

Matt MacPherson proposes the following substitute bill:

Public Education Information System

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to student information systems for local education agencies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the State Board of Education to procure a statewide student information system;
- allows a local education agency to maintain the agency's own student information system under certain conditions;
- establishes requirements for local education agency-maintained systems;
- establishes enforcement provisions for noncompliance;
- requires audits of certain local education agencies;
- establishes implementation timelines; and
- makes conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-3-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 277

53E-3-511, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 164, 381

53E-3-518, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 21, 24

53E-9-303, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186

53E-9-308, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 328, 381

53F-2-205, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 7

29 **53F-2-311**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 165
 30 **53G-4-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 16
 31 **53G-5-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 501

32 ENACTS:

33 **53E-3-527**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
 34 **53E-3-528**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

37 Section 1. Section **53E-3-301** is amended to read:

38 **53E-3-301 . Appointment -- Qualifications -- Duties.**

- 39 (1)(a) The state board shall appoint a state superintendent of public instruction, who is
 40 the executive officer of the state board and serves at the pleasure of the state board.
 41 (b) The state board shall appoint the state superintendent on the basis of outstanding
 42 professional qualifications.
 43 (c) The state superintendent shall administer all programs assigned to the state board in
 44 accordance with the policies and the standards established by the state board.
 45 (2) The state board shall, with the state superintendent, develop a statewide education
 46 strategy focusing on core academics, including the development of:
 47 (a) core standards for Utah public schools and graduation requirements;
 48 (b) a process to select model instructional materials that best correlate with the core
 49 standards for Utah public schools and graduation requirements that are supported by
 50 generally accepted scientific standards of evidence;
 51 (c) professional development programs for teachers, superintendents, and principals;
 52 (d) model remediation programs;
 53 (e) a model method for creating individual student learning targets, and a method of
 54 measuring an individual student's performance toward those targets;
 55 (f) progress-based assessments for ongoing performance evaluations of school districts
 56 and schools;
 57 (g) incentives to achieve the desired outcome of individual student progress in core
 58 academics that do not create disincentives for setting high goals for the students;
 59 (h) an annual report card for school and school district performance, measuring learning
 60 and reporting progress-based assessments;
 61 (i) a systematic method to encourage innovation in schools and school districts as each
 62 strives to achieve improvement in performance; and

- 63 (j) a method for identifying and sharing best demonstrated practices across school [-]
64 districts and schools.
- 65 (3) The state superintendent shall perform duties assigned by the state board, including:
66 (a) investigating all matters pertaining to the public schools;
67 (b) adopting and keeping an official seal to authenticate the state superintendent's
68 official acts;
69 (c) holding and conducting meetings, seminars, and conferences on educational topics;
70 (d) collecting and organizing education data into an automated decision support system
71 to facilitate school district and school improvement planning, accountability
72 reporting, performance recognition, and the evaluation of educational policy and
73 program effectiveness to include:
74 (i) data that are:
75 (A) comparable across schools and school districts;
76 (B) appropriate for use in longitudinal studies; and
77 (C) comprehensive with regard to the data elements required under applicable
78 state or federal law or state board rule;
79 (ii) features that enable users, most particularly school administrators, teachers, and
80 parents, to:
81 (A) retrieve school and school district level data electronically;
82 (B) interpret the data visually; and
83 (C) draw conclusions that are statistically valid; and
84 (iii) procedures for the collection and management of education data that:
85 (A) require the state superintendent to:
86 (I) collaborate with school districts and charter schools in designing and
87 implementing uniform data standards and definitions;
88 (II) undertake or sponsor research to implement improved methods for
89 analyzing education data;
90 (III) provide for data security to prevent unauthorized access to or
91 contamination of the data; and
92 (IV) protect the confidentiality of data under state and federal privacy laws; and
93 (B) require all school districts and schools to comply with the data collection and
94 management procedures established under this Subsection (3)(d);
95 (e) administering and implementing federal educational programs in accordance with
96 Part 8, Implementing Federal or National Education Programs; and

- 97 (f) with the approval of the state board, preparing and submitting to the governor a
98 budget for the state board to be included in the budget that the governor submits to
99 the Legislature.
- 100 (4) Upon leaving office, the state superintendent shall deliver to the state superintendent's
101 successor all books, records, documents, maps, reports, papers, and other articles
102 pertaining to the state superintendent's office.
- 103 (5) Beginning July 1, 2031, the state board shall collect all data required under this section
104 through the statewide student information system established under Section 53E-3-527.
- 105 Section 2. Section **53E-3-511** is amended to read:
106 **53E-3-511 . Student Achievement Backpack -- Utah Student Record Store.**
- 107 (1) As used in this section:
- 108 (a) "Authorized LEA user" means a teacher or other person who is:
109 (i) employed by an LEA that provides instruction to a student; and
110 (ii) authorized to access data in a Student Achievement Backpack through the Utah
111 Student Record Store.
- 112 (b) "Statewide assessment" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-4-301.
- 113 (c) "Student Achievement Backpack" means, for a student from kindergarten through
114 grade 12, a complete learner profile that:
115 (i) is in electronic format;
116 (ii) follows the student from grade to grade and school to school; and
117 (iii) is accessible by the student's parent or an authorized LEA user.
- 118 (d) "Utah Student Record Store" means a repository of student data collected from LEAs
119 as part of the state's longitudinal data system that is:
120 (i) managed by the state board;
121 (ii) cloud-based; and
122 (iii) accessible via a web browser to authorized LEA users.
- 123 (2)(a) The state board shall use the state board's robust, comprehensive data collection
124 system, which collects longitudinal student transcript data from LEAs and the unique
125 student identifiers as described in Section 53E-4-308, to allow the following to access
126 a student's Student Achievement Backpack:
127 (i) the student's parent; and
128 (ii) each LEA that provides instruction to the student.
- 129 (b) The state board shall ensure that a Student Achievement Backpack:
130 (i) provides a uniform, transparent reporting mechanism for individual student

- 131 progress;
- 132 (ii) provides a complete learner history for postsecondary planning;
- 133 (iii) provides a teacher with visibility into a student's complete learner profile to
- 134 better inform instruction and personalize education;
- 135 (iv) assists a teacher or administrator in diagnosing a student's learning needs through
- 136 the use of data already collected by the state board;
- 137 (v) facilitates a student's parent taking an active role in the student's education by
- 138 simplifying access to the student's complete learner profile; and
- 139 (vi) serves as additional disaster mitigation for LEAs by using a cloud-based data
- 140 storage and collection system.
- 141 (3) Using existing information collected and stored in the state board's data warehouse, the
- 142 state board shall create the Utah Student Record Store where an authorized LEA user
- 143 may:
- 144 (a) access data in a Student Achievement Backpack relevant to the user's LEA or school;
- 145 or
- 146 (b) request student records to be transferred from one LEA to another.
- 147 (4) The state board shall implement security measures to ensure that:
- 148 (a) student data stored or transmitted to or from the Utah Student Record Store is secure
- 149 and confidential pursuant to the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and
- 150 Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g;
- 151 (b) an authorized LEA user may only access student data that is relevant to the user's
- 152 LEA or school; and
- 153 (c) except as provided in Section 53E-9-308, an authorized LEA user shares only
- 154 aggregate or de-identified data.
- 155 (5) A student's parent may request the student's Student Achievement Backpack from the
- 156 LEA or the school in which the student is enrolled.
- 157 (6) An authorized LEA user may access student data in a Student Achievement Backpack,
- 158 which shall include the following data, or request that the data be transferred from one
- 159 LEA to another:
- 160 (a) student demographics;
- 161 (b) course grades;
- 162 (c) course history; and
- 163 (d) results of a statewide assessment.
- 164 (7) An authorized LEA user may access student data in a Student Achievement Backpack,

165 which shall include the data listed in Subsections (6)(a) through (d) and the following
 166 data, or request that the data be transferred from one LEA to another:

- 167 (a) section attendance;
- 168 (b) the name of a student's teacher for classes or courses the student takes;
- 169 (c) teacher qualifications for a student's teacher, including years of experience, degree,
 170 license, and endorsement;
- 171 (d) results of statewide assessments;
- 172 (e) a student's writing sample that is written for a writing assessment administered
 173 pursuant to Section 53E-4-303;
- 174 (f) student growth scores on a statewide assessment, as applicable;
- 175 (g) a school's performance as reported in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 2, School
 176 Accountability System;
- 177 (h) results of benchmark assessments of reading administered pursuant to Section
 178 53E-4-307; and
- 179 (i) a student's reading level at the end of grade 3.

