SCHOOL TURNAROUND AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
ACT
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STATE OF UTAH
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill enacts and amends provisions related to turning around low performing
schools and developing school leaders.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
<ul> <li>defines terms;</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>requires a local school board to take certain actions to turn around a low performing</li> </ul>
district school;
<ul> <li>requires a charter school authorizer and a charter school governing board to take</li> </ul>
certain actions to turn around a low performing charter school;
<ul> <li>directs the State Board of Education to:</li> </ul>
• select independent school turnaround experts, through a request for proposals
process;
• review and approve school turnaround plans submitted by a local school board
or charter school governing board; and
• make rules imposing certain consequences on a school district or charter school
that fails to improve the school grade of a low performing school within a
certain amount of time;
<ul> <li>creates the School Recognition and Reward Program to provide incentives to</li> </ul>



8	schools and educators to improve the school grade of a low performing school;
	<ul> <li>creates the School Leadership Development Program to increase the number of</li> </ul>
	highly effective school leaders capable of initiating, achieving, and sustaining
	school improvement efforts; and
	<ul> <li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li> </ul>
	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
	This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:
	<ul> <li>to the State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs, as</li> </ul>
	an ongoing appropriation:
	• from the Education Fund, \$10,000,000.
	Other Special Clauses:
	This bill provides a special effective date.
	Utah Code Sections Affected:
	AMENDS:
	53A-1a-108.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 324
	53A-1a-510, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 363
	ENACTS:
	53A-1-1201, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1202, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1203, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1204, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1205, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1206, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1207, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	53A-1-1208, Utah Code Annotated 1953
; 	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section <b>53A-1-1201</b> is enacted to read:
	Part 12. School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act
	<u>53A-1-1201.</u> Title.
3	This part is known as the "School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act."

59	Section 2. Section <b>53A-1-1202</b> is enacted to read:
60	53A-1-1202. Definitions.
61	As used in this part:
62	(1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
63	(2) "Charter school authorizer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
64	<u>53A-1a-501.3.</u>
65	(3) "District school" means a public school under the control of a local school board
66	elected under Title 20A, Chapter 14, Nomination and Election of State and Local School
67	Boards.
68	(4) "Educator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53A-6-103.
69	(5) "Independent school turnaround expert" means a person that:
70	(a) meets the criteria described in Subsection <u>53A-1-1205(2)</u> ; and
71	(b) is not an employee of a school district, charter school, or the Utah State Office of
72	Education.
73	(6) "Low performing school" means a district school or charter school that is in the
74	lowest performing 3% of schools statewide according to points earned under the school grading
75	system.
76	(7) "School grade" or "grade" means the letter grade assigned to a school under the
77	school grading system.
78	(8) "School grading system" means the system established under Part 11, School
79	Grading Act, of assigning letter grades to schools.
80	(9) "Statewide assessment" means a criterion-referenced test of student achievement in
81	English language arts, mathematics, or science, including a test administered in a computer
82	adaptive format, which is administered statewide under Part 6, Achievement Tests.
83	Section 3. Section <b>53A-1-1203</b> is enacted to read:
84	53A-1-1203. Required action to turn around a low performing district school.
85	(1) A local school board of a low performing district school shall:
86	(a) on or before October 1 of the school year following the year the school is
87	designated a low performing school, establish a school turnaround committee composed of the
88	following members:
89	(i) the local school board member who represents the voting district where the low

90	performing school is located;
91	(ii) the school principal;
92	(iii) three parents of students enrolled in the low performing school, appointed by the
93	chair of the school community council;
94	(iv) one teacher at the low performing school, appointed by the principal; and
95	(v) one teacher at the low performing school, appointed by the school district
96	superintendent; and
97	(b) on or before November 1 of the school year following the year the school is
98	designated a low performing school, in partnership with the school turnaround committee,
99	select an independent school turnaround expert from the experts identified by the board under
100	Subsection <u>53A-1-1205(1)</u> .
101	(2) A school turnaround committee shall partner with the independent school
102	turnaround expert selected under Subsection (1)(b) to develop and implement a school
103	turnaround plan that includes:
104	(a) the findings of the analysis conducted by the independent school turnaround expert
105	described in Subsection 53A-1-1205(1)(a);
106	(b) recommendations regarding changes to the low performing school's personnel,
107	culture, curriculum, assessments, instructional practices, governance, leadership, finances,
108	policies, or other areas that may be necessary to implement the school turnaround plan;
109	(c) measurable student achievement goals and objectives;
110	(d) a professional development plan that identifies a strategy to address problems of
111	instructional practice;
112	(e) a detailed budget specifying how the school turnaround plan will be funded;
113	(f) a plan to assess and monitor progress;
114	(g) a plan to communicate and report data on progress to stakeholders; and
115	(h) a timeline for implementation.
116	(3) (a) A local school board of a low performing school shall grant a low performing
117	school streamlined authority over staff, schedule, policies, budget, and academic programs to
118	implement the school turnaround plan.
119	(b) A low performing district school that is partnering with an independent school
120	turnaround expert under this section is exempt from Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Public Education

