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Senator Wayne L. Niederhauser proposes the following substitute bill:

SCHOOL TURNAROUND AND LEADERSHIP~~}~~

DEVELOPMENT~~{~~

~~}~~ACT

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

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:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to designate low performing schools, subject to certain conditions;
- ▶ requires a local school board to take certain actions to turn around a low performing

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district school;

- ▶ requires a charter school authorizer and a charter school governing board to take certain actions to turn around a low performing charter school;
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to:
 - 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;
- ▶ creates the School Recognition and Reward Program to provide incentives to schools and educators to improve the school grade of a low performing school;
- ▶ creates the School Leadership Development Program to increase the number of highly effective school leaders capable of initiating, achieving, and sustaining school improvement efforts;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to annually report to the Education Interim Committee; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs, as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from the Education Fund, ~~+\$10~~ \$8,000,000.

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:

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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

53A-1-1209, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53A-1-1210, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53A-1-1201** is enacted to read:

Part 12. School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act

53A-1-1201. Title.

This part is known as the "School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act."

Section 2. Section **53A-1-1202** is enacted to read:

53A-1-1202. Definitions.

As used in this part:

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

(2) "Charter school authorizer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53A-1a-501.3.

(3) "District school" means a public school under the control of a local school board elected under Title 20A, Chapter 14, Nomination and Election of State and Local School Boards.

(4) "Educator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53A-6-103.

(5) "~~Independent school turnaround expert~~" means a person that:

~~_____ (a) meets the criteria described in Subsection 53A-1-1205(2); and~~

~~_____ (b) is not an employee of a school district, charter school, or the Utah State Office of~~

~~Education;~~ Initial remedial year" means the year in which a district school or charter school is designated as a low performing school under Section 53A-1-1203.

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(6) "Low performing school" means a district school or charter school that has been designated a low performing school by the board because the school is:

(a) in the lowest performing 3% of schools statewide according to the percentage of possible points earned under the school grading system; and

(b) a low performing school according to other outcome-based measures as may be defined in rules made by the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

(7) "School grade" or "grade" means the letter grade assigned to a school under the school grading system.

(8) "School grading system" means the system established under Part 11, School Grading Act, of assigning letter grades to schools.

(9) "Statewide assessment" means a ~~criteria-referenced~~ test of student achievement in English language arts, mathematics, or science, including a test administered in a computer adaptive format ~~which~~ that is administered statewide under Part 6, Achievement Tests.

Section 3. Section **53A-1-1203** is enacted to read:

53A-1-1203. State Board of Education to designate low performing schools.

On or before August 15, the board shall annually designate a school as a low performing school if the school is:

(1) in the lowest performing 3% of schools statewide according to the percentage of possible points earned under the school grading system; and

(2) a low performing school according to other outcome-based measures as may be defined in rules made by the board in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

Section 4. Section **53A-1-1204** is enacted to read:

~~53A-1-1203~~ **53A-1-1204. Required action to turn around a low performing district school.**

~~(1) A local school board of a low performing district school shall:~~

~~(a) 1) On or before October 1 of the year following the year the school is designated,~~ (a) 1) On or before October 1 of an initial remedial year, a local school board of a low performing school shall ~~shall~~ shall establish a school turnaround committee composed of the following members:

~~(i) a) the local school board member who represents the voting district where the low~~

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performing school is located:

~~(iii)~~(b) the school principal;

~~(iii)~~(c) three parents of students enrolled in the low performing school~~(f)~~ appointed by the chair of the school community council;

~~(iv)~~(d) one teacher at the low performing school~~(f)~~ appointed by the principal; and

~~(iv)~~(e) one teacher at the low performing school~~(f)~~ appointed by the school district superintendent~~(f)~~; and

~~(b) on or before November 1 of the school year following the year the school is designated~~.

~~(2) (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b), on or before October 15 of an initial remedial year, a local school board of~~ a low performing school~~(f)~~, in partnership~~(f)~~ shall partner with the school turnaround committee~~(f)~~ to select an independent school turnaround expert from the experts identified by the board under ~~(Subsection 53A-1-1205(1))~~.

~~(2)~~Section 53A-1-1206.

