



Sunset Reviews – 2023

Education Interim Committee | September 18, 2023

Sunset Review Guidelines and Committee Options

Guidelines

Section [63E-1-103](#) provides guidelines for a committee conducting a sunset review and the agencies that oversee the statutes up for review.

Questions

1. Is the program **necessary**?
2. Is the program **accomplishing its objective**?
3. Are there ways to **improve it**?

Committee Options

1. Allow the program to expire:
2. Recommend legislation:
 - a. Reauthorize:
 - i. Specific time period
 - ii. Make permanent (remove sunset date)
 - b. Repeal
 - c. Improve

Statutes for Sunset Review, 2023 Interim

- Section [53B-6-105.5](#), related to the *Technology Initiative Advisory Board*, sunsets on **July 1, 2024**.
- Section [53B-17-1203](#), *SafeUT and School Safety Commission*, sunsets on **January 1, 2025**.
- Section [53F-2-420](#), *Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program*, sunsets on **July 1, 2024**.
- Subsection [53F-9-203\(7\)](#), related to the *Charter School Revolving Account advisory committee*, sunsets on **July 1, 2024**.

Technology Initiative Advisory Board

Sunset date July 1, 2024

The Technology Initiative Advisory Board, created by Section [53B-6-105.5](#), is established to assist and make recommendations to the Utah Board of Higher Education (board) in relation to the administration of the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative.

The purpose of the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative is to increase the number of graduates in engineering, computer science, and related technology by improving the quality of instructional programs in these fields, providing supplemental funding for equipment purchases, and incentivizing institutions to hire and retain faculty in these fields.



The Governor appoints individuals to the Advisory Board from business and industry who have expertise in the areas of engineering, computer science, and related technologies. There are currently 10 seats on the board.

Duties

Statute tasks the Advisory Board with the following:

- Make recommendations on the allocation and distribution of money appropriated to fund faculty incentives and equipment purchases to improve the quality of instructional programs in engineering, computer science, and related technology.
- Prepare a strategic plan that details actions required by the board to meet the intent of the Engineering and Technology Science Initiative.
- Review and assess current programs in these fields offered at higher education institutions and their impact on the economic prosperity of the state.
- Provide an assessment and reporting plan that measures results against expectations, including market demand for employment in these fields and admission, retention, graduation, and placement rates for students served by the initiative.
- Make an annual report of its activities to the board.

SafeUT and School Safety Commission

Sunset date January 1, 2025

The SafeUT app, created by Section [53B-17-1203](#), is established as a way for citizens in crisis to access real-time intervention help with trained counselors. Created through [HB373](#) in the 2019 General Session, the bill also established the SafeUT and School Safety Commission to:

- Coordinate statewide efforts related to the SafeUT Crisis Line; and
- Coordinate with the State Board of Education and the Utah Board of Higher Education to promote awareness of the services available through the SafeUT Crisis Line.

The Commission is staffed by the office of the Attorney General and has 11 members.

Members are appointed for 4-year terms according to the following criteria:

- one member who represents the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the attorney general;
- one member who represents the Utah public education system, appointed by the State Board of Education;
- one member who represents the Utah System of Higher Education, appointed by the State Board of Regents;
- one member who represents the Utah Department of Health, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Health;
- one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;



- one member who represents the University Neuropsychiatric Institute, appointed by the chair of the commission;
- one member who represents law enforcement who has extensive experience in emergency response, appointed by the chair of the commission;
- one member who represents the Utah Department of Human Services who has experience in youth services or treatment services, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Human Services; and
- two members of the public, appointed by the chair of the commission.

More information about the app and crisis line may be found at <https://safeut.org/>

Charter School Revolving Account Advisory Committee

Sunset date July 1, 2024

The Charter School Revolving Account provides loans to charter schools for school building construction and renovation, new charter school startup, and charter school expansion costs. Statute allows the state board to create an advisory committee to review and make recommendations on loan requests. The statute creating this advisory committee, 53F-9-203(7), is scheduled to sunset July 1, 2024.

The committee consists of individuals who have expertise or experience in finance, real estate, or charter school administration. The governor nominates one member, and remaining members are selected from a list of nominees submitted by the State Charter School Board (SCSB).

The Charter School Revolving Account Committee makes a recommendation to the SCSB. The SCSB reviews the recommendation and forwards it to the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). After reviewing the recommendation, USBE may: request additional information from the applicant, request a reconsideration of a recommendation from the committee, approve the loan, or deny the loan.

In the 2011 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 83, Charter School Revolving Account, which eliminated the Charter School Building Subaccount (created in the 2003 Legislative Session) and created the Charter School Revolving Account within the Uniform School Fund.

Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program

Sunset date July 1, 2024

The Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program is a 3-year program that was created by the Legislature in the 2021 General Session. It provides for additional funding to local education agencies to supplement the cost of educating a student with intensive special education needs. The statute authorizing the program is Section [53F-2-420](#), and is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2024.

The State Board of Education, in administrative rule [R277-752](#), establishes the distribution formula and eligibility requirements for allocating funds appropriated for this program.