121	Human Resource Management Act.
122	(4) (a) On or before April 1 of the school year following the year in which a school is
123	designated a low performing school, a school turnaround committee shall submit the school
124	turnaround plan to the local school board for approval.
125	(b) On or before May 1 of the school year following the year in which a school is
126	designated a low performing school, a local school board of a low performing school shall
127	submit the school turnaround plan to the board for approval.
128	Section 4. Section <b>53A-1-1204</b> is enacted to read:
129	53A-1-1204. Required action to terminate or turn around a low performing
130	charter school.
131	(1) Immediately following the date the board releases annual school grades, a charter
132	school authorizer of a low performing charter school shall initiate a review to determine
133	whether the charter school is in compliance with the school's charter agreement described in
134	Section 53A-1a-508, including the school's established minimum standards for student
135	achievement.
136	(2) If a low performing charter school is found to be out of compliance with the
137	school's charter agreement, the charter school authorizer may terminate the school's charter in
138	accordance with Section 53A-1a-510.
139	(3) A charter school authorizer shall make a determination on the status of a school's
140	charter under Subsection (2) on or before September 30 of the school year following the year
141	the charter school is designated a low performing school.
142	(4) If a charter school authorizer does not terminate a low performing school's charter
143	under Subsection (2), a charter school governing board of a low performing charter school
144	shall:
145	(a) on or before October 1 of the school year following the year the school is
146	designated a low performing school, establish a school turnaround committee composed of the
147	following members:
148	(i) a member of the charter school governing board, appointed by the chair of the
149	charter school governing board;
150	(ii) the school principal;
151	(iii) three parents of students enrolled in the low performing school, appointed by the

152	chair of the charter school governing board; and
153	(iv) two teachers at the low performing school, appointed by the school principal; and
154	(b) on or before November 1 of the school year following the year the school is
155	designated a low performing school, in partnership with the school turnaround committee,
156	select an independent school turnaround expert from the experts identified by the board under
157	<u>Section 53A-1-1205.</u>
158	(5) A school turnaround committee shall partner with the independent school
159	turnaround expert selected under Subsection (4)(b) to develop and implement a school
160	turnaround plan that includes the elements described in Subsection 53A-1-1203(2).
161	(6) (a) On or before April 1 of the school year following the year in which a school is
162	designated a low performing school, a school turnaround committee shall submit the school
163	turnaround plan to the charter school governing board for approval.
164	(b) On or before May 1 of the school year following the year in which a school is
165	designated a low performing school, a charter school governing board of a low performing
166	school shall submit the school turnaround plan to the board for approval.
167	Section 5. Section <b>53A-1-1205</b> is enacted to read:
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183	and interviews;
184	(e) provide project management for a school turnaround plan;
185	(f) provide high-quality professional development to school staff that is designed to
186	build the:
187	(i) leadership capacity of the school principal; and
188	(ii) instructional capacity of school staff; and
189	(g) leverage support from community partners to coordinate an efficient delivery of
190	supports to students both inside and outside the classroom.
191	(2) In identifying independent school turnaround experts under Subsection (1), the
192	board shall identify experts that:
193	(a) have a credible track record of improving student academic achievement in public
194	schools with various demographic characteristics, as measured by statewide assessments;
195	(b) have experience designing, implementing, and evaluating data-driven instructional
196	systems in public schools;
197	(c) have experience coaching public school administrators and teachers on designing
198	data-driven school improvement plans;
199	(d) have experience working with the various education entities that govern public
200	schools;
201	(e) have experience delivering high-quality professional development in instructional
202	effectiveness to public school administrators and teachers;
203	(f) are willing to be compensated for professional services based on performance as
204	described in Subsection (3); and
205	(g) are willing to partner with any low performing school in the state, regardless of
206	location.
207	(3) (a) When awarding a contract to a school turnaround expert selected by a local
208	school board under Subsection 53A-1-1203(1)(b) or by a charter school governing board under
209	Subsection 53A-1-1204(4)(b), the board shall ensure that a contract between the board and the
210	school turnaround expert specifies that the board will:
211	(i) pay a school turnaround expert no more than 50% of the expert's professional fees at
212	the beginning of the school turnaround expert's work for the low performing school; and
213	(ii) pay the remainder of the school turnaround expert's professional fees upon the

