1   **Student Achievement Backpack**

                                    2026 GENERAL SESSION

                                        STATE OF UTAH

                              Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

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3   **LONG TITLE**

4   **General Description:**

5   This bill amends provisions regarding the Student Achievement Backpack.

6   **Highlighted Provisions:**

7   This bill:

8   ‣ defines terms;

9   ‣ adds specific requirements and criteria for the Student Achievement Backpack, including:

10   • data transfer or storage;

11   • system and vendor interoperability;

12   • data visibility;

13   • data contents; and

14   • authorized users who may access the data; and

15   ‣ makes technical and conforming changes.

16   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17   None

18   **Other Special Clauses:**

19   This bill provides a special effective date.

20   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21   AMENDS:

22   **53E-3-511**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 164, 381

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

25   Section 1. Section **53E-3-511** is amended to read:

26   **53E-3-511 . Student Achievement Backpack -- Utah Student Record Store.**

27   (1) As used in this section:

28   (a) "Authorized LEA user" means [a] an administrator, teacher, or other person who is:

29   (i) employed by an LEA that provides instruction to a student; and

30   (ii) authorized to access data in a Student Achievement Backpack through the Utah

31   Student Record Store[.] or an educational student achievement record system.

32   (b) "Authorized user" means:

33   (i) the relevant student, if the student is or has been enrolled in the LEA;

34   (ii) the student's parent or legal guardian, while the student is enrolled in an LEA;

35   (iii) an authorized LEA user; or

36   (iv) a user that the state board authorizes to access data in a Student Achievement

37   Backpack through the Utah Student Record Store or an educational student

38   achievement record system, including local and state policymakers, subject to

39   state and federal privacy laws, including:

40   (A) Chapter 9, Student Privacy and Data Protection;

41   (B) the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act and related provisions under 20

42   U.S.C. Secs. 1232g and 1232h; and

43   (C) the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 6501 et seq.

44   (c) "Multi-institutional, longitudinal learner visibility" means that an educational student

45   achievement record system enables a continuous learner-centric view of Student

46   Achievement Backpack information across multiple LEAs, programs, and

47   participating postsecondary institutions.

48   [(b)] (d) "Statewide assessment" means the same as that term is defined in Section

49   53E-4-301.

50   [(c)] (e) "Student Achievement Backpack" means, for a student from kindergarten

51   through grade 12, a complete learner profile that:

52   (i) is in electronic format;

53   (ii) is a state-provided, federated connectivity, access, and visualization layer that

54   enables authorized users to view student information across multiple sources,

55   systems, and institutions that:

56   (A) does not replace or serve as an LEA or state system of record; and

57   (B) provides multi-institutional, longitudinal learner visibility of student academic

58   progress, zero data transfer or storage, and system- and vendor-agnostic

59   interoperability;

60   [(ii)] (iii) follows the student from grade to grade and school to school, including LEA

61   to LEA and other enrollment choices including a state scholarship program, home

62   schooling, and online programs; and

63   [(iii)] (iv) is accessible by the student, the student's parent, or an authorized LEA user.

64   (f) "System- and vendor-agnostic interoperability" means that the educational student

65   achievement record system:

66   (i) interoperates with education data systems regardless of vendor or platform; and

67   (ii) provides no preference, exclusivity, or technical advantage to any vendor or

68   system.

69   [(d)] (g) "Utah Student Record Store" means a repository of student data collected from

70   LEAs as part of the state's longitudinal data system that is:

71   (i) managed by the state board;

72   (ii) cloud-based; and

73   (iii) accessible via a web browser to authorized LEA users.

74   (h) "Visualization-only interface" means a secure display of student data sourced

75   directly from an authoritative system of record without copying, transferring, or

76   centrally storing the underlying student data.

77   (i) "Zero data transfer or storage" means that:

78   (i) student data and documents that already exist in an authorized LEA or state

79   system of record remain in the system of record; and

80   (ii) the educational student achievement record system does not transfer or

81   persistently store, unless the state board expressly authorizes minimal transient

82   processing or limited storage solely to render Student Achievement Backpack

83   information available where no authorized LEA or state system of record exists.