180 (8) ~~[No later than July 1, 2024, the]~~ The state board shall ensure that data collected in the
 181 Utah Student Record Store for a Student Achievement Backpack is integrated into each
 182 LEA's student information system and is made available to a student's parent and an
 183 authorized LEA user in an easily accessible viewing format.

184 (9) Beginning July 1, 2031:

- 185 (a) the state board shall maintain all Student Achievement Backpack data within the
 186 statewide student information system established under Section 53E-3-527; and
- 187 (b) an LEA shall access Student Achievement Backpack data through the statewide
 188 student information system established under Section 53E-3-527 or through an
 189 LEA-maintained system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528.

190 Section 3. Section **53E-3-518** is amended to read:

191 **53E-3-518 . Utah school information management system -- Local education**
 192 **agency requirements.**

193 (1) As used in this section:

- 194 (a) "LEA data system" or "LEA's data system" means a data system that:
 - 195 (i) is developed, selected, or relied upon by an LEA; and
 - 196 (ii) the LEA uses to collect data or submit data to the state board related to:
 - 197 (A) student information;
 - 198 (B) educator information;

- 199 (C) financial information; or
 200 (D) other information requested by the state board.
- 201 (b) "LEA financial information system" or "LEA's financial information system" means
 202 an LEA data system used for financial information.
- 203 (c) "Parent" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-6-201.
- 204 (d) "Utah school information management system" or "information management
 205 system" means the state board's data collection and reporting system described in this
 206 section.
- 207 (e) "User" means an individual who has authorized access to the information
 208 management system.
- 209 (2) [~~On or before July 1, 2024, the~~] The state board shall have in place an information
 210 management system that meets the requirements described in this section.
- 211 (3) The state board shall ensure that the information management system:
- 212 (a) interfaces with:
- 213 (i) an LEA's data systems that meet the requirements described in Subsection (7);
 214 (ii) where appropriate, the systems described in Subsections 53-10-302(7) and (8);
 215 and
- 216 (iii) the public safety portal described in Section 63A-16-1002;[~~and~~]
- 217 (b) serves as the mechanism for the state board to collect and report on all data that
 218 LEAs submit to the state board related to:
- 219 (i) student information;
 220 (ii) educator information;
 221 (iii) financial information; and
 222 (iv) other information requested by the state board;
- 223 (c) includes a web-based user interface through which a user may:
- 224 (i) enter data;
 225 (ii) view data; and
 226 (iii) generate customizable reports;
- 227 (d) includes a data warehouse and other hardware or software necessary to store or
 228 process data submitted by an LEA;
- 229 (e) provides for data privacy, including by complying with Chapter 9, Student Privacy
 230 and Data Protection;
- 231 (f) restricts user access based on each user's role; and
 232 (g) meets requirements related to a student achievement backpack described in Section

- 233 53E-3-511.
- 234 (4) [~~On or before January 31, 2026, the~~] The state board shall:
- 235 (a) ensure the information management system described in this section allows for the
- 236 transfer of a student's transcript, current IEP, or Section 504 accommodation plan,
- 237 including the tracking of necessary accommodations and services between:
- 238 (i) different LEA student information systems; and
- 239 (ii) an authorized online course provider and a primary LEA; and
- 240 (b) ensure the transfer capability described in Subsection (4)(a) is available for the same
- 241 use within the operating system the state board uses for the Statewide Online
- 242 Education Program described in Title 53F, Chapter 4, Part 5, Statewide Online
- 243 Education Program.
- 244 (5) The state board shall establish the restrictions on user access described in Subsection
- 245 (3)(f).
- 246 (6)(a) The state board shall make rules that establish the required capabilities for an LEA
- 247 financial information system.
- 248 (b) In establishing the required capabilities for an LEA financial information system, the
- 249 state board shall consider metrics and capabilities requested by the state treasurer or
- 250 state auditor.
- 251 (7)(a) [~~On or before July 1, 2024, an~~] An LEA shall ensure that:
- 252 (i) all of the LEA's data systems:
- 253 (A) meet the data standards established by the state board in accordance with
- 254 Section 53E-3-501;
- 255 (B) are fully compatible with the state board's information management system;
- 256 and
- 257 (C) meet specification standards determined by the state board; and
- 258 (ii) the LEA's financial information system meets the requirements described in
- 259 Subsection (6).
- 260 (b) An LEA shall ensure that an LEA data system purchased or developed on or after
- 261 May 14, 2019, will be compatible with the information management system when the
- 262 information management system is fully operational.
- 263 (8)(a) Subject to appropriations and Subsection (8)(b), the state board may use an
- 264 appropriation under this section to help an LEA meet the requirements in the rules
- 265 described in Subsection (6) by:
- 266 (i) providing to the LEA funding for implementation and sustainment of the LEA

- 267 financial information system, either through:
- 268 (A) awarding a grant to the LEA; or
- 269 (B) providing a reimbursement to the LEA; or
- 270 (ii) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, procuring a
- 271 financial information system on behalf of an LEA for the LEA to use as the LEA's
- 272 financial information system.
- 273 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 274 state board shall make rules describing:
- 275 (i) how an LEA may apply to the state board for the assistance described in
- 276 Subsection (8)(a); and
- 277 (ii) criteria for the state board to provide the assistance to an LEA.
- 278 (9)(a) [~~Beginning July 1, 2024, the~~] The state board may take action against an LEA that
- 279 is out of compliance with a requirement described in Subsection (7) until the LEA
- 280 complies with the requirement.
- 281 (b) An action described in Subsection (9)(a) may include the state board withholding
- 282 funds from the LEA.
- 283 (10)(a) For purposes of this Subsection (10), "education record" means the same as that
- 284 term is defined in 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g.
- 285 (b) The state board shall, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 286 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish a procedure under which:
- 287 (i) a parent may submit information as part of the education records for the parent's
- 288 student;
- 289 (ii) the information submitted by the parent is maintained as part of the education
- 290 records for the parent's student;
- 291 (iii) information submitted by the parent and maintained as part of the education
- 292 records for the parent's student may be removed at the request of the parent; and
- 293 (iv) a parent has access only to the education records of the parent's student in
- 294 accordance with Subsection (10)(d).
- 295 (c) The rules made under this Subsection (10) shall allow a parent to submit or remove
- 296 information submitted by the parent under this Subsection (10) at least annually,
- 297 including at the time of:
- 298 (i) registering a student in a school; or
- 299 (ii) changing the school in which a student attends.
- 300 (d) Subject to the federal Family [~~Education~~] Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20

301 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g, and related regulations, the state board shall provide a parent
 302 access to an education record concerning the parent's student.
 303 (e) The state board shall create in the information management system a record tracking
 304 interoperability of education records described in this Subsection (10) when a student
 305 is transitioning between schools or between LEAs.

306 (11) Beginning July 1, 2031:

307 (a) the state board shall integrate the system described in this section with the statewide
 308 student information system established under Section 53E-3-527; and

309 (b) the state board shall ensure that the statewide student information system maintains
 310 all functionality described in this section.

311 (12) An LEA requirement to submit data under this section is satisfied through the LEA's
 312 use of the statewide student information system established under Section 53E-3-527 or
 313 through an LEA-maintained system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528.

314 Section 4. Section **53E-3-527** is enacted to read:

315 **53E-3-527 . Statewide student information system -- Requirements --**

316 **Implementation -- Transition -- Severability.**

317 (1) As used in this section:

318 (a) "Integration standards" means the technical requirements that the board establishes to
 319 allow an LEA-maintained system to connect with the statewide student information
 320 system.

321 (b) "Legacy system" means a student information system that an LEA uses on the
 322 effective date of this section.

323 (c) "Statewide student information system" or "statewide SIS" means the single student
 324 information system that the board selects and maintains under this section.

325 (d) "Student data" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-9-301.

326 (e) "USIMS compliant" means meeting all data transmission requirements that the Utah
 327 Student Information Management System establishes.

328 (2)(a) The state board shall procure a single statewide student information system in
 329 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code.

330 (b)(i) The state board may charge an LEA for use of the statewide student
 331 information system based on the LEA's student enrollment.

332 (ii) The state board shall fully subsidize the cost of the statewide student information
 333 system for the first 500 enrolled students of each LEA.

