

PARENT EDUCATION INITIATIVE

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires school districts to offer a seminar to parents with certain information.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires school districts to offer an annual seminar to parents, with information on substance abuse, bullying, mental health, and Internet safety;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - develop a curriculum and provide it to requesting school districts; and
 - report on the program to the Education Interim Committee; and
- ▶ requires a school district to notify charter schools located within the school district's boundaries of the parent seminar.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-15-1301, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is enacted to read:

29 **Part 13. Parent Education**

30 **53A-15-1301. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**

31 (1) (a) A school district shall offer a seminar for parents of students in the school

32 district that:

33 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;

34 (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;

35 (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district;

36 (iv) is offered once a year; and

37 (v) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

38 (b) A school district may:

39 (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or

40 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection

41 (2).

42 (c) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance
43 boundaries of the school district of the date and time of the parent seminar, so that the charter
44 school may inform parents of the seminar.

45 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

46 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that
47 includes information on:

48 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

49 (ii) bullying;

50 (iii) mental health, depression, and suicide awareness; and

51 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

52 (b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon
53 request.

54 (3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
55 Committee, by the November 2012 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent
56 seminar.

57 (4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
58 Committee by the November 2013 meeting on:

- 59 (a) progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
60 (b) estimated attendance reported by school district; and
61 (c) recommendation of whether or not to continue the parent seminar program.
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