

CHARTER SCHOOL REPORTING

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires annual reporting of charter school innovative practices.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires charter schools to annually report innovative practices to the Charter School Board; and
- ▶ requires the Charter School Board to annually provide a summary of the innovative practices to the Education Interim Committee.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-501.6, as enacted by Chapter 251, Laws of Utah 2004

ENACTS:

53A-1a-507.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1a-501.6** is amended to read:

53A-1a-501.6. Power and duties of State Charter School Board.



28 (1) The State Charter School Board shall:

29 (a) authorize and promote the establishment of charter schools, subject to the
30 limitations in Sections 53A-1a-502 and 53A-1a-505;

31 (b) annually review and evaluate the performance of charter schools authorized by the
32 State Charter School Board and hold the schools accountable for their performance;

33 ~~H→ [(c) report annually by November 30 to the Education Interim Committee on charter
34 school innovative practices, as reported pursuant to Section 53A-1a-507.1;] ←H~~

35 H→ [f] (c) [h] [~~(d)~~] ←H monitor charter schools authorized by the State Charter School
35a Board for

36 compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations;

37 H→ [f] (d) [h] [~~(e)~~] ←H provide technical support to charter schools and persons seeking to
37a establish

38 charter schools by:

39 (i) identifying and promoting successful charter school models;

40 (ii) facilitating the application and approval process for charter school authorization;

41 (iii) directing charter schools and persons seeking to establish charter schools to
42 sources of private funding and support;

43 (iv) reviewing and evaluating proposals to establish charter schools for the purpose of
44 supporting and strengthening proposals before an application for charter school authorization is
45 submitted to the State Charter School Board or a local school board; and

46 (v) assisting charter schools to understand and carry out their charter obligations;

47 H→ [f] (e) [h] [~~(f)~~] ←H provide technical support, as requested, to a local school board
47a relating to
48 charter schools;

49 H→ [f] (f) [h] [~~(g)~~] ←H make recommendations on legislation and rules pertaining to
49a charter schools

50 to the Legislature and State Board of Education, respectively; and

51 H→ [f] (g) [h] [~~(h)~~] ←H make recommendations to the State Board of Education on the
51a funding of
52 charter schools.

53 (2) The State Charter School Board may:

54 (a) contract;

55 (b) sue and be sued; and

56 (c) (i) at the discretion of the charter school, provide administrative services to, or
57 perform other school functions for, charter schools authorized by the State Charter School
58 Board; and

59 (ii) charge fees for the provision of services or functions.

60 Section 2. Section 53A-1a-507.1 is enacted to read:

61 **53A-1a-507.1. Charter school innovative practices -- Report to State Charter**

62 **School Board.**

63 Prior to July 31 of each year, a charter school ~~shall~~ may identify and report to the

63a State

64 Charter School Board its innovative practices which fulfill the purposes of charter schools as

65 outlined in Section 53A-1a-503, including:

66 (1) unique learning opportunities providing increased choice in education;

67 (2) new public school models;

68 (3) innovative teaching practices;

69 (4) opportunities for educators to actively participate in the design and implementation

70 of the learning program;

71 (5) new forms of accountability emphasizing the measurement of learning outcomes

72 and the creation of new measurement tools;

73 (6) opportunities for greater parental involvement, including involvement in

74 management decisions; and

75 (7) the impact of the innovative practices on student achievement.

Legislative Review Note

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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State Impact

No fiscal impact

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact

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