334 (iii) An LEA that begins using the statewide student information system within 12

- 335 months after the beginning of the phased implementation schedule established
336 under Subsection (5)(a) shall receive a permanent subsidy for up to 15,000
337 enrolled students.
- 338 (c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
339 state board shall make rules establishing a tiered cost-sharing structure for enrolled
340 students exceeding the subsidized amount under Subsection (2)(b) that:
- 341 (i) charges LEAs based on student enrollment;
342 (ii) provides financial incentives for LEAs to use the statewide student information
343 system;
344 (iii) considers LEA size, student enrollment, and financial capacity; and
345 (iv) ensures that the cost-sharing arrangement does not create an unreasonable
346 financial burden on LEAs.
- 347 (3) Beginning July 1, 2031, each LEA shall use the statewide student information system
348 for all student data collection, management, and reporting functions that state or federal
349 law requires, unless the LEA maintains an LEA-maintained system under Section
350 53E-3-528.
- 351 (4) In procuring the statewide student information system under Subsection (2)(a), the state
352 board shall:
- 353 (a) include input from a stakeholder advisory committee established under Section
354 53E-3-528;
355 (b) evaluate vendor proposals based on criteria that the stakeholder advisory committee
356 establishes;
357 (c) consider the total cost of ownership over a 10-year period;
358 (d) ensure vendor compliance with all state and federal data privacy requirements; and
359 (e) consider systems currently in use by LEAs in the state.
- 360 (5)(a) The state board shall establish a phased implementation schedule that:
- 361 (i) begins no earlier than July 1, 2028;
362 (ii) provides each LEA at least 24 months to complete the transition to the statewide
363 student information system or to establish an LEA-maintained system under
364 Section 53E-3-528;
365 (iii) prioritizes voluntary early adopters;
366 (iv) considers LEA size and technical capacity; and
367 (v) ensures full statewide implementation by July 1, 2031.
- 368 (b) An LEA contract for a student information system in effect on May 7, 2026, remains

- 369 valid until the earlier of:
- 370 (i) the contract's expiration date;
- 371 (ii) July 1, 2031; or
- 372 (iii) the day on which the LEA voluntarily transitions to the statewide SIS.
- 373 (c) An LEA may renew an existing contract for a student information system one time
- 374 after May 7, 2026, if:
- 375 (i) the renewal term does not extend beyond June 30, 2031;
- 376 (ii) the LEA notifies the state board of the renewal within 30 days after the day on
- 377 which the LEA renews the contract; and
- 378 (iii) the renewal is necessary to avoid disruption of operations.
- 379 (d) An LEA may request an implementation extension of up to 12 months if the LEA
- 380 demonstrates:
- 381 (i) extraordinary circumstances beyond the LEA's control;
- 382 (ii) a detailed transition plan with specific milestones;
- 383 (iii) commitment of necessary resources to meet the extended deadline; and
- 384 (iv) that denial of the extension would cause substantial disruption to the LEA's
- 385 educational programs.
- 386 (e) The state board shall provide:
- 387 (i) data migration services at no cost to an LEA transitioning from a legacy system to
- 388 the statewide student information system;
- 389 (ii) training resources available to LEA staff at least 12 months before the day on
- 390 which the LEA is required to implement the statewide student information system
- 391 or establish an LEA-maintained system under Section 53E-3-528;
- 392 (iii) parallel run capabilities allowing an LEA to operate both the LEA's existing
- 393 system and the statewide student information system simultaneously for at least
- 394 90 days; and
- 395 (iv) data validation services to ensure accurate migration of all student records.
- 396 (6) The statewide student information system that the state board procures shall:
- 397 (a) maintain all student demographic, enrollment, and academic records;
- 398 (b) track attendance, grades, and course completion;
- 399 (c) generate all reports that state and federal law requires;
- 400 (d) support scheduling and course management;
- 401 (e) provide transcript generation and electronic transfer capabilities;
- 402 (f) enable seamless student transfers between an LEA and another LEA without manual

- 403 data entry;
- 404 (g) maintain historical data for longitudinal analysis;
- 405 (h) be fully USIMS compliant;
- 406 (i) provide real-time data synchronization with state board systems;
- 407 (j) support automated data validation and error checking;
- 408 (k) enable role-based access controls;
- 409 (l) maintain an audit log of all data changes;
- 410 (m) support data exports in standard formats;
- 411 (n) provide application programming interfaces for approved third-party integrations;
- 412 (o) include online student registration;
- 413 (p) provide parent and guardian portal access;
- 414 (q) include digital consent form management;
- 415 (r) ensure mobile device compatibility;
- 416 (s) provide multi-language support;
- 417 (t) integrate with:
- 418 (i) special education IEP management systems;
- 419 (ii) student health information systems;
- 420 (iii) school safety and student behavior tracking systems;
- 421 (iv) learning management systems;
- 422 (v) assessment platforms;
- 423 (vi) early warning and intervention systems;
- 424 (vii) transportation management systems;
- 425 (viii) food service systems; and
- 426 (ix) financial management systems; and
- 427 (u) eliminate the need for manual data transmission for state and federal reporting.
- 428 (7)(a) The state board shall use money appropriated by the Legislature for:
- 429 (i) initial system procurement and implementation;
- 430 (ii) ongoing licensing and maintenance costs;
- 431 (iii) technical support and training;
- 432 (iv) system updates and enhancements; and
- 433 (v) integration support for a qualifying LEA-maintained system under Section
- 434 53E-3-528.
- 435 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2029, the Legislature shall appropriate sufficient ongoing
- 436 funds to maintain the statewide student information system.

- 437 (8)(a) All data in the statewide student information system remains the property of the
438 respective LEA.
- 439 (b) The state board may access LEA data only to:
- 440 (i) generate reports that state and federal law requires;
441 (ii) provide technical support;
442 (iii) ensure data quality and compliance;
443 (iv) conduct authorized research and analysis;
444 (v) facilitate student transfers between an LEA and another LEA; or
445 (vi) perform functions specifically authorized by law.
- 446 (c) The statewide SIS shall comply with all requirements of:
- 447 (i) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g;
448 (ii) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Student Privacy and Data Protection;
449 (iii) Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act; and
450 (iv) all other applicable privacy laws and regulations.
- 451 (9) Upon request, the state board shall report to the Education Interim Committee on:
- 452 (a) system implementation progress;
453 (b) costs and savings realized;
454 (c) improvements in data quality and timelines;
455 (d) reduction in administrative burden at each LEA;
456 (e) user satisfaction metrics;
457 (f) system performance and reliability; and
458 (g) recommendations for system improvements or statutory changes.
- 459 (10) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
460 state board may make rules to implement this section, including rules that:
- 461 (a) establish technical specifications for the statewide SIS;
462 (b) define integration standards for LEA-maintained systems under Section 53E-3-528;
463 (c) create implementation timelines and procedures; and
464 (d) establish data governance policies.
- 465 Section 5. Section **53E-3-528** is enacted to read:
- 466 **53E-3-528 . LEA-maintained student information system -- Requirements**
- 467 **--Enforcement -- Audits.**
- 468 (1) As used in this section:
- 469 (a) "Integration standards" means the technical requirements that the state board
470 establishes to allow an LEA-maintained system to connect with the statewide student

- 471 information system.
- 472 (b) "LEA head" means:
- 473 (i) for a school district, the superintendent of the school district; or
- 474 (ii) for a charter school, the director of the charter school.
- 475 (c) "LEA-maintained system" means a student information system that an LEA develops
- 476 or maintains.
- 477 (d) "Statewide student information system" or "statewide SIS" means the same as that
- 478 term is defined in Section 53E-3-527.
- 479 (2)(a) An LEA may maintain an LEA-maintained system for student data collection,
- 480 management, and reporting if the LEA meets all requirements of this section.
- 481 (b) An LEA that maintains an LEA-maintained system:
- 482 (i) shall ensure that all student data in the LEA-maintained system reconciles with
- 483 and matches the data standards established by the state board in accordance with
- 484 Section 53E-3-501;
- 485 (ii) is responsible for all costs associated with maintaining, integrating, and ensuring
- 486 compliance of the LEA-maintained system;
- 487 (iii) is responsible for ensuring that the LEA-maintained system interfaces properly
- 488 with the statewide student information system; and
- 489 (iv) is responsible for all data reconciliation and data quality assurance for the
- 490 LEA-maintained system.
- 491 (c) The state board is not responsible for cleaning, reconciling, or correcting data from
- 492 an LEA-maintained system.
- 493 (3) The state board shall establish and maintain integration standards that:
- 494 (a) define required data elements and formats;
- 495 (b) specify synchronization frequency and methods;
- 496 (c) establish error handling procedures;
- 497 (d) ensure data consistency and integrity; and
- 498 (e) maintain compliance with all privacy and security requirements.
- 499 (4) An LEA-maintained system shall:
- 500 (a) meet all integration standards that the state board establishes under Subsection (3);
- 501 (b) synchronize data with the statewide SIS automatically in real-time without manual
- 502 intervention;
- 503 (c) ensure that student transfers and transcript exchanges function seamlessly through
- 504 the statewide SIS;

