

Senator Daniel W. Thatcher proposes the following substitute bill:

**SCHOOL SAFETY AND CRISIS LINE**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher**

House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes a School Safety and Crisis Line.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the University Neuropsychiatric Institute, within the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, to establish a statewide School Safety and Crisis Line;
- ▶ removes the sunset provision for the School Safety Tip Line Commission and renames it the School Safety and Crisis Line Commission (commission);
- ▶ amends the membership of the commission;
- ▶ requires the commission to fulfill certain duties;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to revise certain policies and curricula;
- ▶ requires a local school board or charter school governing board to revise certain policies; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:

- ▶ to the University of Utah - University Neuropsychiatric Institute, as an ongoing



26 appropriation:

- 27 • from the Education Fund, \$150,000; and
- 28 ▶ to the University of Utah - University Neuropsychiatric Institute, as a one-time

29 appropriation:

- 30 • from the Education Fund, \$150,000.

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 This bill provides a special effective date.

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

- 35 **53A-11-901**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 161
- 36 **53A-11-902**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 207
- 37 **53A-11-1501**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 412
- 38 **53A-11-1502**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 412
- 39 **53A-11-1504**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 412
- 40 **53A-11-1505**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 412
- 41 **53A-15-1302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 349
- 42 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapters 189, 226, and 412

43 ENACTS:

- 44 **53A-11-1506**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

45 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

- 46 **53A-11-1503**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 412



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

49 Section 1. Section **53A-11-901** is amended to read:

50 **53A-11-901. Public school discipline policies -- Basis of the policies --**

51 **Enforcement.**

52 (1) The Legislature recognizes that every student in the public schools should have the  
53 opportunity to learn in an environment which is safe, conducive to the learning process, and  
54 free from unnecessary disruption.

55 (2) (a) To foster such an environment, each local school board or governing board of a  
56 charter school, with input from school employees, parents and guardians of students, students,

57 and the community at large, shall adopt conduct and discipline policies for the public schools.

58 (b) Each district or charter school shall base its policies on the principle that every  
59 student is expected:

60 (i) to follow accepted rules of conduct; and

61 (ii) to show respect for other people and to obey persons in authority at the school.

62 (c) (i) [~~The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop~~] On or before  
63 September 1, 2015, the State Board of Education shall revise the conduct and discipline policy  
64 models for elementary and secondary public schools to include procedures for responding to  
65 reports received through the School Safety and Crisis Line under Subsection 53A-11-1503(3).

66 (ii) Each district or charter school shall use the models, where appropriate, in  
67 developing its conduct and discipline policies under this chapter.

68 (d) The policies shall emphasize that certain behavior, most particularly behavior  
69 which disrupts, is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action.

70 (3) The local superintendent and designated employees of the district or charter school  
71 shall enforce the policies so that students demonstrating unacceptable behavior and their  
72 parents or guardians understand that such behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with  
73 in accordance with the district's conduct and discipline policies.

74 Section 2. Section 53A-11-902 is amended to read:

75 **53A-11-902. Conduct and discipline policies and procedures.**

76 The conduct and discipline policies required under Section 53A-11-901 shall include:

77 (1) provisions governing student conduct, safety, and welfare;

78 (2) standards and procedures for dealing with students who cause disruption in the  
79 classroom, on school grounds, on school vehicles, or in connection with school-related  
80 activities or events;

81 (3) procedures for the development of remedial discipline plans for students who cause  
82 a disruption at any of the places referred to in Subsection (2);

83 (4) procedures for the use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or force in  
84 dealing with disruptive students, consistent with Section 53A-11-802;

85 (5) standards and procedures for dealing with student conduct in locations other than  
86 those referred to in Subsection (2), if the conduct threatens harm or does harm to:

87 (a) the school;

- 88 (b) school property;
- 89 (c) a person associated with the school; or
- 90 (d) property associated with a person described in Subsection (5)(c);
- 91 (6) procedures for the imposition of disciplinary sanctions, including suspension and
- 92 expulsion;
- 93 (7) specific provisions, consistent with Section [53A-15-603](#), for preventing and
- 94 responding to gang-related activities in the school, on school grounds, on school vehicles, or in
- 95 connection with school-related activities or events; [~~and~~]
- 96 (8) standards and procedures for dealing with habitual disruptive student behavior in
- 97 accordance with the provisions of this part[:]; and
- 98 (9) procedures for responding to reports received through the School Safety and Crisis
- 99 Line under Subsection [53A-11-1503](#)(3).

