

**ELECTRONIC HIGH SCHOOL AMENDMENTS**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions relating to the Electronic High School.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ specifies the purpose of the Electronic High School;
- ▶ provides that the Electronic High School may only offer courses required for high school graduation or that fulfill core curriculum course requirements;
- ▶ removes the Electronic High School as an online course provider in the Statewide Online Education Program; and
- ▶ makes technical amendments.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-15-1002 (Effective 07/01/12)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 419

**53A-15-1003**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 227

**53A-15-1006 (Effective 07/01/12)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter



28 419

29 **53A-15-1205**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 419

30 ENACTS:

31 **53A-15-1002.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

34 Section 1. Section **53A-15-1002 (Effective 07/01/12)** is amended to read:

35 **53A-15-1002 (Effective 07/01/12). Definitions.**

36 As used in this part:

37 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

38 (2) "Electronic High School" means a rigorous program offering grade 9 - 12 level

39 online courses [~~through the Statewide Online Education Program~~] and coordinated by the

40 board.

41 [~~(3) "Eligible student" has the meaning defined in Section 53A-15-1202.~~]

42 [(4)] (3) "Home-schooled student" means a student who:

43 (a) [~~who~~] attends a home school;

44 (b) is exempt from school attendance pursuant to Section 53A-11-102; and

45 (c) attends no more than two regularly scheduled classes or courses in a public school

46 per semester.

47 [(5)] (4) "Open-entry, open-exit" means:

48 (a) a method of instructional delivery that allows for flexible scheduling in response to

49 individual student needs or requirements and demonstrated competency when knowledge and

50 skills have been mastered; and

51 (b) students have the flexibility to begin or end study at any time, progress through

52 course material at their own pace, and demonstrate competency when knowledge and skills

53 have been mastered.

54 Section 2. Section **53A-15-1002.5** is enacted to read:

55 **53A-15-1002.5. Electronic High School created -- Purpose.**

56 The Electronic High School is created:

57 (1) to provide an opportunity for a student who has failed a course to retake the course

58 and earn course credit;

59           (2) to allow a student to complete high school graduation requirements and exit high  
60 school early;

61           (3) to allow a student to take a course online so that the student has greater flexibility  
62 in scheduling courses during the regular school day; and

63           (4) to allow a home-schooled or private school student in Utah to take a course within  
64 the Utah high school core curriculum.

65           Section 3. Section **53A-15-1003** is amended to read:

66           **53A-15-1003. Courses and credit.**

67           (1) The Electronic High School may only offer courses required for high school  
68 graduation or that fulfill core curriculum course requirements established by the State Board of  
69 Education.

70           ~~[(1)]~~ (2) The Electronic High School shall:

71           (a) offer courses in an open-entry, open-exit format; and

72           (b) offer core curriculum courses that are in conformance with course standards and  
73 objectives established by the board.

74           ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Public schools shall:

75           (a) accept all credits awarded to students by the Electronic High School; and

76           (b) apply credits awarded for a core curriculum course toward the fulfillment of core  
77 curriculum requirements.

78           Section 4. Section **53A-15-1006 (Effective 07/01/12)** is amended to read:

79           **53A-15-1006 (Effective 07/01/12). Student fees or tuition.**

80           ~~[(1)(a) The Electronic High School shall receive payment for an eligible student's~~  
81 ~~enrollment in an online course as provided by Sections 53A-15-1206 through 53A-15-1208.]~~

82           ~~[(b) For fiscal year 2012-13, a private or home school student whose custodial parent~~  
83 ~~or legal guardian is a resident of Utah may enroll in an Electronic High School course subject~~  
84 ~~to the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.]~~

85           ~~[(2) A student whose custodial parent or legal guardian is not a resident of Utah may~~  
86 ~~enroll in an Electronic High School course for a fee set by the board, provided that the course~~  
87 ~~can accommodate additional students.]~~

88           (1) Electronic High School courses are provided to students who are Utah residents, as  
89 defined in Section 53A-2-201, free of charge.

90            (2) Nonresident students may enroll in Electronic High School courses for a fee set by  
91 the board, provided that the course can accommodate additional students.

92            Section 5. Section **53A-15-1205** is amended to read:

93            **53A-15-1205. Authorized online course providers.**

94            The following entities may offer online courses to eligible students through the  
95 Statewide Online Education Program:

96            [~~(1) beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the Electronic High School established in~~  
97 ~~Part 10, Electronic High School Act;~~]

98            [(~~2~~)] (1) beginning with the 2011-12 school year, a charter school or district school  
99 created exclusively for the purpose of serving students online; and

100            [(~~3~~)] (2) beginning with the 2011-12 school year, an LEA program, approved by the  
101 LEA's governing board, that is created exclusively for the purpose of serving students online.

102            Section 6. **Effective date.**

103            This bill takes effect on July 1, 2012.

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