- 505 (d) ensure that all state and federal reporting occurs through the statewide SIS;
506 (e) undergo annual certification of integration compliance;
507 (f) remediate any integration issue within 30 days after the day on which the state board
508 provides notice of the integration issue; and
509 (g) ensure that the LEA-maintained system does not impair the functionality or
510 performance of the statewide SIS.
- 511 (5)(a) Beginning August 1, 2031, if an LEA that maintains an LEA-maintained system
512 fails to comply with a requirement of this section, the state board shall:
513 (i) provide written notice to the LEA describing the noncompliance; and
514 (ii) allow the LEA 90 days after the day on which the state board provides the notice
515 described in Subsection (5)(a)(i) to cure the noncompliance.
- 516 (b) If the LEA fails to cure the noncompliance within the time period described in
517 Subsection (5)(a)(ii), the state board shall:
518 (i) provide written notice to the LEA and the LEA head that the LEA head's
519 compensation shall be reduced by 10% until the noncompliance is cured; and
520 (ii) allow the LEA an additional 90 days after the day on which the state board
521 provides the notice described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) to cure the noncompliance.
- 522 (c) If the LEA fails to cure the noncompliance within the time period described in
523 Subsection (5)(b)(ii), the state board shall:
524 (i) notify the LEA that the LEA no longer qualifies to maintain an LEA-maintained
525 system; and
526 (ii) require the LEA to transition fully to the statewide SIS within six months after the
527 day on which the state board provides the notice described in Subsection (5)(c)(i).
- 528 (d) The state board shall establish an appeals process for an LEA subject to an
529 enforcement action under this Subsection (5).
- 530 (6)(a) When conducting a risk assessment for an audit of an LEA, the Office of the
531 Legislative Auditor General may consider an LEA's compliance with this section as a
532 risk factor, including the LEA's compliance with:
533 (i) the data standards established by the state board in accordance with Section
534 53E-3-501;
535 (ii) the integration standards established under Subsection (3); and
536 (iii) all requirements of this section.
- 537 (b) If the Office of the Legislative Auditor General includes a review of an LEA's
538 compliance with this section as part of an audit, the Office of the Legislative Auditor

539 General may report the results to the Education Interim Committee.

540 (7) A local school board or charter school governing board shall include in an employment
 541 contract with an LEA head a provision that allows for the reduction of the LEA head's
 542 compensation as required under Subsection (5)(b)(i).

543 (8) An LEA that is unable to maintain an LEA-maintained system in compliance with this
 544 section shall transition fully to the statewide SIS within the time period specified by the
 545 state board.

546 Section 6. Section **53E-9-303** is amended to read:

547 **53E-9-303 . Local student data protection governance.**

548 (1) An LEA shall adopt policies to protect student data in accordance with this part and
 549 state board rule, taking into account the specific needs and priorities of the LEA.

550 (2)(a) An LEA shall designate an individual to act as a student data manager to fulfill the
 551 responsibilities of a student data manager described in Section 53E-9-308.

552 (b) If possible, an LEA shall designate the LEA's records officer as defined in Section
 553 63G-2-103, as the student data manager.

554 (3) An LEA shall create and maintain an LEA:

555 (a) data governance plan; and

556 (b) metadata dictionary.

557 (4) An LEA shall establish an external research review process for a request for data for the
 558 purpose of external research or evaluation.

559 (5) Beginning July 1, 2031, a student data manager designated under this section shall:

560 (a) ensure the LEA's compliance with data governance policies for the statewide student
 561 information system established under Section 53E-3-527 or the LEA-maintained
 562 system established under Section 53E-3-528; and

563 (b) serve as the LEA's primary contact for statewide SIS data management issues or, if
 564 applicable, LEA-maintained system data management issues.

565 Section 7. Section **53E-9-308** is amended to read:

566 **53E-9-308 . Sharing student data -- Prohibition -- Requirements for student data**
 567 **manager -- Authorized student data sharing.**

568 (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), an education entity, including a student
 569 data manager, may not:

570 (i) share personally identifiable student data without written consent; or

571 (ii) share student data with a federal agency.

572 (b) An education entity, including a student data manager, may share personally

- 573 identifiable student data:
- 574 (i) in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and related
575 provisions under 20 U.S.C. Secs. 1232g and 1232h;
- 576 (ii) as required by federal law; and
- 577 (iii) as described in Subsections (3), (5), and (6).
- 578 (2) A student data manager shall:
- 579 (a) authorize and manage the sharing, outside of the student data manager's education
580 entity, of personally identifiable student data for the education entity as described in
581 this section;
- 582 (b) act as the primary local point of contact for the state student data officer described in
583 Section 53E-9-302;~~and~~
- 584 (c) fulfill other responsibilities described in the data governance plan of the student data
585 manager's education entity~~[-]~~ ; and
- 586 (d) beginning July 1, 2031, ensure proper use of the statewide student information
587 system established under Section 53E-3-527 or the LEA-maintained system
588 established under Section 53E-3-528 within the LEA.
- 589 (3) A student data manager may share a student's personally identifiable student data with a
590 caseworker or representative of the Department of Health and Human Services if:
- 591 (a) the Department of Health and Human Services is:
- 592 (i) legally responsible for the care and protection of the student, including the
593 responsibility to investigate a report of educational neglect, as provided in
594 Subsection 80-2-701(5); or
- 595 (ii) providing services to the student;
- 596 (b) the student's personally identifiable student data is not shared with a person who is
597 not authorized:
- 598 (i) to address the student's education needs; or
- 599 (ii) by the Department of Health and Human Services to receive the student's
600 personally identifiable student data; and
- 601 (c) the Department of Health and Human Services maintains and protects the student's
602 personally identifiable student data.
- 603 (4) The Department of Health and Human Services, a school official, or the Utah Juvenile
604 Court may share personally identifiable student data to improve education outcomes for
605 youth:
- 606 (a) in the custody of, or under the guardianship of, the Department of Health and Human

- 607 Services;
- 608 (b) receiving services from the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services;
- 609 (c) in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services;
- 610 (d) receiving services from the Division of Services for People with Disabilities; or
- 611 (e) under the jurisdiction of the Utah Juvenile Court.
- 612 (5)(a) A student data manager may share personally identifiable student data in response
- 613 to a subpoena issued by a court.
- 614 (b) A person who receives personally identifiable student data under Subsection (5)(a)
- 615 may not use the personally identifiable student data outside of the use described in
- 616 the subpoena.
- 617 (6)(a) A student data manager may share student data, including personally identifiable
- 618 student data, in response to a request to share student data for the purpose of research
- 619 or evaluation, if the student data manager:
- 620 (i) verifies that the request meets the requirements of 34 C.F.R. Sec. 99.31(a)(6);
- 621 (ii) submits the request to the education entity's research review process; and
- 622 (iii) fulfills the instructions that result from the review process.
- 623 (b)(i) In accordance with state and federal law, and subject to Subsection (6)(b)(ii),
- 624 the state board shall share student data, including personally identifiable student
- 625 data, as requested by the Utah Registry of Autism and Developmental Disabilities
- 626 described in Section 26B-7-115.
- 627 (ii)(A) At least 30 days before the state board shares student data in accordance
- 628 with Subsection (6)(b)(i), the education entity from which the state board
- 629 received the student data shall provide notice to the parent of each student for
- 630 which the state board intends to share student data.
- 631 (B) The state board may not, for a particular student, share student data as
- 632 described in Subsection (6)(b)(i) if the student's parent requests that the state
- 633 board not share the student data.
- 634 (iii) A person who receives student data under Subsection (6)(b)(i):
- 635 (A) shall maintain and protect the student data in accordance with state board rule
- 636 described in Section 53E-9-307;
- 637 (B) may not use the student data for a purpose not described in Section 26B-7-115;
- 638 and
- 639 (C) is subject to audit by the state student data officer described in Section
- 640 53E-9-302.

641 Section 8. Section **53F-2-205** is amended to read:

642 **53F-2-205 . Powers and duties of state board to adjust Minimum School**
643 **Program allocations -- Use of remaining funds at the end of a fiscal year.**

644 (1) As used in this section:

645 (a) "ESEA" means the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C.
646 Sec. 6301 et seq.

647 (b) "Program" means a program or allocation funded by a line item appropriation or
648 other appropriation designated as:

649 (i) Basic Program;

650 (ii) Related to Basic Programs;

651 (iii) Voted and Board Levy Programs; or

652 (iv) Minimum School Program.