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214	school turnaround expert successfully helping a low performing school improve the low
215	performing school's grade within two school years after a school is designated a low
216	performing school.
217	(b) In negotiating a contract with a school turnaround expert, the board shall offer:
218	(i) differentiated amounts of funding based on student enrollment; and
219	(ii) a higher amount of funding for schools that are in the lowest performing 1% of
220	schools statewide according to points earned under the school grading system.
221	(4) The board shall:
222	(a) review a school turnaround plan submitted for approval under Subsection
223	<u>53A-1-1203(4)(b) or under Subsection</u> <u>53A-1-1204(6)(b);</u>
224	(b) approve a school turnaround plan that:
225	(i) is timely;
226	(ii) is well-developed; and
227	(iii) meets the criteria described in Subsection 53A-1-1203(2); and
228	(c) subject to legislative appropriations, provide funding to low performing schools for
229	interventions identified in an approved school turnaround plan if the local school board or
230	charter school governing board provides matching funds or an in-kind contribution of goods or
231	services in an amount equal to the funding the low performing school would receive from the
232	board.
233	Section 6. Section <b>53A-1-1206</b> is enacted to read:
234	53A-1-1206. Consequences for failing to improve the school grade of a low
235	performing school.
236	(1) As used in this section, "high performing charter school" means a charter school
237	that:
238	(a) satisfies all requirements of state law and board rules;
239	(b) has met the terms of its charter agreement for at least three years; and
240	(c) has received at least a "B" grade under the school grading system in the previous
241	two school years.
242	(2) (a) A low performing school that does not improve the low performing school's
243	grade within two school years after the school is designated a low performing school may
244	petition the board for an extension to continue school improvement efforts for up to two years.

245	(b) The board may only grant an extension under Subsection (2)(a) if the low
246	performing school has increased the number of points awarded under the school grading
247	system by at least 50%.
248	(c) The board may extend the contract of an independent school turnaround expert of a
249	low performing school that is granted an extension under this Subsection (2).
250	(d) A school that has been granted an extension under this Subsection (2) is eligible
251	<u>for:</u>
252	(i) continued funding under Subsection <u>53A-1-1205(4)(c)</u> ; and
253	(ii) the School Recognition and Reward Program under Section 53A-1-1207.
254	(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
255	board shall make rules establishing consequences for a low performing school that:
256	(a) (i) does not improve the school's grade within two school years after the school is
257	designated a low performing school; and
258	(ii) is not granted an extension under Subsection (2); or
259	(b) (i) is granted an extension under Subsection (2); and
260	(ii) does not improve the school's grade within two school years after the low
261	performing school is granted an extension.
262	(4) The board shall ensure that the rules established under Subsection (3) include a
263	mechanism for:
264	(a) restructuring a district school, including:
265	(i) contract management;
266	(ii) conversion to a charter school; or
267	(iii) state takeover; and
268	(b) restructuring a charter school, including:
269	(i) termination of a school's charter;
270	(ii) closure of a charter school; or
271	(iii) transferring operation and control of the charter school to a high performing
272	charter school.
273	Section 7. Section <b>53A-1-1207</b> is enacted to read:
274	53A-1-1207. School Recognition and Reward Program.
275	(1) As used in this section, "eligible school" means a low performing school that:

276	(a) improves the school's grade within two school years after the school is designated a
277	low performing school; or
278	(b) (i) has been granted an extension under Subsection 53A-1-1206(2); and
279	(ii) improves the school's grade within the extension period.
280	(2) The School Recognition and Reward Program is created to provide incentives to
281	schools and educators to improve the school grade of a low performing school.
282	(3) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, upon the annual release of school
283	grades by the board, the board shall distribute a reward equal to:
284	(a) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade one grade level:
285	(i) \$100 per tested student; and
286	(ii) \$1,000 per educator;
287	(b) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade two grade levels:
288	(i) \$200 per tested student; and
289	(ii) \$2,000 per educator;
290	(c) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade three grade levels:
291	(i) \$300 per tested student; and
292	(ii) \$3,000 per educator; and
293	(d) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade four grade levels:
294	(i) \$500 per tested student; and
295	(ii) \$5,000 per educator.
296	(4) The principal of an eligible school that receives a reward under Subsection (3) may
297	determine how to use the money in the best interest of the school, including providing bonuses
298	to educators.
299	(5) The board may reduce the amounts specified in Subsection (3) if the number of
300	qualifying eligible schools exceeds available funds.
301	Section 8. Section <b>53A-1-1208</b> is enacted to read:
302	53A-1-1208. School Leadership Development Program.
303	(1) As used in this section, "school leader" means a school principal or assistant
304	principal.
305	(2) There is created the School Leadership Development Program to increase the
306	number of highly effective school leaders capable of initiating, achieving, and sustaining

