

**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

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*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 (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;
- 35 [~~e~~] (d) monitor charter schools authorized by the State Charter School Board for
- 36 compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations;
- 37 [~~d~~] (e) provide technical support to charter schools and persons seeking to 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 [~~e~~] (f) provide technical support, as requested, to a local school board relating to
- 48 charter schools;
- 49 [~~f~~] (g) make recommendations on legislation and rules pertaining to charter schools
- 50 to the Legislature and State Board of Education, respectively; and
- 51 [~~g~~] (h) make recommendations to the State Board of Education on the 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 identify and report to the 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.

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**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.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
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**Charter School Reporting**

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**State Impact**

No fiscal impact

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact

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