~~(b) A local school board may not select an independent school turnaround expert that~~ is:

~~(i) the school district; or~~

~~(ii) an employee of the school district.~~

~~(3) A school turnaround committee shall partner with the independent school turnaround expert selected under Subsection ~~(1)(b)~~(2) to develop and implement a school turnaround plan that includes:~~

~~(a) the findings of the analysis conducted by the independent school turnaround expert described in Subsection ~~(53A-1-1205)~~53A-1-1206(1)(a);~~

~~(b) recommendations regarding changes to the low performing school's personnel, culture, curriculum, assessments, instructional practices, governance, leadership, finances, policies, or other areas that may be necessary to implement the school turnaround plan;~~

~~(c) measurable student achievement goals and objectives;~~

~~(d) a professional development plan that identifies a strategy to address problems of instructional practice;~~

~~(e) a detailed budget specifying how the school turnaround plan will be funded;~~

~~(f) a plan to assess and monitor progress;~~

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(g) a plan to communicate and report data on progress to stakeholders; and

(h) a timeline for implementation.

~~(3)(a)~~ 4 A local school board of a low performing school shall:

(a) prioritize school district funding and resources to the low performing school; and

(b) grant ~~at~~the low performing school streamlined authority over staff, schedule, policies, budget, and academic programs to implement the school turnaround plan.

~~(b) A low performing district school that is partnering with an independent school turnaround expert under this section is exempt from Title 53A, Chapter 8a, Public Education Human Resource Management Act.~~

~~(4)5~~ (a) On or before ~~April~~ March 1 of ~~the school year following the year in which a school is designated a low performing school~~ an initial remedial year, a school turnaround committee shall submit the school turnaround plan to the local school board for approval.

(b) ~~On or before May 1 of the school year following the year in which a school is designated a low performing school~~ Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), on or before April 1 of an initial remedial year, a local school board of a low performing school shall submit the school turnaround plan to the board for approval.

(c) If the local school board does not approve the school turnaround plan submitted under Subsection (5)(a), the school turnaround committee may appeal the disapproval in accordance with rules made by the board as described in Section 53A-1-1206(5).

Section ~~4~~ 5. Section ~~53A-1-1204~~ 53A-1-1205 is enacted to read:

~~53A-1-1204~~ 53A-1-1205. **Required action to terminate or turn around a low performing charter school.**

(1) ~~Immediately following the date the board releases annual school grades~~ On or before August 20 of an initial remedial year, a charter school authorizer of a low performing ~~charter~~ school shall initiate a review to determine whether the charter school is in compliance with the school's charter agreement described in Section 53A-1a-508, including the school's established minimum standards for student achievement.

(2) If a low performing ~~charter~~ school is found to be out of compliance with the school's charter agreement, the charter school authorizer may terminate the school's charter in accordance with Section 53A-1a-510.

(3) A charter school authorizer shall make a determination on the status of a low

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performing school's charter under Subsection (2) on or before September ~~{30 of the school year~~ following the year the charter school is designated a low performing school} 15 of an initial remedial year.

(4) If a charter school authorizer does not terminate a low performing school's charter under Subsection (2), a charter school governing board of a low performing ~~{charter}~~ school shall:

(a) on or before October 1 of ~~{the school year following the year the school is designated a low performing school}~~ an initial remedial year, establish a school turnaround committee composed of the following members:

(i) a member of the charter school governing board, appointed by the chair of the charter school governing board;

(ii) the school principal;

(iii) three parents of students enrolled in the low performing school, appointed by the chair of the charter school governing board; and

(iv) two teachers at the low performing school, appointed by the school principal; and

(b) subject to Subsection (5), on or before ~~{November 1 of the school year following the year the school is designated a low performing school}~~ October 15 of an initial remedial year, in partnership with the school turnaround committee, select an independent school turnaround expert from the experts identified by the board under Section ~~{53A-1-1205}~~

~~{5}~~ 53A-1-1206.

(5) A charter school governing board may not select a school turnaround expert that:

(i) is a member of the charter school governing board;

(ii) is an employee of the charter school; or

(iii) has a contract to operate the charter school.

(6) A school turnaround committee shall partner with the independent school turnaround expert selected under Subsection (4)(b) to develop and implement a school turnaround plan that includes the elements described in Subsection ~~{53A-1-1203(2)}~~ 53A-1-1204(3).

~~{6}~~ 7 (a) On or before ~~{April}~~ March 1 of ~~{the school year following the year in which a school is designated a low performing school}~~ an initial remedial year, a school turnaround committee shall submit the school turnaround plan to the charter school governing

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board for approval.

(b) ~~{On or before May 1 of the school year following the year in which a school is designated a low performing school}~~~~Except as provided in Subsection (7)(c), on or before April 1 of an initial remedial year,~~ a charter school governing board of a low performing school shall submit the school turnaround plan to the board for approval.

(c) ~~If the charter school governing board does not approve the school turnaround plan submitted under Subsection (7)(a), the school turnaround committee may appeal the disapproval in accordance with rules made by the board as described in Section 53A-1-1206(5).~~

Section ~~{5}~~6. Section ~~{53A-1-1205}~~53A-1-1206 is enacted to read:

~~{53A-1-1205}~~53A-1-1206. State Board of Education to identify independent school turnaround experts -- Review and approval of school turnaround plans -- Appeals process.