100 Section 3. Section **53A-11-1501** is amended to read:

101 **Part 15. School Safety and Crisis Line**

102 **53A-11-1501. Title.**

103 This part is known as "School Safety [~~Tip~~] and Crisis Line."

104 Section 4. Section **53A-11-1502** is amended to read:

105 **53A-11-1502. Definitions.**

106 As used in this part[~~,"commission"~~]:

107 (1) "Commission" means the School Safety [~~Tip~~] and Crisis Line Commission

108 established in Section [53A-11-1504](#).

109 (2) "University Neuropsychiatric Institute" means the mental health and substance

110 abuse treatment institute within the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics.

111 Section 5. Section **53A-11-1503** is repealed and reenacted to read:

112 **53A-11-1503. School Safety and Crisis Line established.**

113 The University Neuropsychiatric Institute shall:

114 (1) establish a School Safety and Crisis Line to provide:

115 (a) a means for an individual to anonymously report:

116 (i) unsafe, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities at or near a

117 public school; ~~→~~ [~~and~~] ~~←~~

118 (ii) incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, or hazing; and

118a ~~→~~ (iii) incidents of physical or sexual abuse committed by a school employee or school

118b volunteer; and ~~←~~

119 (b) crisis intervention, including suicide prevention, to individuals experiencing  
 120 emotional distress or psychiatric crisis;

121 (2) provide the services described in Subsection (1) 24 hours a day, seven days a week;  
 122 and

123 (3) when necessary, ~~H~~→ **or as required by law,** ←~~H~~ promptly forward a report received  
 123a under Subsection (1)(a) to  
 124 appropriate:

125 (a) school officials; and

126 (b) law enforcement officials.

127 Section 6. Section **53A-11-1504** is amended to read:

128 **53A-11-1504. School Safety and Crisis Line Commission established -- Members.**

129 (1) There is created the School Safety [~~Tip~~] and Crisis Line Commission[~~, within the~~  
 130 ~~Office of the Attorney General;~~] composed of the following members:

131 (a) one member who represents the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the  
 132 attorney general;

133 (b) [~~two members~~] one member who [~~represent~~] represents the Utah Public Education  
 134 System, appointed by the State Board of Education;

135 (c) one member who represents the Utah System of Higher Education, appointed by the  
 136 State Board of Regents;

137 [~~(c)~~] (d) one member who represents the Utah Department of Health, appointed by the  
 138 executive director of the Department of Health;

139 [~~(d) two members~~] (e) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the  
 140 speaker of the House of Representatives; [~~and~~]

141 [~~(e) two members~~] (f) one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the  
 142 Senate[~~;~~];

143 (g) one member who represents the University Neuropsychiatric Institute, appointed by  
 144 the chair of the commission;

145 (h) one member who represents law enforcement who has extensive experience in  
 146 emergency response, appointed by the chair of the commission;

147 (i) one member who represents the Utah Department of Human Services who has  
 148 experience in youth services or treatment services, appointed by the executive director of the  
 149 Department of Human Services; and

150 (j) two members of the public, appointed by the chair of the commission.

151 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), members of the commission shall be  
152 appointed to four-year terms.

153 (b) The length of the terms of the members shall be staggered so that approximately  
154 half of the committee is appointed every two years.

155 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commission, the replacement  
156 shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

157 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) (a) The attorney general's designee shall serve as chair of the commission.

158 (b) The chair shall set the agenda for commission meetings.

159 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Attendance of a simple majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the  
160 transaction of official commission business.

161 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Formal action by the commission requires a majority vote of a quorum.

162 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (6)(b), a member may not receive  
163 compensation, benefits, per diem, or travel expenses for the member's service.

164 (b) Compensation and expenses of a member who is a legislator are governed by  
165 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

166 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff support to the  
167 commission.

168 Section 7. Section **53A-11-1505** is amended to read:

169 **53A-11-1505. School Safety and Crisis Line Commission duties.**

170 ~~[(1)(a)]~~ The commission shall coordinate:

171 ~~[(i) designate a School Safety Tip Line provider network after consideration of the~~  
172 ~~ability of the proposed provider network's ability to:]~~

173 ~~[(A) provide the services described in Section 53A-11-1503 24 hours a day, seven days~~  
174 ~~a week; and]~~

175 ~~[(B) employ, as operators, social workers licensed by the Division of Occupational and~~  
176 ~~Professional Licensing under Section 58-60-204;]~~

177 ~~[(ii) estimate the cost of operating a School Safety Tip Line including the extent to~~  
178 ~~which operations will be funded through private donations and grants; and]~~

179 ~~[(iii) designate a phone number for the School Safety Tip Line.]~~

180 (1) statewide efforts related to the School Safety and Crisis Line; and

181 (2) with the State Board of Education and the State Board of Regents to promote  
182 awareness of the services available through the School Safety and Crisis Line.