84   (2)(a) The state board shall[use the state board's robust, comprehensive data collection

85   system, which collects longitudinal student transcript data from LEAs] , using

86   existing LEA and state data systems and the unique student identifiers as described in

87   Section 53E-4-308, [to]allow the following to access a student's Student

88   Achievement Backpack:

89   (i) the student;

90   [(i)] (ii) the student's parent; and

91   [(ii)] (iii) each LEA that provides instruction to the student.

92   (b) The state board shall ensure that a Student Achievement Backpack:

93   (i) provides a uniform, transparent reporting mechanism for individual student

94   progress;

95   [(ii) provides a complete learner history for postsecondary planning;]

96   (ii) uses a visualization-only interface;

97   (iii) provides an unofficial, continuously updated transcript view reflecting

98   multi-institutional progress toward diplomas, certifications, and postsecondary

99	credentials;
100	[(iii)] (iv) provides a teacher with visibility into a student's complete learner profile to
101	better inform instruction and personalize education;
102	[(iv)] (v) assists a teacher or administrator in diagnosing a student's learning needs
103	through the use of [data already collected by the state board] existing LEA and
104	state data authorized for viewing under this section;
105	[(v)] (vi) facilitates a student's parent taking an active role in the student's education
106	by simplifying access to the student's complete learner profile;[and]
107	[(vi)] (vii) [serves as additional disaster mitigation for LEAs by using a cloud-based
108	data storage and collection system.] supports continuity of access to Student
109	Achievement Backpack information consistent with zero data transfer or storage
110	principles;
111	(viii) is provided for informational and student-support purposes without modifying
112	LEA or state board reporting obligations under state or federal law;
113	(ix) does not:
114	(A) serve as a system of record for student data; or
115	(B) replace or duplicate an LEA's student information system; and
116	(x) relies on the originating system of record for data accuracy, maintenance, and
117	correction.
118	(3)(a) Using existing information collected and stored [in the state board's data
119	warehouse] through LEA and state board systems, the state board shall create and
120	maintain the Utah Student Record Store [where an authorized LEA user may:] in
121	support of Student Achievement Backpack availability and LEA-to-LEA record
122	exchange.
123	[(a) access data in a Student Achievement Backpack relevant to the user's LEA or
124	school; or]
125	[(b) request student records to be transferred from one LEA to another.]
126	(b) An authorized user may, as applicable:
127	(i) access Student Achievement Backpack information relevant to the user's role
128	through the Student Achievement Backpack; and
129	(ii) request the transfer of student records from one LEA to another LEA through the
130	Utah Student Record Store.
131	(4) The state board shall implement security and privacy measures to ensure that:
132	(a) student data stored[or], transmitted[to or from], or visualized as part of a Student

133   Achievement Backpack or through the Utah Student Record Store is secure and

134   confidential [pursuant to the requirements of] in accordance with the Family

135   Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g;

136   (b) an authorized LEA user may only access student data that is relevant to the user's [

137   LEA or school; and] role and lawful purpose under this section;

138   (c) except as provided in Section 53E-9-308, an authorized [LEA]user shares only

139   aggregate or de-identified data[.] accessed through the Student Achievement

140   Backpack outside the context of the Student Achievement Backpack; and

141   (d) the secure and confidential system supporting the Student Achievement Backpack

142   does not replace or supersede the role of the Utah Student Record Store in

143   LEA-to-LEA transfers.

144   (5)(a) A student's parent may [request] access the student's Student Achievement

145   Backpack [from the LEA or the school in which] while the student is enrolled in an

146   LEA.

147   (b) The LEA or school in which a student is enrolled shall assist the parent described in

148   Subsection (5)(a) in obtaining access upon request.

149   (6) An authorized LEA user may access student data in a Student Achievement Backpack,

150   which shall include the following data[, or request that the data be transferred from one

151   LEA to another] and information, at a minimum, organized into the following sections:

152   (a) enrollment, including:

153   [(a)] (i) student demographics;

154   (ii) student contact information;

155   (iii) parent information;

156   (iv) current and previous schools and LEAs of enrollment; and

157   (v) school performance information reported in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 2,

158   School Accountability System;

159   (b) attendance, including:

160   (i) an attendance alert indicator, in accordance with Section 53E-5-210;

161   (ii) current attendance status;

162   (iii) an attendance summary;

163   (iv) section attendance; and

164   (v) recent absences identified as excused or unexcused;