653 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or (5), if the number of weighted pupil units in a
654 program is underestimated, the state board shall reduce the value of the weighted pupil
655 unit in that program so that the total amount paid for the program does not exceed the
656 amount appropriated for the program.

657 (3) If the number of weighted pupil units in a program is overestimated, the state board
658 shall spend excess money appropriated for the following purposes giving priority to the
659 purpose described in Subsection (3)(a):

660 (a) to support the value of the weighted pupil unit in a program within the basic
661 state-supported school program in which the number of weighted pupil units is
662 underestimated;

663 (b) to support the state guaranteed local levy increments as defined in Section 53F-2-601,
664 if:

665 (i) local contributions to the voted local levy program or board local levy program are
666 overestimated; or

667 (ii) the number of weighted pupil units within school districts qualifying for a
668 guarantee is underestimated;

669 (c) to support the state supplement to local property taxes allocated to charter schools, if
670 the state supplement is less than the amount prescribed by Section 53F-2-704;

671 (d) to fund the cost of the salary supplements described in Section 53F-2-504; or

672 (e) to support a school district with a loss in student enrollment as provided in Section
673 53F-2-207.

674 (4) If local contributions from the minimum basic tax rate imposed under Section 53F-2-301

675 are overestimated, the state board shall reduce the value of the weighted pupil unit for all
676 programs within the basic state-supported school program so the total state contribution
677 to the basic state-supported school program does not exceed the amount of state funds
678 appropriated.

679 (5) If local contributions from the minimum basic tax rate imposed under Section 53F-2-301
680 are underestimated, the state board shall:

681 (a) spend the excess local contributions for the purposes specified in Subsection (3),
682 giving priority to supporting the value of the weighted pupil unit in programs within
683 the basic state-supported school program in which the number of weighted pupil
684 units is underestimated; and

685 (b) reduce the state contribution to the basic state-supported school program so the total
686 cost of the basic state-supported school program does not exceed the total state and
687 local funds appropriated to the basic state-supported school program plus the local
688 contributions necessary to support the value of the weighted pupil unit in programs
689 within the basic state-supported school program in which the number of weighted
690 pupil units is underestimated.

691 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (3) or (5), the state board shall reduce the state
692 guarantee per weighted pupil unit provided under the local levy state guarantee program
693 described in Section 53F-2-601, if:

694 (a) local contributions to the voted local levy program or board local levy program are
695 overestimated; or

696 (b) the number of weighted pupil units within school districts qualifying for a guarantee
697 is underestimated.

698 (7) Money appropriated to the state board is nonlapsing, including appropriations to the
699 Minimum School Program and all agencies, line items, and programs under the
700 jurisdiction of the state board.

701 (8) The state board shall report actions taken by the state board under this section to the
702 Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the Governor's Office of Planning and
703 Budget.

704 (9) Beginning with the 2031-32 school year:

705 (a) the state board shall calculate all distribution amounts under this section using data
706 from the statewide student information system established under Section 53E-3-527
707 or an LEA-maintained system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528; and

708 (b) an LEA's failure to properly maintain data in the statewide SIS or an

709 LEA-maintained system may result in adjustment of the LEA's funding allocation.

710 Section 9. Section **53F-2-311** is amended to read:

711 **53F-2-311 . Weighted pupil units for career and technical education programs --**

712 **Funding of approved programs -- Performance measures -- Qualifying criteria.**

713 (1)(a) Money appropriated to the state board for approved career and technical education
714 programs and the comprehensive guidance program:

715 (i) shall be allocated to eligible recipients as provided in Subsections (2), (3), and (4);
716 and

717 (ii) may not be used to fund programs below grade 9.

718 (b) Subsection (1)(a)(ii) does not apply to the following programs:

719 (i) comprehensive guidance; and

720 (ii) work-based learning programs.

721 (2)(a) Weighted pupil units are computed for pupils in approved programs.

722 (b)(i) The state board shall fund approved programs based upon hours of membership
723 of grades 9 through 12 students.

724 (ii) Subsection (2)(b)(i) does not apply to the following programs:

725 (A) comprehensive guidance; and

726 (B) work-based learning programs.

727 (c) The state board shall use an amount not to exceed 20% of the total appropriation
728 under this section to fund approved programs based on performance measures such
729 as placement and competency attainment defined in standards set by the state board.

730 (d) The state board shall make the necessary calculations for distribution of the
731 appropriation to a school district and charter school and may revise and recommend
732 changes necessary for achieving equity and ease of administration.

733 (3)(a) Twenty weighted pupil units shall be computed for career and technical education
734 administrative costs for each school district, except 25 weighted pupil units may be
735 computed for each school district that consolidates career and technical education
736 administrative services with one or more other school districts.

737 (b) Between 10 and 25 weighted pupil units shall be computed for each high school
738 conducting approved career and technical education programs in a school district
739 according to standards established by the state board.

740 (c) Forty weighted pupil units shall be computed for each school district that operates an
741 approved career and technical education center.

742 (d) Between five and seven weighted pupil units shall be computed for each summer

743 career and technical education agriculture program according to standards established
744 by the state board.

745 (e) The state board shall, by rule, establish qualifying criteria for a school district or
746 charter school to receive weighted pupil units under this Subsection (3).

747 (4)(a) Money remaining after the allocations made under Subsections (2) and (3) shall
748 be allocated using average daily membership in approved programs for the previous
749 year.

750 (b) A school district or charter school that has experienced student growth in grades 9
751 through 12 for the previous year shall have the growth factor applied to the previous
752 year's weighted pupil units when calculating the allocation of money under this
753 Subsection (4).

754 (c) An LEA may use funds received through the general allocation described in this
755 Subsection (4) for Technology-Life-Careers and student leadership organizations.

756 (5)(a) The state board shall establish rules for upgrading high school career and
757 technical education programs.

758 (b) The rules shall reflect career and technical training and actual marketable job skills
759 in society.

760 (c) The rules shall include procedures to assist school districts and charter schools to
761 convert existing programs that are not preparing students for the job market into
762 programs that will accomplish that purpose.

763 (6) Programs that do not meet state board standards may not be funded under this section.

764 (7) Beginning July 1, 2031, the state board shall:

765 (a) track career and technical education enrollment through the statewide student
766 information system established under Section 53E-3-527 or an LEA-maintained
767 system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528; and

768 (b) calculate weighted pupil units under this section using data from the statewide SIS or
769 an LEA-maintained system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528.

770 Section 10. Section **53G-4-402** is amended to read:

771 **53G-4-402 . Powers and duties generally.**

772 (1) A local school board shall:

773 (a) implement the core standards for Utah public schools using instructional materials
774 that best correlate to the core standards for Utah public schools and graduation
775 requirements;

776 (b) administer tests, required by the state board, which measure the progress of each

- 777 student, and coordinate with the state superintendent and state board to assess results
778 and create plans to improve the student's progress, which shall be submitted to the
779 state board for approval;
- 780 (c) use progress-based assessments as part of a plan to identify schools, teachers, and
781 students that need remediation and determine the type and amount of federal, state,
782 and local resources to implement remediation;
- 783 (d) for each grading period and for each course in which a student is enrolled, issue a
784 grade or performance report to the student:
- 785 (i) that reflects the student's work, including the student's progress based on mastery,
786 for the grading period; and
- 787 (ii) in accordance with the local school board's adopted grading or performance
788 standards and criteria;
- 789 (e) develop early warning systems for students or classes failing to make progress;
- 790 (f) work with the state board to establish a library of documented best practices,
791 consistent with state and federal regulations, for use by the special districts;
- 792 (g) implement training programs for school administrators, including basic management
793 training, best practices in instructional methods, budget training, staff management,
794 managing for learning results and continuous improvement, and how to help every
795 student achieve optimal learning in basic academic subjects;[-and]
- 796 (h) ensure that the local school board meets the data collection and reporting standards
797 described in Section 53E-3-501[-] ;
- 798 (i) beginning July 1, 2031, ensure that all schools within the school district properly use
799 the statewide student information system established under Section 53E-3-527 or an
800 LEA-maintained system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528; and
- 801 (j) ensure that any employment contract with a school district superintendent includes
802 the provision required under Section 53E-3-528.
- 803 (2) Local school boards shall spend Minimum School Program funds for programs and
804 activities for which the state board has established minimum standards or rules under
805 Section 53E-3-501.
- 806 (3)(a) A local school board may purchase, sell, and make improvements on school sites,
807 buildings, and equipment, and construct, erect, and furnish school buildings.
- 808 (b) School sites or buildings may only be conveyed or sold on local school board
809 resolution affirmed by at least two-thirds of the school board members.
- 810 (4)(a) A local school board may participate in the joint construction or operation of a

