

**SCHOOL RECORDS AMENDMENTS**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to public school parental notifications.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

amends provisions related to a record a school maintains to verify that a parent was notified of certain incidents or threats.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-11a-203**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 335

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

Section 1. Section **53A-11a-203** is amended to read:

**53A-11a-203. Parental notification of certain incidents and threats required.**

(1) For purposes of this section, "parent" includes a student's guardian.

(2) A school shall:

(a) notify a parent if the parent's student threatens to commit suicide; or



28 (b) notify the parents of each student involved in an incident of bullying,  
29 cyber-bullying, harassment, hazing, or retaliation, of the incident involving each parent's  
30 student.

31 (3) (a) If a school notifies a parent of an incident or threat required to be reported under  
32 Subsection (2), the school shall produce and maintain a record that verifies that the parent was  
33 notified of the incident or threat.

34 [~~(b) A school may not:~~]

35 [~~(i) disclose a record described in Subsection (3)(a), including any information  
36 obtained to prepare the record, to a person other than a person authorized to receive the record  
37 described in Subsection (3)(c); or]~~

38 [~~(ii) use a record described in Subsection (3)(a), including any information obtained to  
39 prepare the record, for the school's own purposes, including the following purposes:]~~

40 [~~(A) for a report or study;~~]

41 [~~(B) for a statistical analysis; or]~~

42 [~~(C) to conduct research.]~~

43 [~~(c) A school may disclose a record described in Subsection (3)(a), including any  
44 information obtained to prepare the record:]~~

45 [~~(i) to the parent or the parent's student; or]~~

46 [~~(ii) to a person if required to disclose the record or information to a person pursuant to  
47 the terms of a court order as described in Subsection [63G-2-202\(7\)](#).]~~

48 (b) A school shall maintain a record described in Subsection (3)(a) in accordance with  
49 the requirements of Section [53A-13-301](#), Section [53A-13-302](#), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, Federal  
50 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and C.F.R. Part 99.

51 (4) A school board shall adopt a policy regarding the process for:

52 (a) notifying a parent as required in Subsection (2); and

53 (b) producing and retaining a record that verifies that a parent was notified of an  
54 incident or threat as required in Subsection (3).

55 (5) At the request of a parent, a school may provide information and make  
56 recommendations related to an incident or threat described in Subsection (2).

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