(1) On or before August ~~{1, 2015}~~30, the board shall identify ~~{one}~~two or more approved independent school turnaround experts, through a request for proposals process, that a low performing school may select from to partner with to:

(a) collect and analyze data on the low performing school's student achievement, personnel, culture, curriculum, assessments, instructional practices, governance, leadership, finances, and policies;

(b) recommend changes to the low performing school's culture, curriculum, assessments, instructional practices, governance, finances, policies, or other areas based on data collected under Subsection (1)(a);

(c) develop and implement, in partnership with the school turnaround committee, a school turnaround plan that meets the criteria described in Subsection ~~{53A-1-1203(2)}~~53A-1-1204(3);

(d) monitor the effectiveness of a school turnaround plan through reliable means of evaluation, including on-site visits, observations, surveys, analysis of student achievement data, and interviews;

(e) provide ~~ongoing implementation support and~~ project management for a school turnaround plan;

(f) provide high-quality professional development ~~to~~personalized for school staff that is designed to build the:

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(i) leadership capacity of the school principal; and
(ii) instructional capacity of school staff; and
(g) leverage support from community partners to coordinate an efficient delivery of supports to students both inside and outside the classroom.

(2) In identifying independent school turnaround experts under Subsection (1), the board shall identify experts that:

(a) have a credible track record of improving student academic achievement in public schools with various demographic characteristics, as measured by statewide assessments;

(b) have experience designing, implementing, and evaluating data-driven instructional systems in public schools;

(c) have experience coaching public school administrators and teachers on designing data-driven school improvement plans;

(d) have experience working with the various education entities that govern public schools;

(e) have experience delivering high-quality professional development in instructional effectiveness to public school administrators and teachers;

(f) are willing to be compensated for professional services based on performance as described in Subsection (3); and

(g) are willing to partner with any low performing school in the state, regardless of location.

(3) (a) When awarding a contract to ~~fa~~an independent school turnaround expert selected by a local school board under Subsection ~~{53A-1-1203}~~53A-1-1204(~~{1}~~(b)2) or by a charter school governing board under Subsection ~~{53A-1-1204}~~53A-1-1205(4)(b), the board shall ensure that a contract between the board and the independent school turnaround expert specifies that the board will:

(i) pay ~~fa~~an independent school turnaround expert no more than 50% of the expert's professional fees at the beginning of the independent school turnaround expert's work for the low performing school; and

(ii) pay the remainder of the independent school turnaround expert's professional fees upon the independent school turnaround expert successfully helping a low performing school improve the low performing school's grade within ~~{two}~~three school years after a school is

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designated a low performing school.

(b) In negotiating a contract with ~~{a}~~an independent school turnaround expert, the board shall offer:

(i) differentiated amounts of funding based on student enrollment; and

(ii) a higher amount of funding for schools that are in the lowest performing 1% of schools statewide according to the percentage of possible points earned under the school grading system.

(4) The board shall:

(a) review a school turnaround plan submitted for approval under Subsection ~~{53A-1-1203}~~53A-1-1204~~(~~{4}~~5)~~(b) or under Subsection ~~{53A-1-1204}~~53A-1-1205~~(~~{6}~~7)~~(b) within 30 days of submission;

(b) approve a school turnaround plan that:

(i) is timely;

(ii) is well-developed; and

(iii) meets the criteria described in Subsection ~~{53A-1-1203(2)}~~53A-1-1204(3); and

(c) subject to legislative appropriations, provide funding to a low performing ~~{schools}~~school for interventions identified in an approved school turnaround plan if the local school board or charter school governing board provides matching funds or an in-kind contribution of goods or services in an amount equal to the funding the low performing school would receive from the board.

(5) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules to establish an appeals process for:

(i) a low performing district school that is not granted approval from the district school's local school board under Section 53A-1-1204(5)(b);

(ii) a low performing charter school that is not granted approval from the charter school's charter school governing board under Section 53A-1-1205(7)(b); and

(iii) a local school board or charter school governing board that is not granted approval from the board under Section 53A-1-1206(4)(b).

(b) The board shall ensure that rules made under Subsection (5)(a) require an appeals process described in:

(i) Subsections (5)(a)(i) and (ii) to be resolved on or before April 1 of the initial

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remedial year.

(ii) Subsection (5)(a)(iii) to be resolved on or before May 15 of the initial remedial year.

