

1 **UTAH EDUCATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS**

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3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway**

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies provisions related to the Utah Education Network (UEN).

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ modifies UEN's duties and authority related to the provision of telecommunication
13 services in support of ~~H→ [education and government agencies, including]~~ ←H local
14 government; and

15 ▶ makes technical corrections.

16 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **53B-17-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 150

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

25 Section 1. Section **53B-17-104** is amended to read:

26 **53B-17-104. Responsibilities of KUED - TV, KUER - FM, and UEN related to**
27 **public broadcasting and telecommunication for education and government.**



28 (1) Subject to applicable rules of the Federal Communications Commission and
29 Section 53B-17-102, the State Board of Regents, the State Board of Education, and the
30 University of Utah, KUED - TV, KUER - FM, and UEN shall:

31 (a) coordinate statewide services of public radio and television;

32 (b) develop, maintain, and operate statewide distribution systems for KUED - TV,
33 KUER - FM, and KUEN, the statewide distance learning service, the educational data network,
34 connections to the Internet, and other telecommunications services appropriate for providing
35 video, audio, and data telecommunication services in support of public and higher education,
36 state government, and public libraries;

37 (c) support the delivery of these services to as many communities as may be
38 economically and technically feasible and lawfully permissible under the various operating
39 licenses;

40 (d) cooperate with state and local governmental and educational agencies and provide
41 leadership and consulting service for telecommunication for education;

42 (e) represent the state with privately owned telecommunications systems to gain access
43 to their networks for the delivery of programs and services sponsored or produced by public
44 and higher education;

45 (f) acquire, produce, coordinate, and distribute a variety of programs and services of an
46 educational, cultural, informative, and entertaining nature designed to promote the public
47 interest and welfare of the state;

48 (g) coordinate with the state system of higher education to acquire, produce, and
49 distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast college credit telecourses, teleconferences, and other
50 instructional and training services;

51 (h) coordinate with the State Board of Education and school districts to acquire,
52 produce, and distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast telecourses, teleconferences, and other
53 instructional and training services to the public schools;

54 (i) act as a clearing house for the materials, courses, publications, media, software, and
55 other applicable information related to the items addressed in Subsections (1) (g) and (h);

56 (j) coordinate with the State Board of Education to assist in providing the public
57 schools of Utah with the following services:

58 (i) broadcast, during school hours, of educational and administrative programs

59 recommended by the State Board of Education;

60 (ii) duplication and encoding of program masters for broadcast purposes; and

61 (iii) program previewing;

62 (k) share responsibility with the State Board of Education for Instructional Television
63 (ITV) awareness and utilization; and

64 (l) provide teleconference and training services for state and local governmental
65 agencies.

66 (2) UEN shall:

67 (a) consult with the UEN steering committee authorized in Section 53B-17-102 and
68 other technology coordinating committees established by the State Board of Education and
69 State Board of Regents in acquiring, producing, and distributing instructional content;

70 (b) coordinate the statewide development and implementation of the data network for
71 education, which shall include video and audio, data connections, and connection to the
72 Internet, utilizing satellite, microwave, fiber-optic, and other transmission media;

73 (c) utilize statewide economic development criteria in the design and implementation
74 of the educational telecommunications infrastructure; ~~§~~ [f] and [h] ~~←~~

75 (d) assure that public service entities such as educators, public service providers, and
76 public broadcasters are provided access to the telecommunications infrastructures that are
77 developed in the state ~~§~~ [f] . [h] [g]

78 ~~—— (e) provide statewide network infrastructure, connections to the Internet, and~~
79 ~~interactive video conferencing services in support of public and higher education, state and~~
80 ~~local government, and public libraries; and~~

81 ~~—— (f) provide web services, distance learning, and professional development for public~~
82 ~~and higher education.]~~

82a (3) If the network operated by the Department of Technology Services is not available,
82b UEN may provide network connections to the central administration of counties and
82c municipalities for the sole purpose of transferring data to a secure facility for backup and
82d disaster recovery.

83 [(3)] (4) ~~←~~ This section neither regulates nor restricts a privately owned company in the
84 distribution or dissemination of education programs.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
