- 879 (27) "Records officer" means the individual appointed by the chief administrative officer of  
880 each governmental entity, or the political subdivision to work with state archives in the  
881 care, maintenance, scheduling, designation, classification, disposal, and preservation of  
882 records.
- 883 (28) "Schedule," "scheduling," and their derivative forms mean the process of specifying  
884 the length of time each record series should be retained by a governmental entity for  
885 administrative, legal, fiscal, or historical purposes and when each record series should be  
886 transferred to the state archives or destroyed.
- 887 (29) "Sponsored research" means research, training, and other sponsored activities as  
888 defined by the federal Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and  
889 Budget:
- 890 (a) conducted:
- 891 (i) by an institution within the state system of higher education described in Section  
892 53H-1-102; and
- 893 (ii) through an office responsible for sponsored projects or programs; and
- 894 (b) funded or otherwise supported by an external:
- 895 (i) person that is not created or controlled by the institution within the state system of  
896 higher education; or
- 897 (ii) federal, state, or local governmental entity.
- 898 (30) "State archives" means the Division of Archives and Records Service created in  
899 Section 63A-12-101.
- 900 (31) "State archivist" means the director of the state archives.
- 901 (32) "Summary data" means statistical records and compilations that contain data derived  
902 from private, controlled, or protected information but that do not disclose private,  
903 controlled, or protected information.

904 **Section 9. Effective Date.**

905 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.