

**School Technology Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

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

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

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

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

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

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

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

**53G-7-1001 . Definitions.**

[Reserved] As used in this part, "public school" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-205.1.

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 Section **53G-7-1003** is repealed and reenacted to read:

**53G-7-1003 . Process and content standards for policy.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Parent-accessible monitoring system" means a technology platform that enables a

parent to review the activity of the parent's student on school managed devices.

(b) "Policy" means the elementary and secondary school online access policy adopted by a local school board to meet the requirements of Section 53G-7-1002.

(c) "Preapproved content filtering system" means a method of internet access control that permits use only of the websites or online resources the local school board or school administrator preapproves.

(2)(a) The local school board shall:

(i) direct the development of each policy;

(ii) adopt the policy in an open meeting;

(iii) assign the policy an effective date;

(iv) review the policy at least every three years;

(v) add a footnote to the policy indicating the effective date of the last review; and

(vi) post a notice of the policy's availability in a conspicuous place within each school.

(b) The local school board may issue a public notice, separate from the notice required under Subsection (2)(a)(vi), if the school board considers issuing the notice appropriate.

(3) The local school board shall ensure that the policy:

(a) restricts access to internet or online sites that contain obscene material;

(b) states how the local school board intends to meet the requirements of Section 53G-7-1002;

(c) at the request of a student's parent, requires the use of a preapproved content filtering system when the student uses a school approved electronic device;

(d) requires the use of a parent-accessible monitoring system;

(e) informs the public that the school has adopted administrative procedures and guidelines for staff to follow in enforcing the policy;

(f) informs the public that the school has adopted procedures to handle complaints about:

(i) the policy;

(ii) the enforcement of the policy; and

(iii) observed behavior; and

(g) states that the procedures described in Subsections (3)(e) and (f) are available for review at the school.

### Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.