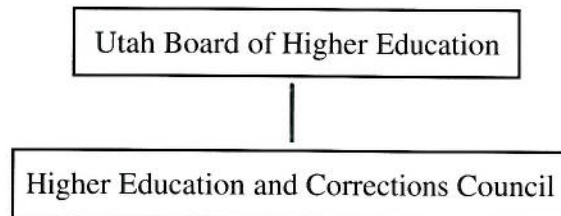


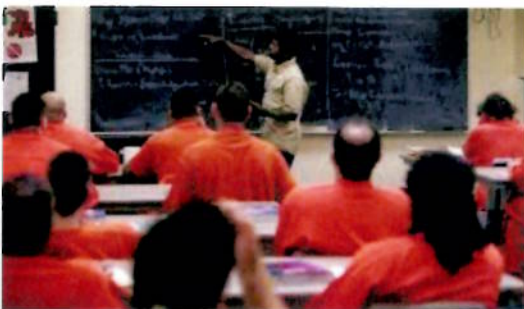
## HB226S1 Higher Education and Corrections Council

HB226S1 establishes the Higher Education and Corrections Council which would create a comprehensive system to oversee the development and delivery of higher education programs to adult inmates in Utah correctional facilities. The Council will also advise the Utah Board of Higher Education, the Education Interim Committee, and the Higher Education Appropriations Committee with recommendations. Additionally, the Council will collect data tracking objectives and outcomes, including;

- methods of emphasizing programs that align with current and projected workforce demands of the state,
- use of coursework that encourages personal and civic development,
- the outcomes of formerly incarcerated people who have participated.



This bill provides for a single official coordinating body to help facilitate the great work that is already taking place within the state. This program works to bring educational opportunities by providing for-credit classes taught by volunteer students and professors.



#### Colleges Currently Involved:

- Snow College
- Davis Tech
- Salt Lake Community College
- University of Utah
- Utah Valley University
- Dixie State
- Brigham Young University
- Utah State University

**“A relatively recent study of 400,000 former prisoners found a recidivism rate of 75%. Participation in prison education of any kind drives that rate down – and the more advanced the degree earned, the lower it goes. Recidivism declines to 14% among those who earned associate degrees, 5.6 percent among those who earned bachelor’s degrees, and to exactly 0 among those who earned master’s degrees.” - Christopher Hodson, PhD, BYU**