307	school improvement efforts.
308	(3) The board shall identify approved providers, through a request for proposals
309	process, to provide leadership development training for school leaders that:
310	(a) emphasizes hands-on and job-embedded learning;
311	(b) is aligned to the state's leadership standards established by board rule;
312	(c) reflects the needs of the school districts and charter schools where a school leader
313	serves;
314	(d) includes training on using student achievement data to drive decisions;
315	(e) develops skills in implementing and evaluating evidence-based instructional
316	practices; and
317	(f) develops skills in leading collaborative school improvement structures, including
318	professional learning communities.
319	(4) Subject to legislative appropriations, the State Board of Education shall provide
320	incentive pay to a school leader who:
321	(a) completes leadership development training under this section; and
322	(b) agrees to work, for at least five years, in a school that received an "F" grade or "D"
323	grade under the school grading system in the school year previous to the first year the school
324	leader:
325	(i) completes leadership development training; and
326	(ii) begins to work, or continues to work, in a school described in Subsection (4)(b).
327	(5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
328	board shall make rules specifying:
329	(a) eligibility criteria for a school leader to participate in the School Leadership
330	Development Program;
331	(b) application procedures for the School Leadership Development Program;
332	(c) criteria for selecting school leaders from the application pool; and
333	(d) procedures for awarding incentive pay under Subsection (4).
334	Section 9. Section <b>53A-1a-108.5</b> is amended to read:
335	53A-1a-108.5. School improvement plan.
336	(1) (a) Each school community council shall annually evaluate the school's U-PASS
337	test results and use the evaluations in developing a school improvement plan.

338	(b) In evaluating U-PASS test results and developing a school improvement plan, a
339	school community council may not have access to data that reveal the identity of students.
340	(2) [Each] A school community council shall develop a school improvement plan
341	[ <del>shall</del> ] <u>that</u> :
342	(a) [identify] identifies the school's most critical academic needs;
343	(b) [recommend] recommends a course of action to meet the identified needs;
344	(c) [list] lists any programs, practices, materials, or equipment that the school will need
345	to implement its action plan to have a direct impact on the instruction of students and result in
346	measurable increased student performance; and
347	(d) [describe] describes how the school intends to enhance or improve academic
348	achievement, including how financial resources available to the school, such as School LAND
349	Trust Program money received under Section 53A-16-101.5 and state and federal grants, will
350	be used to enhance or improve academic achievement.
351	(3) [The] Although a school improvement plan [shall focus] focuses on the school's
352	most critical academic needs [but], the plan may include other actions to enhance or improve
353	academic achievement and the community environment for students.
354	(4) The school principal shall make available to the school community council the
355	school budget and other data needed to develop the school improvement plan.
356	(5) The school improvement plan [shall be] is subject to the approval of the local
357	school board of the school district in which the school is located.
358	(6) A school community council may develop a multiyear school improvement plan,
359	but the plan must be presented to and approved annually by the local school board.
360	(7) Each school shall:
361	(a) implement the school improvement plan as developed by the school community
362	council and approved by the local school board;
363	(b) provide ongoing support for the council's plan; and
364	(c) meet local school board reporting requirements regarding performance and
365	accountability.
366	(8) The school community council of a low performing school, as defined in Section
367	53A-1-1202, shall develop a school improvement plan that is consistent with the school
368	turnaround plan developed by the school turnaround committee under Chapter 1, Part 12,

