

**AIR QUALITY MITIGATION BY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Patrice M. Arent**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires an agency or school district to report on air quality mitigation efforts and to develop, report on, and implement, an air quality mitigation plan.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ subject to certain exceptions, requires an agency or school district to:
  - report on air quality mitigation efforts currently used by the agency or school district; and
  - develop and report on a plan that the agency or school district will implement, within one year, to mitigate the emission of air pollutants.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**63G-17-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63G-17-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63G-17-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63G-17-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **63G-17-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 17. AIR QUALITY MITIGATION**

**Part 1. General Provisions**

**63G-17-101. Title.**

(1) This chapter is known as "Air Quality Mitigation."

(2) This part is known as "General Provisions."

Section 2. Section **63G-17-102** is enacted to read:

**63G-17-102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Agency" means:

(a) the House of Representatives;

(b) the Senate;

(c) a staff office of the Legislature;

(d) a department in the executive branch of state government;

(e) the Judicial Council; or

(f) a state institution of higher education.

(2) "Air pollutant" is as defined in 42 U.S.C. 7602(g).

(3) "Designated county" means:

(a) Salt Lake County;

(b) Davis County;

(c) Utah County;

(d) Weber County;

(e) Box Elder County;

(f) Cache County;

(g) Duchesne County; or

(h) Uintah County.

(4) "Mitigation efforts" means measures taken to reduce the emission of air pollutants,

including:

(a) flexible work schedules to reduce driving during peak times;

- 59           (b) telecommuting;
- 60           (c) electronic communication, including teleconferencing;
- 61           (d) encouraging ride sharing;
- 62           (e) encouraging use of public transportation;
- 63           (f) energy conservation;
- 64           (g) using alternative energy sources;
- 65           (h) recycling and using recycled products;
- 66           (i) using non-aerosol products;
- 67           (j) reducing idling;
- 68           (k) low-maintenance landscaping; or
- 69           (l) other technology that may be used, or measures that may be taken, to reduce the
- 70 emission of air pollutants.

71           Section 3. Section **63G-17-201** is enacted to read:

72                   **Part 2. Air Quality Mitigation by Agencies and School Districts**

73           **63G-17-201. Title.**

74           This part is known as "Air Quality Mitigation by Agencies and School Districts."

75           Section 4. Section **63G-17-202** is enacted to read:

76           **63G-17-202. Air quality mitigation report and plan.**

77           (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and in accordance with Subsection (3):

78           (a) on or before July 1, 2013, each school district shall submit to the State Board of  
79 Education, by email, a report on the mitigation efforts currently being used by the school  
80 district;

81           (b) on or before August 1, 2013:

82           (i) the State Board of Education shall submit to the Economic Development Task  
83 Force, by email, a summary report of the reports received under Subsection (1)(a); and

84           (ii) each agency shall submit to the Economic Development Task Force, by email, a  
85 report on the mitigation efforts currently being used by the agency;

86           (c) on or before August 1, 2013, each school district shall develop and submit to the  
87 State Board of Education, by email, a plan that describes the mitigation efforts that the school  
88 district will implement, within one year after the day on which the plan is submitted, to:

89           (i) reduce the emission of air pollutants on a regular basis; and

90 (ii) reduce the emission of air pollutants on a day for which the Division of Air Quality  
91 issues an air quality action alert; and

92 (d) on or before September 1, 2013:

93 (i) the State Board of Education shall submit to the Economic Development Task  
94 Force, by email, a summary of the plans received under Subsection (1)(c); and

95 (ii) each agency shall develop and submit to the Economic Development Task Force,  
96 by email, a plan that describes the mitigation efforts that the agency will implement within one  
97 year after the day on which the plan is submitted, to:

98 (A) reduce the emission of air pollutants on a regular basis; and

99 (B) reduce the emission of air pollutants on a day for which the Division of Air Quality  
100 issues an air quality action alert.

101 (2) (a) A school district is exempt from the provisions of this section if:

102 (i) the school district is not, in whole or in part, within a designated county; and

103 (ii) the school district's employees do not reside within a designated county.

104 (b) A report or plan that an agency is required to submit under this section is not  
105 required to contain information in relation to a designated county where an employee of the  
106 agency does not reside or work.

107 (3) A plan described in Subsection (1)(c) or (d) shall include information regarding  
108 additional funds, if any, that are needed in order to implement all or a portion of the plan.

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**Legislative Review Note**

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