

# Utah First Credential HB 260

## \$2M Public Education One Time

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# A Shared Goal

To ensure every Utah high school student graduates with a credential that prepares them for college and the workforce, by uniting state K-12 and higher education agencies in a comprehensive, collaborative effort.

**46,000**

is the projected annual job  
growth in 10 years



**71%**

of jobs will require  
credentials by 2031



**32,000**

require a diploma or  
higher ed credential



SOURCE: DWS & Georgetown University CEW

# Bill Provisions

- Develop Utah's First Credential Master Plan, establish and maintain the master credential list
- Foster partnerships between high schools, technical colleges, employers, and apprenticeship programs
- Develop a needs and readiness assessment tool for LEAs
- Award grants to LEAs for First Credential expansions
- Conduct reviews every three years
- Make rules to implement the program
- Ensure automatic inclusion of current credentials

# First Credential Master Plan



Master credential list & approval process



Methods for ensuring industry alignment



Addressing regional & local relevance



Performance funding framework



Strategies for promoting credential stackability



Creating credential review committee



Mechanisms for collaboration



Weighted value system for credentialing



Evaluation & improvement strategies

# First Credential Scalability Framework K-16

