

ONLINE EDUCATION SURVEY

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for the establishment of a pilot online school survey system in which students, parents, and teachers evaluate schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to establish a pilot online school survey system that includes surveys for:
 - students to evaluate their teachers and school administrators;
 - parents to evaluate their children's teachers, children's schools, and themselves;and
 - teachers to evaluate their schools and school administrators;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to contract with a provider or develop a system to provide technology for the pilot online school survey system;
- ▶ requires a participating school district or charter school to:
 - administer online student surveys of teachers;
 - make available to parents online access to surveys which they may complete for their children's teachers and schools; and
 - make available to teachers online access to a survey of their school which they may complete;
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to make rules establishing procedures for



28 administering surveys or making available online access to surveys;

29 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to analyze and aggregate the survey data and
30 publish aggregated survey data on its website; and

31 ▶ provides that survey results shall be made available to school districts and school
32 administrators for the purpose of:

- 33 • determining how to better meet the needs of students and parents;
- 34 • monitoring school improvement efforts; and
- 35 • obtaining data that may be used as part of an educator evaluation system and to

36 inform decisions on employment and professional development.

37 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

38 This bill appropriates:

39 ▶ to the State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative
40 Programs, as a one-time appropriation for fiscal year 2012-13:

- 41 • from the Education Fund, \$40,000.

42 **Other Special Clauses:**

43 This bill provides an effective date.

44 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

45 AMENDS:

46 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 303, 330, and 419

47 ENACTS:

48 **53A-1-410**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

51 Section 1. Section **53A-1-410** is enacted to read:

52 **53A-1-410. Pilot online school survey system.**

53 (1) As used in this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.

54 (2) (a) Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the State Board of Education shall
55 establish a three-year pilot online school survey system in consultation with representatives of
56 local school boards, charter school governing boards, school district and school administrators,
57 teachers, and parents.

58 (b) The board shall develop the technology, or contract with a provider selected

59 through a request for proposals process, to provide the technology for the pilot online school
 60 survey system to be used by the board, a school district, or a school.

61 (3) The purposes of the pilot online school survey system are to:

62 (a) provide information to school districts and schools on how to better serve and meet
 63 the needs of students and parents;

64 (b) allow school districts and schools to monitor progress of school improvement
 65 efforts; and

66 (c) provide data that may be used as part of a school district's or school's educator
 67 evaluation system and inform decisions about employment and professional development.

68 (4) The pilot online school survey system shall include:

69 (a) age appropriate surveys for students to evaluate each of their teachers;

70 (b) age appropriate surveys for students to evaluate their school's administrators;

71 (c) a survey for parents to evaluate their children's teachers;

72 (d) a survey for parents to evaluate their children's schools and administrators,

73 including whether the school or administrators solicited parent involvement in the school;

74 (e) a survey for parents to self-evaluate their participation in their children's education,
 75 including attendance at parent teacher conferences, involvement in the school, and involvement
 76 in their children's homework;

77 (f) a survey for teachers to evaluate their school, including safety and security of the
 78 school; ~~and~~ [and] ~~and~~

79 (g) a survey for teachers to evaluate their school's administrators and, if applicable,
 80 their school district's administrators ~~and~~ [] ;

80a **(h) statistically valid and reliable measurement tools; and**

80b **(i) survey questions that represent information that a student, parent, or teacher has**
 80c **direct knowledge of. ~~and~~**

81 (5) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), the pilot online school survey
 82 instruments shall be uniform statewide to allow for comparison of:

83 (i) survey results statewide; and

84 (ii) survey results from year to year.

85 (b) The State Board of Education may allow a school participating in the pilot program
 86 to create a supplement to the pilot online school survey instrument that includes items specific
 87 to the school.

88 (6) (a) The board shall select a sampling of schools to participate in and administer the
 89 pilot online school survey to students, parents, and teachers.

90 (b) The sampling of urban and rural schools selected by the board shall:

91 (i) represent at least 5% of total state enrollment in public schools; and

92 (ii) include at least:

93 (A) eight elementary schools;

94 (B) eight junior high or middle schools;

95 (C) eight high schools; and

96 (D) five charter schools.

97 (c) The schools selected in Subsection (6)(b)(ii) shall be selected from at least five

98 school districts.

99 (d) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(e), a participating school shall survey all of
100 the students enrolled in the participating school.

101 (e) A participating school shall survey:

102 (i) students in grades 1 and 2 if considered appropriate;

103 (ii) students in grades 3 through 12; and

104 (iii) parents and teachers of students in kindergarten through grade 12.

105 (7) (a) A participating school shall, annually for an elementary school or semi-annually
106 for a secondary school:

107 (i) administer online student surveys of teachers for each of a student's teachers;

108 (ii) make available to parents online access to surveys, which they may complete for
109 each their children's teachers and schools; and

110 (iii) make available to teachers online access to a survey of their school, which they
111 may complete.

112 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
113 State Board of Education shall make rules establishing procedures for administering or making
114 available online the surveys specified in Subsection (7)(a) ~~It~~ **→ [:] including rules to ensure the**
114a **privacy and protection of individual educator survey results. ←~~It~~**

115 (8) The survey data shall be available to:

116 (a) the State Board of Education for the purpose of analyzing and aggregating the
117 survey data; and

118 (b) school district and school administrators for the purposes stated in Subsection (2).

119 (9) On or before the November meeting of the Education Interim Committee in 2012,
120 the State Board of Education shall report:

- 121 (a) the names of the participating schools;
- 122 (b) the identity of the provider selected through the request for proposals process; and
- 123 (c) the progress of the pilot online school survey system.

124 (10) On or before the November meeting of the Education Interim Committee in 2013
 125 and 2014, the State Board of Education shall report:

- 126 (a) the response rate of students, parents, and teachers in each of the participating
 127 schools; and
- 128 (b) the reliability of the pilot online school survey system as an evaluation tool.

129 Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

130 **63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

- 131 (1) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2012.
- 132 (2) Section 53A-1-410 is repealed July 1, 2016.
- 133 [~~2~~] (3) Subsection 53A-1-603(5) is repealed July 1, 2015.
- 134 [~~3~~] (4) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.
- 135 [~~4~~] (5) Subsection 53A-13-110(4) is repealed July 1, 2013.
- 136 [~~5~~] (6) Section 53A-15-1215 is repealed July 1, 2012.

137 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

138 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 139 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated out of the
 140 funds or accounts indicated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30,
 141 2013. These are additions to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

142 To State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs
 143 From the Education Fund \$40,000

144 Schedule of Programs:

145 Contracts and Grants \$40,000

146 The Legislature intends that at least \$30,000 of the appropriation for Contracts and
 147 Grants be used for technology related to the pilot online school survey system created in
 148 Section 53A-1-410.

149 Section 4. **Effective date.**

- 150 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 8, 2012.
- 151 (2) Uncodified Section 3, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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