

1                                   **CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS IN**  
2                                   **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

3                                   1998 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Sponsor: Craig L. Taylor**

6 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT THE STATE BOARD  
7 OF EDUCATION MAY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS OR PROVIDE MODELS TO  
8 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS AS TO THE GRADE LEVEL OR LEVELS AT WHICH  
9 CURRICULUM SHOULD BE TAUGHT; AND PROVIDING THAT THE LOCAL BOARDS  
10 MAY ADOPT THOSE MODELS OR RECOMMENDATIONS OR CHOOSE TO DESIGN  
11 THEIR OWN INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE.

12 This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

13 AMENDS:

14                   **53A-1-402**, as enacted by Chapter 2, Laws of Utah 1988

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

16                   Section 1. Section **53A-1-402** is amended to read:

17                   **53A-1-402. Board to establish minimum standards for public schools.**

18                   (1) The State Board of Education shall establish rules and minimum standards for the  
19 public schools, to include:

20                   (a) the qualification and certification of educators and ancillary personnel who provide  
21 direct student services, required school administrative and supervisory services, and evaluation of  
22 instructional personnel;

23                   (b) access to programs, attendance, competency levels, graduation requirements, discipline  
24 and control, and health and safety requirements;

25                   (c) school accreditation, the academic year, alternative and pilot programs, curriculum and  
26 instruction requirements, school libraries, and services to the handicapped and other special  
27 groups;

1 (d) requirements for school design, general educational specifications, school sites, and  
2 building accessibility;

3 (e) state reimbursed bus routes, bus safety and operational requirements, and other  
4 transportation needs; and

5 (f) school productivity and cost effectiveness measures, the minimum school program,  
6 school building aid, school lunch, driver education, federal programs, school budget formats, and  
7 financial, statistical, and student accounting requirements.

8 (2) The board shall determine whether the minimum standards have been met, and that  
9 required reports are properly submitted.

10 (3) (a) In establishing minimum standards for graduation requirements under Subsection  
11 (1)(b) and curriculum and instruction requirements under Subsection (1)(c), the board may  
12 recommend or provide models as to the grade level or levels at which the instruction might be  
13 given.

14 (b) A local school board has the option of adopting the recommendations or models  
15 provided under Subsection (3)(a), or it may choose to design its own instructional schedule as to  
16 the grade level or levels at which the instruction is given.

17 [~~3~~] (4) The board may apply for, receive, administer, and distribute to eligible applicants  
18 funds made available through programs of the federal government.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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