369	School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act.
370	Section 10. Section <b>53A-1a-510</b> is amended to read:
371	53A-1a-510. Termination of a charter.
372	(1) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), a charter school authorizer may
373	terminate a school's charter for any of the following reasons:
374	(a) failure of the charter school to meet the requirements stated in the charter;
375	(b) failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;
376	(c) subject to Subsection (8), failure to make adequate yearly progress under the No
377	Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.;
378	(d) (i) designation as a low performing school under Chapter 1, Part 11, School
379	Grading Act; and
380	(ii) failure to improve the school's grade under the conditions described in Chapter 1,
381	Part 12, School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act;
382	[(d)] (e) violation of requirements under this part or another law; or
383	[ <del>(c)</del> ] <u>(f)</u> other good cause shown.
384	(2) (a) The authorizer shall notify the following of the proposed termination in writing,
385	state the grounds for the termination, and stipulate that the governing board may request an
386	informal hearing before the authorizer:
387	(i) the governing board of the charter school; and
388	(ii) if the charter school is a qualifying charter school with outstanding bonds issued in
389	accordance with Chapter 20b, Part 2, Charter School Credit Enhancement Program, the Utah
390	Charter School Finance Authority.
391	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(e), the authorizer shall conduct the hearing in
392	accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, within 30 days after
393	receiving a written request under Subsection (2)(a).
394	(c) If the authorizer, by majority vote, approves a motion to terminate a charter school,
395	the governing board of the charter school may appeal the decision to the State Board of
396	Education.
397	(d) (i) The State Board of Education shall hear an appeal of a termination made
398	pursuant to Subsection (2)(c).
399	(ii) The State Board of Education's action is final action subject to judicial review.
<ul> <li>392</li> <li>393</li> <li>394</li> <li>395</li> <li>396</li> <li>397</li> <li>398</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, within 30 days after receiving a written request under Subsection (2)(a).</li> <li>(c) If the authorizer, by majority vote, approves a motion to terminate a charter school the governing board of the charter school may appeal the decision to the State Board of Education.</li> <li>(d) (i) The State Board of Education shall hear an appeal of a termination made pursuant to Subsection (2)(c).</li> </ul>

400	(e) (i) If the authorizer proposes to terminate the charter of a qualifying charter school
401	with outstanding bonds issued in accordance with Chapter 20b, Part 2, Charter School Credit
402	Enhancement Program, the authorizer shall conduct a hearing described in Subsection (2)(b)
403	120 days or more after notifying the following of the proposed termination:
404	(A) the governing board of the qualifying charter school; and
405	(B) the Utah Charter School Finance Authority.
406	(ii) Prior to the hearing described in Subsection (2)(e)(i), the Utah Charter School
407	Finance Authority shall meet with the authorizer to determine whether the deficiency may be
408	remedied in lieu of termination of the qualifying charter school's charter.
409	(3) An authorizer may not terminate the charter of a qualifying charter school with
410	outstanding bonds issued in accordance with Chapter 20b, Part 2, Charter School Credit
411	Enhancement Program, without mutual agreement of the Utah Charter School Finance
412	Authority and the authorizer.
413	(4) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
414	the State Board of Education shall make rules that require a charter school to report any threats
415	to the health, safety, or welfare of its students to the State Charter School Board in a timely
416	manner.
417	(b) The rules under Subsection (4)(a) shall also require the charter school report to
418	include what steps the charter school has taken to remedy the threat.
419	(5) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), the authorizer may terminate a
420	charter immediately if good cause has been shown or if the health, safety, or welfare of the
421	students at the school is threatened.
422	(6) If a charter is terminated during a school year, the following entities may apply to
423	the charter school's authorizer to assume operation of the school:
424	(a) the school district where the charter school is located;
425	(b) the governing board of another charter school; or
426	(c) a private management company.
427	(7) (a) If a charter is terminated, a student who attended the school may apply to and
428	shall be enrolled in another public school under the enrollment provisions of Chapter 2, Part 2,
429	District of Residency, subject to space availability.
430	(b) Normal application deadlines shall be disregarded under Subsection (7)(a).

431	(8) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), an authorizer may terminate a charter
432	pursuant to Subsection (1)(c) under the same circumstances that local educational agencies are
433	required to implement alternative governance arrangements under 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6316.
434	Section 11. Appropriation.
435	Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
436	the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums of money
437	are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
438	previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
439	addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2016.
440	To State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs
441	From Education Fund \$10,000,000
442	Schedule of Programs:
443	Contracts and Grants - Low Performing Schools \$10,000,000
444	The Legislature intends that:
445	(1) the State Board of Education:
446	(a) may use up to \$1,000,000 of the appropriation under this section to provide funds to
447	low performing schools for interventions identified in an approved school turnaround plan
448	under Subsection 53A-1-1205(4);
449	(b) may use up to \$500,000 of the appropriation under this section for the School
450	Leadership Development Program created under Section 53A-1-1208; and
451	(c) shall use the remaining funds to contract with independent school turnaround
452	experts under Subsection 53A-1-1205(3) and for the School Recognition and Reward Program
453	created under Section 53A-1-1207, prioritizing funding for contracts with independent school
454	turnaround experts under Subsection 53A-1-1205(3); and
455	(2) the appropriations under this section are:
456	(a) ongoing; and
457	(b) non-lapsing.
458	Section 12. Effective date.
459	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if approved by two-thirds of all the members
460	elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following
461	the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's

462 signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

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

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