

SCHOOL BOARD OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: R. Mont Evans

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF A SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION RESOURCE MANUAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE; AND REQUIRING THE BOARD TO DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR THE VERIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING INSPECTIONS BY QUALIFIED INSPECTORS.

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

ENACTS:

53A-20-104.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-20-104.5** is enacted to read:

53A-20-104.5. School building construction and inspection manual -- Annual construction and inspection conference -- Verification of school construction inspections.

(1) The State Board of Education, through the state superintendent of public instruction, shall develop and distribute to each school district a school building construction and inspection resource manual.

(2) (a) The manual shall include current legal requirements and information on school building construction and inspections.

(b) The state superintendent shall review and update the manual at least once every three years.

(3) The board shall provide for an annual school construction conference to allow a representative from each school district to:

(a) receive current information on the design, construction, and inspection of school buildings;

(b) receive training on such matters as:

- (i) using properly certified building inspectors;
 - (ii) filing construction inspection summary reports and the final inspection certification with the local governmental authority's building official;
 - (iii) the roles and relationships between a school district and the local governmental authority, either a county or municipality, as related to the construction and inspection of school buildings; and
 - (iv) adequate documentation of school building inspections; and
 - (c) provide input on any changes that may be needed to improve the existing school building inspection program.
- (4) (a) The board shall develop a process to verify that inspections by qualified inspectors occur in each school district.
- (b) The board shall make a report on its implementation of the process to the Education Interim Committee prior to the 2000 Legislative General Session.