

**Representative Val L. Peterson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson**

Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill distinguishes an early college high school from a regularly authorized charter school.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- exempts an early college high school from certain rules established by the State Board of Education.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

[53A-1a-1101](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

[53A-1a-1102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

[53A-1a-1103](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

§→ [53A-1a-1104](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953 ←§

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

27 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-1101** is enacted to read:

28 **Part 11. Early College High Schools**

29 **53A-1a-1101. Title.**

30 This part is known as "Early College High Schools."

31 Section 2. Section **53A-1a-1102** is enacted to read:

32 **53A-1a-1102. Definitions.**

33 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

34 (2) "Early college high school" means an authorized charter school that:

35 (a) has a mission to provide an early college education to a diverse student population  
36 emphasizing advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

37 (b) provides students with the opportunity to earn:

38 (i) a high school diploma; and

39 (ii) (A) up to two years of ~~H~~→ transferable ←~~H~~ college credit; or

40 (B) ~~H~~→ [an] a transferable ←~~H~~ associate's degree; and

41 (c) contracts with an institution of higher education for instruction offered through the  
42 charter school.

43 ~~§~~→ [(3) **"Institution of higher education" means:**

44 ~~—~~ (a) the University of Utah;

45 ~~—~~ (b) Utah State University;

46 ~~—~~ (c) Weber State University;

47 ~~—~~ (d) Southern Utah University;

48 ~~—~~ (e) Snow College;

49 ~~—~~ (f) Dixie State University;

50 ~~—~~ (g) Utah Valley University; or

51 ~~—~~ (h) Salt Lake Community College;] ←~~§~~

52 Section 3. Section **53A-1a-1103** is enacted to read:

53 **53A-1a-1103. Exemptions from board rule.**

54 (1) An early college high school is:

55 (a) subject to Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, The Utah Charter Schools Act; and

56 (b) exempt from the 180 school day requirement established by board rule.

57            (2) Up to three of the subject-specific credit hour graduation requirements established  
58 by board rule may be changed to elective credit for a student at an early college high school if:

59            (a) the modification is consistent with the student's:

60            (i) individualized education program; or

61            (ii) student education occupation plan; and

62            (b) the elective credit is earned in a science, technology, engineering, mathematics,  
63 advanced placement, concurrent enrollment, or early college course.

63a        **§→ Section 4. Section 53A-1a-1104 is enacted to read:**

63b            **53A-1a-1104. Charter school partnerships with institutions of higher education**  
63c **permitted.**

63d            **Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent or inhibit a charter school from:**

63e            **(1) contracting with an institution of higher education to provide early college**  
63f **education through the charter school; or**

63g            **(2) identifying the charter school as an early college high school if identifying the**  
63h **charter school as an early college high school is consistent with trademark laws. ←§**