183 ~~[(b) The commission may conduct other business related to establishing a School~~  
184 ~~Safety Tip Line.]~~

185 ~~[(2) The commission shall report to the Education Interim Committee and the~~  
186 ~~Executive Appropriations Committee before November 30, 2014, regarding:]~~

187 ~~[(a) how the commission fulfilled its duties during the year; and]~~

188 ~~[(b) recommendations for future legislation related to a School Safety Tip Line.]~~

189 Section 8. Section **53A-11-1506** is enacted to read:

190 **53A-11-1506. State Board of Education and local boards of education to update**  
191 **policies and promote awareness.**

192 (1) The State Board of Education shall:

193 (a) revise the conduct and discipline policy models, described in Section [53A-11-901](#),  
194 to include procedures for responding to reports received under Subsection [53A-11-1503\(3\)](#);  
195 and

196 (b) revise the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education for the parent  
197 seminar, described in Section [53A-15-1302](#), to include information about the School Safety  
198 and Crisis Line.

199 (2) A local school board or charter school governing board shall:

200 (a) revise the conduct and discipline policies, described in Section [53A-11-902](#), to  
201 include procedures for responding to reports received under Subsection [53A-11-1503\(3\)](#); and

202 (b) inform students, parents, and school personnel about the School Safety and Crisis  
203 Line.

204 Section 9. Section **53A-15-1302** is amended to read:

205 **53A-15-1302. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**

206 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), a school district shall offer a seminar for  
207 parents of students in the school district that:

208 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;

209 (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;

210 (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district; and

211 (iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

212 (b) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000 students  
213 enrolled in the school district.

214 (c) A school district may:

215 (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or

216 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection  
217 (2).

218 (d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance  
219 boundaries of the school district of the date and time of a parent seminar, so the charter school  
220 may inform parents of the seminar.

221 (2) The State Board of Education shall:

222 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that  
223 includes information on:

224 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

225 (ii) bullying;

226 (iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention, including  
227 education on limiting access to fatal means; ~~[and]~~

228 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

229 (v) the School Safety and Crisis Line established in Section [53A-11-1503](#); and

230 (b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon  
231 request.

232 ~~[(3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim  
233 Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent  
234 seminar, including if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as  
235 described in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.]~~

236 ~~[(4)]~~ (3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education  
237 Interim Committee by the November 2014 meeting on:

238 (a) the progress of implementation of the parent seminar;

239 (b) the estimated attendance reported by each school district;

240 (c) a recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program; and

241 (d) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described  
242 in Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (4), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.



243           ~~[(5)]~~ (4) (a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local  
244 school board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant  
245 interest or value to families in the school district.

246           (b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school  
247 board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school  
248 board chose not to offer the parent seminar.

249           Section 10. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

250           **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.**

251           The following provisions are repealed on the following dates:

252           (1) Section ~~53-3-232~~, Conditional license, is repealed July 1, 2015.

253           (2) Subsection ~~53-10-202~~(18) is repealed July 1, 2018.

254           (3) Section ~~53-10-202.1~~ is repealed July 1, 2018.

255           (4) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 6, Public Education Job Enhancement Program is  
256 repealed July 1, 2020.

257           ~~[(5) Title 53A, Chapter 11, Part 15, School Safety Tip Line, is repealed July 1, 2015.]~~

258           ~~[(6)]~~ (5) The State Instructional Materials Commission, created in Section ~~53A-14-101~~,  
259 is repealed July 1, 2016.

260           ~~[(7)]~~ (6) Subsections ~~53A-16-113~~(3) and (4) are repealed December 31, 2016.

261           ~~[(8)]~~ (7) Section ~~53A-16-114~~ is repealed December 31, 2016.

262           ~~[(9)]~~ (8) Section ~~53A-17a-163~~, Performance-based Compensation Pilot Program is  
263 repealed July 1, 2016.

264           ~~[(10)]~~ (9) Section ~~53B-24-402~~, Rural residency training program, is repealed July 1,  
265 2015.

266           ~~[(11)]~~ (10) Subsection ~~53C-3-203~~(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of  
267 money from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells,  
268 other hydrologic studies, and air quality monitoring in the West Desert, is repealed July 1,  
269 2020.

270           Section 11. **Appropriation.**

271           Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
272 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums of money  
273 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts

274 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
275 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2016.

276 To University of Utah - University Neuropsychiatric Institute

277 From Education Fund \$150,000

278 From Education Fund, One-time \$150,000

279 Schedule of Programs:

280 University Neuropsychiatric Institute \$300,000

281 The Legislature intends that the appropriation provided in this section is to be used by  
282 the University Neuropsychiatric Institute to provide the services described in Title 53A,  
283 Chapter 11, Part 15, School Safety and Crisis Line.

284 Section 12. **Effective date.**

285 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 12, 2015.

286 (2) Uncodified Section 11, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2015.