- 811 school attended by students residing within the district and students residing in other
812 districts either within or outside the state.
- 813 (b) Any agreement for the joint operation or construction of a school shall:
- 814 (i) be signed by the president of the local school board of each participating district;
- 815 (ii) include a mutually agreed upon pro rata cost; and
- 816 (iii) be filed with the state board.
- 817 (5) A local school board may establish, locate, and maintain elementary, secondary, and
818 applied technology schools.
- 819 (6) A local school board may enter into cooperative agreements with other local school
820 boards to provide educational services that best utilize resources for the overall
821 operation of the school districts, including shared transportation services.
- 822 (7) A local school board shall ensure that an agreement under Subsection (6):
- 823 (a) is signed by the president of the local school board of each participating district;
- 824 (b) specifies the resource being shared;
- 825 (c) includes a mutually agreed upon pro rata cost;
- 826 (d) includes the duration of the agreement; and
- 827 (e) is filed with the state board.
- 828 (8)(a) Except as provided in Section 53E-3-905 and Subsection (8)(b), a local school
829 board may enroll children in school who are at least five years old before September
830 2 of the year in which admission is sought.
- 831 (b) A local school board may enroll a child in kindergarten who does not meet the age
832 requirement described in Subsection (8)(a) if the child:
- 833 (i) moves to Utah from a different state in which the child, during the relevant school
834 year:
- 835 (A) was a resident; and
- 836 (B) was enrolled in kindergarten in accordance with the previous state's age
837 requirements for kindergarten enrollment; and
- 838 (ii) transfers to the enrolling school after the beginning of the same school year.
- 839 (9) A local school board:
- 840 (a) may establish and support school libraries; and
- 841 (b) shall provide an online platform:
- 842 (i) through which a parent is able to view the title, author, and a description of any
843 material the parent's child borrows from the school library, including a history of
844 borrowed materials, either using an existing online platform that the LEA uses or

- 845 through a separate platform; and
- 846 (ii)(A) for a school district with 1,000 or more enrolled students, no later than
- 847 August 1, 2024; and
- 848 (B) for a school district with fewer than 1,000 enrolled students, no later than
- 849 August 1, 2026.
- 850 (10) A local school board may collect damages for the loss, injury, or destruction of school
- 851 property.
- 852 (11) A local school board may authorize guidance and counseling services for students and
- 853 the student's parents before, during, or following school enrollment.
- 854 (12)(a) A local school board shall administer and implement federal educational
- 855 programs in accordance with Title 53E, Chapter 3, Part 8, Implementing Federal or
- 856 National Education Programs.
- 857 (b) Federal funds are not considered funds within the school district budget under
- 858 Chapter 7, Part 3, Budgets.
- 859 (13)(a) A local school board may organize school safety patrols and adopt policies under
- 860 which the patrols promote student safety.
- 861 (b) A student appointed to a safety patrol shall be at least 10 years old and have written
- 862 parental consent for the appointment.
- 863 (c) Safety patrol members may not direct vehicular traffic or be stationed in a portion of
- 864 a highway intended for vehicular traffic use.
- 865 (d) Liability may not attach to a school district, its employees, officers, or agents, or to a
- 866 safety patrol member, a parent of a safety patrol member, or an authorized volunteer
- 867 assisting the program by virtue of the organization, maintenance, or operation of a
- 868 school safety patrol.
- 869 (14)(a) A local school board may on its own behalf, or on behalf of an educational
- 870 institution for which the local school board is the direct governing body, accept
- 871 private grants, loans, gifts, endowments, devises, or bequests that are made for
- 872 educational purposes.
- 873 (b) The contributions made under Subsection (14)(a) are not subject to appropriation by
- 874 the Legislature.
- 875 (15)(a) A local school board may appoint and fix the compensation of a compliance
- 876 officer to issue citations for violations of Subsection 76-9-1106(3)(c).
- 877 (b) A person may not be appointed to serve as a compliance officer without the person's
- 878 consent.

- 879 (c) A teacher or student may not be appointed as a compliance officer.
- 880 (16) A local school board shall adopt bylaws and policies for the local school board's own
881 procedures.
- 882 (17)(a) A local school board shall make and enforce policies necessary for the control
883 and management of the district schools.
- 884 (b) Local school board policies shall be in writing, filed, and referenced for public
885 access.
- 886 (18) A local school board may hold school on legal holidays other than Sundays.
- 887 (19)(a) A local school board shall establish for each school year a school traffic safety
888 committee to implement this Subsection (19).
- 889 (b) The committee shall be composed of one representative of:
- 890 (i) the schools within the district;
- 891 (ii) the Parent Teachers' Association of the schools within the district;
- 892 (iii) the municipality or county;
- 893 (iv) state or local law enforcement; and
- 894 (v) state or local traffic safety engineering.
- 895 (c) The committee shall:
- 896 (i) receive suggestions from school community councils, parents, teachers, and
897 others, and recommend school traffic safety improvements, boundary changes to
898 enhance safety, and school traffic safety program measures;
- 899 (ii) review and submit annually to the Department of Transportation and affected
900 municipalities and counties a child access routing plan for each elementary,
901 middle, and junior high school within the district;
- 902 (iii) in consultation with the Utah Safety Council and the Division of Family Health,
903 provide training to all students in kindergarten through grade 6, within the district,
904 on school crossing safety and use; and
- 905 (iv) help ensure the district's compliance with rules made by the Department of
906 Transportation under Section 41-6a-303.
- 907 (d) The committee may establish subcommittees as needed to assist in accomplishing the
908 committee's duties under Subsection (19)(c).
- 909 (20)(a) A local school board shall adopt and implement a comprehensive emergency
910 response plan to prevent and combat violence in the local school board's public
911 schools, on school grounds, on school vehicles, and in connection with
912 school-related activities or events.

- 913 (b) The local school board shall ensure that the plan:
- 914 (i) includes prevention, intervention, and response components;
- 915 (ii) is consistent with the school discipline and conduct policies required for school
- 916 districts under Chapter 8, Part 2, School Discipline and Conduct Plans;
- 917 (iii) requires professional learning for all district and school building staff on the
- 918 staff's roles in the emergency response plan;
- 919 (iv) provides for coordination with local law enforcement and other public safety
- 920 representatives in preventing, intervening, and responding to violence in the areas
- 921 and activities referred to in Subsection (20)(a); and
- 922 (v) includes procedures to notify a student who is off campus at the time of a school
- 923 violence emergency because the student is:
- 924 (A) participating in a school-related activity; or
- 925 (B) excused from school for a period of time during the regular school day to
- 926 participate in religious instruction at the request of the student's parent.
- 927 (c) The state board, through the state superintendent, shall develop comprehensive
- 928 emergency response plan models that local school boards may use, where
- 929 appropriate, to comply with Subsection (20)(a).
- 930 (d) A local school board shall, by July 1 of each year, certify to the state board that its
- 931 plan has been practiced at the school level and presented to and reviewed by its
- 932 teachers, administrators, students, and the student's parents and local law enforcement
- 933 and public safety representatives.
- 934 (21)(a) A local school board may adopt an emergency response plan for the treatment of
- 935 sports-related injuries that occur during school sports practices and events.
- 936 (b) The plan may be implemented by each secondary school in the district that has a
- 937 sports program for students.
- 938 (c) The plan may:
- 939 (i) include emergency personnel, emergency communication, and emergency
- 940 equipment components;
- 941 (ii) require professional learning on the emergency response plan for school
- 942 personnel who are involved in sports programs in the district's secondary schools;
- 943 and
- 944 (iii) provide for coordination with individuals and agency representatives who:
- 945 (A) are not employees of the school district; and
- 946 (B) would be involved in providing emergency services to students injured while

