

MISSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones

House Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill expands the mission statement of public education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ adds a vision statement for the public education system;
- ▶ adds language to broaden and update the mission statement of public education; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1a-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 47

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1a-103** is amended to read:

53A-1a-103. Public education's vision and mission.

(1) The Legislature envisions an educated citizenry that encompasses the following foundational principles:

(a) citizen participation in civic and political affairs;

(b) economic prosperity for the state by graduating students who are college and career

30 ready;
31 (c) strong moral and social values; and
32 (d) loyalty and commitment to constitutional government.
33 (2) The Legislature recognizes that public education's mission is to assure Utah the best
34 educated citizenry in the world and each individual the training to succeed in a global society[;]
35 by providing students with:
36 (a) learning and occupational skills[;];
37 (b) character development[;];
38 (c) literacy[~~;~~ and basic knowledge] and numeracy;
39 (d) high quality instruction;
40 (e) curriculum with high standards and relevance; and
41 (f) effective assessment to inform high quality instruction and accountability.
42 (3) The Legislature:
43 (a) recognizes that parents or guardians are a child's first teachers and are responsible
44 for the education of their children;
45 (b) encourages family engagement and adequate preparation so that students enter the
46 public education system ready to learn; and
47 (c) intends that the mission detailed in Subsection (2) be carried out through a
48 responsive educational system that guarantees local school communities autonomy, flexibility,
49 and client choice, while holding them accountable for results.
50 (4) This section will be applied consistent with Section 53A-13-109.