

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

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



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

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

Part 11. Early College High Schools

53A-1a-1101. Title.

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

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

53A-1a-1102. Definitions.

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

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

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

(b) provides students with the opportunity to earn:

(i) a high school diploma; and

(ii) (A) up to two years of college credit; or

(B) an associate's degree; and

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

(3) "Institution of higher education" means:

(a) the University of Utah;

(b) Utah State University;

(c) Weber State University;

(d) Southern Utah University;

(e) Snow College;

(f) Dixie State University;

(g) Utah Valley University; or

(h) Salt Lake Community College.

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

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

(1) An early college high school is:

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

(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.