- 947 participating in sports events.
- 948 (d) The local school board, in collaboration with the schools referred to in Subsection
949 (21)(b), may review the plan each year and make revisions when required to improve
950 or enhance the plan.
- 951 (e) The state board, through the state superintendent, shall provide local school boards
952 with an emergency plan response model that local school boards may use to comply
953 with the requirements of this Subsection (21).
- 954 (22)(a) A local school board shall approve an LEA's policies and procedures that an
955 LEA develops to ensure that students have non-electronic notification of and access
956 to:
- 957 (i) school activities and events, including:
958 (A) schedule changes;
959 (B) extracurricular activities; and
960 (C) sporting events; and
961 (ii) the emergency response plans described in Subsections (20) and (21).
- 962 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (22)(a), an LEA may provide electronic notification of
963 and access to school activities and events as described in Subsections (22)(a)(i) and
964 (ii) if:
965 (i)(A) the school provides each student with an electronic device; and
966 (B) the electronic device is capable of receiving electronic notification of and
967 access to school activities and events as described in Subsections (22)(a)(i) and
968 (ii); or
969 (ii) an emergency, unforeseen circumstance, or other incident arises and an LEA
970 cannot reasonably provide timely non-electronic notification.
- 971 (c) An LEA may not require the use of a privately owned electronic device to complete
972 course work.
- 973 (23) A local school board shall do all other things necessary for the maintenance,
974 prosperity, and success of the schools and the promotion of education.
- 975 (24)(a) As used in this subsection, "special enrollment program" means a full-day
976 academic program in which a parent opts to enroll the parent's student and that is
977 offered at a specifically designated school within an LEA, including:
978 (i) gifted or advanced learning programs; or
979 (ii) dual language immersion programs.
- 980 (b) Before closing a school, changing the boundaries of a school, or changing or closing

- 981 the location of a special enrollment program, a local school board shall:
- 982 (i) at a local school board meeting, make and approve a motion to initiate the
- 983 notification required under Subsections (24)(b)(ii) through (iv);
- 984 (ii) on or before 90 days before the day on which the local school board approves the
- 985 school closure or at least 30 days before the day on which the local school board
- 986 approves a school boundary change, provide notice that the local school board is
- 987 considering the closure or boundary change to:
- 988 (A) parents of students enrolled in the school, using the same form of
- 989 communication the local school board regularly uses to communicate with
- 990 parents and also by mail, using the United States Postal Service, to the parents
- 991 at each known address;
- 992 (B) parents of students enrolled in other schools within the school district that may
- 993 be affected by the closure or boundary change, using the same form of
- 994 communication the local school board regularly uses to communicate with
- 995 parents and also by mail, using the United States Postal Service, to the parents
- 996 at each known address; and
- 997 (C) the governing council and the mayor of the municipality in which the school is
- 998 located;
- 999 (iii) provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed school closure
- 1000 during at least two public local school board meetings;
- 1001 (iv) provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed school boundary
- 1002 change during one public local school board meeting; and
- 1003 (v) hold a public hearing as defined in Section 10-20-102 and provide public notice
- 1004 of the public hearing in accordance with Subsection (24)(c).
- 1005 (c) A local school board shall:
- 1006 (i) ensure that the notice of a public hearing required under Subsection (24)(b)(v)
- 1007 indicates the:
- 1008 (A) name of the school or schools under consideration for closure or boundary
- 1009 change; and
- 1010 (B) ~~the~~ date, time, and location of the public hearing;
- 1011 (ii) if feasible, hold the public hearing at the location of the school that is under
- 1012 consideration for closure;
- 1013 (iii) for at least 10 days before the day on which the public hearing occurs, ~~publish~~
- 1014 ~~the notice of public hearing occurs,~~ publish the notice of the public hearing for

- 1015 the school district in which the school is located, as a class A notice under Section
1016 63G-30-102; and
- 1017 (iv) at least 30 days before the day on which the public hearing occurs, provide notice
1018 of the public hearing in the same manner as the notice of consideration under
1019 Subsection (24)(b)(ii).
- 1020 (d) A motion made under Subsection (24)(b) shall name each school under consideration
1021 for closure in a separate motion.
- 1022 (e) For a school closure, a local school board shall complete the process described in this
1023 Subsection (24) on or before December 31 of the calendar year preceding the
1024 beginning of the school year in which a school closure takes effect.
- 1025 (f)(i) For a school boundary change, a local school board shall complete the process
1026 described in this Subsection (24) no more than 60 days after the day on which the
1027 local school board votes to approve a school closure.
- 1028 (ii) Parents of students enrolled in a school affected by a boundary change shall have
1029 at least 30 days after the day on which the local school board votes to approve a
1030 school boundary change to request an out of area enrollment request in accordance
1031 with Chapter 6, Part 4, School District Enrollment.
- 1032 (25) A local school board may implement a facility energy efficiency program established
1033 under Title 11, Chapter 44, Performance Efficiency Act.
- 1034 (26) A local school board may establish or partner with a certified youth court in
1035 accordance with Section 80-6-902 or establish or partner with a comparable restorative
1036 justice program, in coordination with schools in that district. A school may refer a
1037 student to a youth court or a comparable restorative justice program in accordance with
1038 Section 53G-8-211.
- 1039 (27)(a) As used in this Subsection (27):
- 1040 (i) "Learning material" means any learning material or resource used to deliver or
1041 support a student's learning, including textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital
1042 materials, websites, and other online applications.
- 1043 (ii)(A) "Instructional material" means learning material that a local school board
1044 adopts and approves for use within the LEA.
- 1045 (B) "Instructional material" does not include learning material used in a
1046 concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate
1047 program or class or another class with required instructional material that is not
1048 subject to selection by the local school board.

- 1049 (iii) "Supplemental material" means learning material that:
1050 (A) an educator selects for classroom use; and
1051 (B) a local school board has not considered and adopted, approved, or prohibited
1052 for classroom use within the LEA.
- 1053 (b) A local school board shall:
1054 (i) make instructional material that the school district uses readily accessible and
1055 available for a parent to view;
1056 (ii) annually notify a parent of a student enrolled in the school district of how to
1057 access the information described in Subsection (27)(b)(i); and
1058 (iii) include on the school district's website information about how to access the
1059 information described in Subsection (27)(b)(i).
- 1060 (c) In selecting and approving instructional materials for use in the classroom, a local
1061 school board shall:
1062 (i) establish an open process, involving educators and parents of students enrolled in
1063 the LEA, to review and recommend instructional materials for board approval; and
1064 (ii) ensure that under the process described in Subsection (27)(c)(i), the board:
1065 (A) before the meetings described in Subsection (27)(c)(ii)(B), posts the
1066 recommended learning material online to allow for public review or, for
1067 copyrighted material, makes the recommended learning material available at
1068 the LEA for public review;
1069 (B) before adopting or approving the recommended instructional materials, holds
1070 at least two public meetings on the recommendation that provides an
1071 opportunity for educators whom the LEA employs and parents of students
1072 enrolled in the LEA to express views and opinions on the recommendation; and
1073 (C) adopts or approves the recommended instructional materials in an open and
1074 regular board meeting.
- 1075 (d) A local school board shall adopt a supplemental materials policy that provides
1076 flexible guidance to educators on the selection of supplemental materials or resources
1077 that an educator reviews and selects for classroom use using the educator's
1078 professional judgment, including whether any process or permission is required
1079 before classroom use of the materials or resources.
- 1080 (e) If an LEA contracts with another party to provide online or digital materials, the
1081 LEA shall include in the contract a requirement that the provider give notice to the
1082 LEA any time that the provider makes a material change to the content of the online

1083 or digital materials, excluding regular informational updates on current events.

1084 (f) Nothing in this Subsection (27) requires a local school board to review all learning
1085 materials used within the LEA.

1086 (28) If information, data, or action from a school district is necessary for the state board to
1087 fulfill a statutory data gathering, compliance, or reporting requirement, a local school
1088 board shall provide the relevant information, data, or action, subject to enforcement
1089 under Section 53E-3-401.

1090 Section 11. Section **53G-5-404** is amended to read:

1091 **53G-5-404 . Requirements for charter schools.**

1092 (1) A charter school shall be nonsectarian in the charter school's programs, admission
1093 policies, employment practices, and operations.

1094 (2) A charter school may not charge tuition or fees, except those fees normally charged by
1095 other public schools.

1096 (3) A charter school shall meet all applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and
1097 civil rights requirements.

1098 (4)(a) A charter school shall:

1099 (i) make the same annual reports required of other public schools under this public
1100 education code, including an annual financial audit report described in Section
1101 53G-4-404;

1102 (ii) ensure that the charter school meets the data and reporting standards described in
1103 Section 53E-3-501; ~~and~~

1104 (iii) beginning July 1, 2031, ensure the charter school properly uses the statewide
1105 student information system established under Section 53E-3-527 or an
1106 LEA-maintained system that meets the requirements of Section 53E-3-528;

1107 (iv) ensure that any employment contract with a charter school director includes the
1108 provision required under Section 53E-3-528; and

1109 ~~(iii)~~ (v) use fund and program accounting methods and standardized account codes
1110 capable of producing financial reports that comply with:

1111 (A) generally accepted accounting principles;

1112 (B) the financial reporting requirements applicable to LEAs established by the
1113 state board under Section 53E-3-501; and

1114 (C) accounting report standards established by the state auditor as described in
1115 Section 51-2a-301.

