

1 **PARENT SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROTECTION**

2 2013 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies Title 53A, Chapter 15, Standards and Programs, by requiring the
10 State Board of Education and school districts to implement a parent seminar on various
11 issues.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ requires school districts to offer an annual seminar to parents with information on
15 substance abuse, bullying, mental health, and Internet safety;
- 16 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
- 17 • develop a curriculum and provide it to requesting school districts; and
 - 18 • report on the program to the Education Interim Committee; ~~H→~~ **[and]** ~~←H~~
- 19 ▶ requires a school district to notify charter schools located within the school district's
20 boundaries of the parent seminar ~~H→~~ **[-] ; and**

20a ▶ allows a school district to opt out of providing the parent seminar if the local school
20b board determines the seminar is not needed in its district. ~~←H~~

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 ENACTS:

27 **53A-15-1301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*30 Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is enacted to read:31 **Part 13. Parent Education**32 **53A-15-1301. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**

33 **(1) (a) ~~H~~→ [A] Except as provided in Subsection (5), a ←H** school district shall offer a
 33a seminar for parents of students in the school
 34 district that:

35 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;36 (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;37 (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district;38 (iv) is offered once a year; and39 (v) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).40 (b) A school district may:41 (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or42 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection43 (2).

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

47 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

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

50 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;51 (ii) bullying;52 (iii) mental health, depression, and suicide awareness; and53 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

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

56 (3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
 57 Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent
 58 seminar ~~H~~→ , including if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar,
 58a as described in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out ←H .

- 59 (4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
- 60 Committee by the November 2014 meeting on ~~H~~→ [the] ←~~H~~ :
- 61 (a) ~~H~~→ the ←~~H~~ progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
- 62 (b) ~~H~~→ the ←~~H~~ estimated attendance reported by each school district; ~~H~~→ [and] ←~~H~~
- 63 (c) ~~H~~→ a ←~~H~~ recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program ~~H~~→ [;] :
- 63a **and**
- 63b **(d) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described in**
- 63c **Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.**
- 63d **(5)(a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school**
- 63e **board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or**
- 63f **value to families in the school district.**
- 63g **(b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school**
- 63h **board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school**
- 63i **board chose not to offer the parent seminar. ←~~H~~**

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