

Senator Jerry W. Stevenson proposes the following substitute bill:

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BACKPACK**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides for access by a student's parent or guardian or an authorized LEA user to the learning profile of a student from kindergarten through grade 12 in an electronic format known as a Student Achievement Backpack.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to establish the Utah Student Record Store where an authorized LEA user may access student data in a Student Achievement Backpack that is relevant to the user's LEA or school;
- ▶ specifies the data to be included in a Student Achievement Backpack; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to ensure that student data in a Student Achievement Backpack is accessible through an LEA's student information system by June 30, 2017.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None



26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 ENACTS:

28 **53A-1-413**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **53A-1-413** is enacted to read:

32 **53A-1-413. Student Achievement Backpack -- Utah Student Records Store.**

33 (1) As used in this section:

34 (a) "Authorized LEA user" means a teacher or other person who is:

35 (i) employed by an LEA that provides instruction to a student; and

36 (ii) authorized to access data in a Student Achievement Backpack through the Utah

37 Student Record Store.

38 (b) "LEA" means a school district, charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and  
39 the Blind.

40 (c) "Student Achievement Backpack" means, for a student from kindergarten through  
41 grade 12, a complete learner profile that:

42 (i) is in electronic format;

43 (ii) follows the student from grade to grade and school to school; and

44 (iii) is accessible by the student's parent or guardian or an authorized LEA user.

45 (d) "U-PASS" means the Utah Performance Assessment System for Students

46 established in Part 6, Achievement Tests.

47 (e) "Utah Student Record Store" means a repository of student data collected from  
48 LEAs as part of the state's longitudinal data system that is:

49 (i) hosted at the Utah State Office of Education;

50 (ii) cloud-based; and

51 (iii) accessible via a web browser to authorized LEA users using role-based security.

52 (2) (a) The State Board of Education shall use the robust, comprehensive data

53 collection system maintained by the Utah State Office of Education, which collects

54 longitudinal student transcript data from LEAs and the unique student identifiers as described

55 in Section 53A-1-603.5, to allow the following to access a student's Student Achievement

56 Backpack:

- 57 (i) the student's parent or guardian; and  
58 (ii) each LEA that provides instruction to the student.  
59 (b) The State Board of Education shall ensure that a Student Achievement Backpack:  
60 (i) provides a uniform, transparent, reporting mechanism for individual student  
61 progress;  
62 (ii) provides a complete learner history for postsecondary planning;  
63 (iii) provides a teacher with visibility into a student's complete learner profile to better  
64 inform instruction and personalize education;  
65 (iv) assists a teacher or administrator in diagnosing a student's learning needs through  
66 the use of data already collected by the State Board of Education;  
67 (v) facilitates a student's parent or guardian taking an active role in the student's  
68 education by simplifying access to the student's complete learner profile; and  
69 (vi) serves as disaster mitigation for LEAs by using a cloud-based data storage and  
70 collection system.  
71 (3) Using existing information collected and stored in the data warehouse maintained  
72 by the Utah State Office of Education, the State Board of Education shall create the Utah  
73 Student Record Store where an authorized LEA user may:  
74 (a) access data in a Student Achievement Backpack relevant to the user's LEA or  
75 school; or  
76 (b) request student records to be transferred from one LEA to another.  
77 (4) The State Board of Education shall implement security measures to ensure that:  
78 (a) student data stored or transmitted to or from the Utah Student Record Store is  
79 secure and confidential pursuant to the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and  
80 Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g; and  
81 (b) an authorized LEA user may only access student data that is relevant to the user's  
82 LEA or school.  
83 (5) A student's parent or guardian may request the student's Student Achievement  
84 Backpack from the LEA or the school in which the student is enrolled.  
85 (6) No later than June 30, 2014, an authorized LEA user shall be able to access student  
86 data in a Student Achievement Backpack, which shall include the following data or request the  
87 data be transferred from one LEA to another:

- 88           (a) student demographics;  
89           (b) course grades;  
90           (c) course history; and  
91           (d) results for an assessment administered under U-PASS; and  
92           (7) No later than June 30, 2015, an authorized LEA user shall be able to access student  
93 data in a Student Achievement Backpack, which shall include the data listed in Subsections  
94 (6)(a)(i) through (iv) and the following data, or request the data be transferred from one LEA to  
95 another:  
96           (a) section attendance;  
97           (b) the name of a student's teacher for classes or courses the student takes;  
98           (c) teacher qualifications for a student's teacher, including years of experience, degree,  
99 license, and endorsement;  
100           (d) results of formative, interim, and summative computer adaptive assessments  
101 administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-603;  
102           (e) detailed data demonstrating a student's mastery of core standards and objectives as  
103 measured by computer adaptive assessments administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-603;  
104           (f) a student's writing sample written for an online writing assessment administered  
105 pursuant to Section 53A-1-603;  
106           (g) student growth scores for U-PASS tests;  
107           (h) a school's grade assigned pursuant to Part 11, School Grading Act;  
108           (i) results of benchmark assessments of reading administered pursuant to Section  
109 53A-1-606.6; and  
110           (j) a student's reading level at the end of grade 3.  
111           (8) No later than June 30, 2017, the State Board of Education shall ensure that data  
112 collected in the Utah Student Record Store for a Student Achievement Backpack shall be  
113 integrated into each LEA's student information system and shall be made available to a  
114 student's parent or guardian and an authorized LEA user in an easily accessible viewing format.