1116 (b) Before, and as a condition for opening a charter school:

- 1117 (i) a charter school shall:
- 1118 (A) certify to the authorizer that the charter school's accounting methods meet the
- 1119 requirements described in Subsection [~~(4)(a)(iii)~~] (4)(a)(iv); or
- 1120 (B) if the authorizer requires, conduct a performance demonstration to verify that
- 1121 the charter school's accounting methods meet the requirements described in
- 1122 Subsection [~~(4)(a)(iii)~~] (4)(a)(iv); and
- 1123 (ii) the authorizer shall certify to the state board that the charter school's accounting
- 1124 methods meet the requirements described in Subsection [~~(4)(a)(iii)~~] (4)(a)(iv).
- 1125 (c) A charter school shall file the charter school's annual financial audit report with the
- 1126 Office of the State Auditor within six months of the end of the fiscal year.
- 1127 (d) For the limited purpose of compliance with federal and state law governing use of
- 1128 public education funds, including restricted funds, and making annual financial audit
- 1129 reports under this section, a charter school is a government entity governed by the
- 1130 public education code.
- 1131 (5)(a) A charter school shall be accountable to the charter school's authorizer for
- 1132 performance as provided in the charter school's charter agreement.
- 1133 (b) To measure the performance of a charter school, an authorizer may use data
- 1134 contained in:
- 1135 (i) the charter school's annual financial audit report;
- 1136 (ii) a report submitted by the charter school as required by statute; or
- 1137 (iii) a report submitted by the charter school as required by the charter school's
- 1138 charter agreement.
- 1139 (c) A charter school authorizer may not impose performance standards, except as
- 1140 permitted by statute, that limit, infringe, or prohibit a charter school's ability to
- 1141 successfully accomplish the purposes of charter schools as provided in Section
- 1142 53G-5-104 or as otherwise provided in law.
- 1143 (6) A charter school may not advocate unlawful behavior.
- 1144 (7) Except as provided in Section 53G-5-305, a charter school shall be organized and
- 1145 managed in accordance with Title 16, Chapter 6a, Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation
- 1146 Act, upon the charter school's authorization.
- 1147 (8) A charter school shall provide adequate liability and other appropriate insurance,
- 1148 including:
- 1149 (a) general liability, errors and omissions, and directors and officers liability coverage
- 1150 through completion of the closure of a charter school in accordance with Section

- 1151 53G-5-504; and
- 1152 (b) tail coverage or closeout insurance covering at least one year after closure of the
1153 charter school.
- 1154 (9) A charter school may not employ an educator whose license is suspended or revoked by
1155 the state board under Section 53E-6-604.
- 1156 (10)(a) Each charter school shall register and maintain the charter school's registration as
1157 a limited purpose entity, in accordance with Section 67-1a-15.
- 1158 (b) A charter school that fails to comply with Subsection (10)(a) or Section 67-1a-15 is
1159 subject to enforcement by the state auditor, in accordance with Section 67-3-1.
- 1160 (c) If a charter school is an operating charter school with affiliated satellite charter
1161 schools, as defined in Section 53G-5-303:
- 1162 (i) the operating charter school shall register as a limited purpose entity as defined in
1163 Section 67-1a-15;
- 1164 (ii) each affiliated satellite charter school is not required to register separately from
1165 the operating charter school; and
- 1166 (iii) the operating charter school shall:
- 1167 (A) register on behalf of each affiliated satellite charter school; and
- 1168 (B) when submitting entity registry information in accordance with Section
1169 67-1a-15 on behalf of each affiliated satellite charter school, identify and
1170 distinguish registry information for each affiliated satellite, including the
1171 address of each affiliated satellite charter school and the name and contact
1172 information of a primary contact for each affiliated satellite charter school.
- 1173 (11)(a) As used in this Subsection (11), "contracting entity" means a person with which
1174 a charter school contracts.
- 1175 (b) A charter school shall provide to the charter school's authorizer any information or
1176 documents requested by the authorizer, including documents held by a subsidiary of
1177 the charter school or a contracting entity:
- 1178 (i) to confirm the charter school's compliance with state or federal law governing the
1179 charter school's finances or governance; or
- 1180 (ii) to carry out the authorizer's statutory obligations, including liquidation and
1181 assignment of assets, and payment of debt in accordance with state board rule, as
1182 described in Section 53G-5-504.
- 1183 (c) A charter school shall comply with a request described in Subsection (11)(b),
1184 including after an authorizer recommends closure of the charter school or terminates

- 1185 the charter school's contract.
- 1186 (d) Documents held by a contracting entity or subsidiary of a charter school that are
1187 necessary to demonstrate the charter school's compliance with state or federal law are
1188 the property of the charter school.
- 1189 (e) A charter school shall include in an agreement with a subsidiary of the charter school
1190 or a contracting entity a provision that stipulates that documents held by the
1191 subsidiary or a contracting entity, that are necessary to demonstrate the charter
1192 school's financial compliance with federal or state law, are the property of the charter
1193 school.
- 1194 (12) For each grading period and for each course in which a student is enrolled, a charter
1195 school shall issue a grade or performance report to the student:
- 1196 (a) that reflects the student's work, including the student's progress based on mastery, for
1197 the grading period; and
- 1198 (b) in accordance with the charter school's adopted grading or performance standards
1199 and criteria.
- 1200 (13)(a) As used in this Subsection (13):
- 1201 (i) "Learning material" means any learning material or resource used to deliver or
1202 support a student's learning, including textbooks, reading materials, videos, digital
1203 materials, websites, and other online applications.
- 1204 (ii)(A) "Instructional material" means learning material that a charter school
1205 governing board adopts and approves for use within the charter school.
- 1206 (B) "Instructional material" does not include learning material used in a
1207 concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate
1208 program or class, or another class with required instructional material that is
1209 not subject to selection by the charter school governing board.
- 1210 (iii) "Supplemental material" means learning material that:
- 1211 (A) an educator selects for classroom use; and
- 1212 (B) a charter school governing board has not considered and adopted, approved, or
1213 prohibited for classroom use within the charter school.
- 1214 (b) A charter school shall:
- 1215 (i) make instructional material that the charter school uses readily accessible and
1216 available for a parent to view;
- 1217 (ii) annually notify a parent of a student enrolled in the charter school of how to
1218 access the information described in Subsection (13)(b)(i); and

- 1219 (iii) include on the charter school's website information about how to access the
1220 information described in Subsection (13)(b)(i).
- 1221 (c) In selecting and approving instructional materials for use in the classroom, a charter
1222 school governing board shall:
- 1223 (i) establish an open process, involving educators and parents of students enrolled in
1224 the charter school, to review and recommend instructional materials for board
1225 approval; and
- 1226 (ii) ensure that under the process described in Subsection (13)(c)(i), the charter
1227 school governing board:
- 1228 (A) before the public meetings described in Subsection (13)(c)(ii)(B), posts the
1229 recommended learning materials online to allow for public review or, for
1230 copyrighted material, makes the recommended learning material available at
1231 the charter school for public review;
- 1232 (B) before adopting or approving the recommended instructional materials, holds
1233 at least two public meetings on the recommendation that provide an
1234 opportunity for educators whom the charter school employs and parents of
1235 students enrolled in the charter school to express views and opinions on the
1236 recommendation; and
- 1237 (C) adopts or approves the recommended instructional materials in an open and
1238 regular board meeting.
- 1239 (d) A charter school governing board shall adopt a supplemental materials policy that
1240 provides flexible guidance to educators on the selection of supplemental materials or
1241 resources that an educator reviews and selects for classroom use using the educator's
1242 professional judgment, including whether any process or permission is required
1243 before classroom use of the materials or resources.
- 1244 (e) If a charter school contracts with another party to provide online or digital materials,
1245 the charter school shall include in the contract a requirement that the provider give
1246 notice to the charter school any time that the provider makes a material change to the
1247 content of the online or digital materials, excluding regular informational updates on
1248 current events.
- 1249 (f) Nothing in this Subsection (13) requires a charter school governing board to review
1250 all learning materials used within the charter school.
- 1251 (14) If information, data, or action from a charter school is necessary for the state board to
1252 fulfill a statutory data gathering, compliance, or reporting requirement, a local school

1253 board shall provide the relevant information, data, or action, subject to enforcement
1254 under Section 53E-3-401.

1255 Section 12. **Effective Date.**

1256 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.