

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 local government; and
- 14 ▶ makes technical corrections.

15 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **53B-17-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 150

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

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

25 **53B-17-104. Responsibilities of KUED - TV, KUER - FM, and UEN related to**
26 **public broadcasting and telecommunication for education and government.**

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

- 30 (a) coordinate statewide services of public radio and television;
- 31 (b) develop, maintain, and operate statewide distribution systems for KUED - TV,
32 KUER - FM, and KUEN, the statewide distance learning service, the educational data
33 network, connections to the Internet, and other telecommunications services appropriate for
34 providing video, audio, and data telecommunication services in support of public and higher
35 education, state government, and public libraries;
- 36 (c) support the delivery of these services to as many communities as may be
37 economically and technically feasible and lawfully permissible under the various operating
38 licenses;
- 39 (d) cooperate with state and local governmental and educational agencies and provide
40 leadership and consulting service for telecommunication for education;
- 41 (e) represent the state with privately owned telecommunications systems to gain access
42 to their networks for the delivery of programs and services sponsored or produced by public
43 and higher education;
- 44 (f) acquire, produce, coordinate, and distribute a variety of programs and services of
45 an educational, cultural, informative, and entertaining nature designed to promote the public
46 interest and welfare of the state;
- 47 (g) coordinate with the state system of higher education to acquire, produce, and
48 distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast college credit telecourses, teleconferences, and other
49 instructional and training services;
- 50 (h) coordinate with the State Board of Education and school districts to acquire,
51 produce, and distribute broadcast and nonbroadcast telecourses, teleconferences, and other
52 instructional and training services to the public schools;
- 53 (i) act as a clearing house for the materials, courses, publications, media, software, and
54 other applicable information related to the items addressed in Subsections (1) (g) and (h);
- 55 (j) coordinate with the State Board of Education to assist in providing the public
56 schools of Utah with the following services:
 - 57 (i) broadcast, during school hours, of educational and administrative programs

58 recommended by the State Board of Education;

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

60 (iii) program previewing;

61 (k) share responsibility with the State Board of Education for Instructional Television

62 (ITV) awareness and utilization; and

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

65 (2) UEN shall:

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

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

72 (c) utilize statewide economic development criteria in the design and implementation
73 of the educational telecommunications infrastructure; ~~and~~

74 (d) assure that public service entities such as educators, public service providers, and
75 public broadcasters are provided access to the telecommunications infrastructures that are
76 developed in the state.

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

81 ~~(3)~~ ~~(4)~~ This section neither regulates nor restricts a privately owned company in
82 the distribution or dissemination of education programs.