

**PUBLIC SCHOOL SEISMIC STUDIES**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill imposes requirements on a school district regarding seismic safety evaluations of school buildings.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires a school district to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of a school district building constructed before 1975 if the school district issues certain general obligation bonds on or after July 1, 2013; and
- ▶ provides that a school district is not required to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of a building constructed before 1975 if a seismic safety evaluation was performed on the building within the 25-year period before the school district issues certain general obligation bonds.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53A-18-107**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **53A-18-107** is enacted to read:

30 **53A-18-107. Requirement to conduct seismic safety evaluations when issuing a**  
31 **bond.**

32 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying general obligation bond" means a bond:

33 (a) issued pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act; and

34 (b) authorized by an election held on or after July 1, 2013.

35 (2) If a school district issues a qualifying general obligation bond, the school district

36 shall:

37 (a) except as provided in Subsection (4), conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation  
38 of each school district building:

39 (i) constructed before 1975; and

40 (ii) used by the school district as a school; and

41 (b) provide a copy of a seismic safety evaluation prepared under Subsection (2)(a) to

42 the Utah Seismic Safety Commission created in Section 63C-6-101.

43 (3) A seismic safety evaluation conducted under Subsection (2) shall be conducted by a  
44 licensed structural engineer familiar with seismic codes.

45 (4) A school district is not required to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of

46 a building as required in Subsection (2)(a) if a seismic safety evaluation or study was

47 performed on the building within the 25-year period before the school district issues the

48 qualifying general obligation bond.

49 Section 2. **Effective date.**

50 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect

51 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah

52 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,

53 the date of veto override.

**Legislative Review Note**

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