165   (c) academics, including:

166   (i) an academic performance alert indicator, in accordance with Section 53E-5-210;

167   (ii) an academic overview, including current grade point average where available;

168   (iii) current enrolled courses, including the teacher name and teacher qualifications,

169   where available;

170   [(b)] (iv) current course grades or progress;

171   (v) current assignments with grades, where available;

172   (vi) past-due assignments with due dates, where available;

173   [(c)] (vii) course history, including teacher name, where available;[and]

174   [(d)] (viii) results of a statewide assessment[.] ;

175   (ix) student growth scores on statewide assessments, as applicable;

176   (x) a student's writing sample written for a writing assessment administered in

177   accordance with Section 53E-4-303;

178   (xi) results of benchmark reading assessments administered in accordance with

179   Section 53E-4-307; and

180   (xii) a student's reading level at the end of grade 3, where applicable;

181   (d) student support, including:

182   (i) IEP status and classification, where applicable;

183   (ii) Section 504 status and classification, where applicable;

184   (iii) additional supports and classifications, where applicable;

185   (iv) other student support indicators, in accordance with authorizations in law or rule;

186   and

187   (v) generated summaries for easy viewing of IEP, Section 504, and other supports,

188   including accommodations, in accordance with authorizations in law or rule; and

189   (e) transcript, including:

190   (i) credits needed and credits earned toward high school graduation;

191   (ii) completed diplomas and certifications, where applicable;

192   (iii) enrollment in participating professional or postsecondary institutions and

193   programs outside of the public education system;

194   (iv) progress toward credentials, certifications, and degrees, including concurrent

195   enrollment and college credits;

196   (v) unofficial predicted transfer credit information, where available; and

197   (vi) generated summaries of progress and recommendations for professional or

198   postsecondary opportunities.

199   (7) An authorized LEA user may access student data in a Student Achievement Backpack,

200   which shall include the data listed in Subsections (6)(a) through [(d) and the following

201   data] (e), or request that the data be transferred from one LEA to another[.] through the

202   Utah Student Record Store.

203   [(a)   section attendance;]

204   [(b)   the name of a student's teacher for classes or courses the student takes;]

205   [(c)   teacher qualifications for a student's teacher, including years of experience, degree,

206   license, and endorsement;]

207   [(d)   results of statewide assessments;]

208   [(e)   a student's writing sample that is written for a writing assessment administered

209   pursuant to Section 53E-4-303;]

210   [(f)   student growth scores on a statewide assessment, as applicable;]

211   [(g)   a school's performance as reported in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 2, School

212   Accountability System;]

213   [(h)   results of benchmark assessments of reading administered pursuant to Section

214   53E-4-307; and]

215   [(i)   a student's reading level at the end of grade 3.]

216   [(8)   No later than July 1, 2024, the state board shall ensure that data collected in the Utah

217   Student Record Store for a Student Achievement Backpack is integrated into each LEA's

218   student information system and is made available to a student's parent and an authorized

219   LEA user in an easily accessible viewing format.]

220   (8)(a)   No later than July 1, 2027, the state board shall ensure that the Student

221   Achievement Backpack is available in an easily accessible viewing format for each

222   authorized user, using information sourced from LEA and state board systems.

223   (b)   Each LEA shall work with the state board to ensure that the Student Achievement

224   Backpack is available in accordance with Subsection (8)(a) for each student currently

225   enrolled in the LEA.

226   (9)   No later than July 1, 2027, the state board shall:

227   (a)   in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, procure a

228   provider of an educational student achievement record system that provides the

229   Student Achievement Backpack statewide; and

230   (b)   ensure that the educational student achievement record system meets the

231   requirements of this section.

232   (10)(a)   Student Achievement Backpack access and visualization under this section are

233   separate from and do not alter an LEA's reporting obligations to the state board under

234   state or federal law.

235   (b) All student data displayed through the Student Achievement Backpack remains the

236   property of the originating local education agency.

237   (c) A parent, student, or authorized LEA user who identifies a data error shall request

238   correction from the originating local education agency.

239   (d) The state board may not modify, overwrite, or correct student data originating from a

240   local education agency's system of record.

241   Section 2. **Effective Date.**

242   This bill takes effect on July 1, 2027.