(6) The board shall balance the need to prioritize funding appropriated by the Legislature to contract with highly-qualified independent school turnaround experts with the need to set aside funding for:

(a) interventions to facilitate the implementation of a school turnaround plan under Section 53A-1-1206(4)(c); and

(b) the School Recognition and Reward Program created under Section 53A-1-1208.

Section ~~{6}~~7. Section ~~{53A-1-1206}~~53A-1-1207 is enacted to read:

~~{53A-1-1206}~~53A-1-1207. Consequences for failing to improve the school grade of a low performing school.

(1) As used in this section, "high performing charter school" means a charter school that:

(a) satisfies all requirements of state law and board rules;

(b) ~~{has met the terms of its charter agreement for at least three years}~~meets or exceeds standards for student achievement established by the charter school's charter school authorizer;
and

(c) has received at least a "B" grade under the school grading system in the previous two school years.

(2) (a) A low performing school that does not improve the low performing school's grade by at least one letter grade within ~~{two}~~three school years after the day on which the school is designated a low performing school may petition the board for an extension to continue school improvement efforts for up to two years.

(b) The board may only grant an extension under Subsection (2)(a) if the low performing school has increased the number of points awarded under the school grading system by at least ~~{50%}~~

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(i) 25% for a school that is not a high school; and

(ii) 10% for a high school.

(c) The board may extend the contract of an independent school turnaround expert of a

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low performing school that is granted an extension under this Subsection (2).

(d) A school that has been granted an extension under this Subsection (2) is eligible for:

(i) continued funding under Subsection ~~{53A-1-1205}~~53A-1-1206(4)(c); and

(ii) the School Recognition and Reward Program under Section ~~{53A-1-1207}~~53A-1-1208.

(3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules establishing consequences for a low performing school that:

(a) (i) does not improve the school's grade within ~~{two}~~three school years after the day on which the school is designated a low performing school; and

(ii) is not granted an extension under Subsection (2); or

(b) (i) is granted an extension under Subsection (2); and

(ii) does not improve the school's grade within two school years after the day on which the low performing school is granted an extension.

(4) The board shall ensure that the rules established under Subsection (3) include a mechanism for:

(a) restructuring a district school ~~{, including}~~ that may include:

(i) contract management;

(ii) conversion to a charter school; or

(iii) state takeover; and

(b) restructuring a charter school ~~{, including}~~ that may include:

(i) termination of a school's charter;

(ii) closure of a charter school; or

(iii) transferring operation and control of the charter school to:

(A) a high performing charter school; or

(B) the school district in which the charter school is located.

Section ~~{7}~~8. Section ~~{53A-1-1207}~~53A-1-1208 is enacted to read:

~~{53A-1-1207}~~53A-1-1208. **School Recognition and Reward Program.**

(1) As used in this section, "eligible school" means a low performing school that:

(a) improves the school's grade by at least one grade level within ~~{two}~~three school years after the day on which the school is designated a low performing school; or

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(b) (i) has been granted an extension under Subsection ~~{53A-1-1206}~~53A-1-1207(2);
and

(ii) improves the school's grade by at least one grade level within the extension period.

(2) The School Recognition and Reward Program is created to provide incentives to schools and educators to improve the school grade of a low performing school.

(3) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, upon the annual release of school grades by the board, the board shall distribute a reward equal to:

(a) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade one grade level:

(i) \$100 per tested student; and

(ii) \$1,000 per educator;

(b) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade two grade levels:

(i) \$200 per tested student; and

(ii) \$2,000 per educator;

(c) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade three grade levels:

(i) \$300 per tested student; and

(ii) \$3,000 per educator; and

(d) for an eligible school that improves the eligible school's grade four grade levels:

(i) \$500 per tested student; and

(ii) \$5,000 per educator.

(4) The principal of an eligible school that receives a reward under Subsection (3), in consultation with the educators at the eligible school, may determine how to use the money in the best interest of the school, including providing bonuses to educators.

(5) ~~{The board may reduce the amounts specified in Subsection (3) if}~~If the number of qualifying eligible schools exceeds available funds, the board may reduce the amounts specified in Subsection (3).

Section ~~{8}~~9. Section ~~{53A-1-1208}~~53A-1-1209 is enacted to read:

~~{53A-1-1208}~~53A-1-1209. **School Leadership Development Program.**

(1) As used in this section, "school leader" means a school principal or assistant principal.

(2) There is created the School Leadership Development Program to increase the number of highly effective school leaders capable of initiating, achieving, and sustaining

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school improvement efforts.

(3) The board shall identify ~~approved~~ one or more providers, through a request for proposals process, to develop or provide leadership development training for school leaders that:

(a) ~~may provide in-depth training in proven strategies to turn around low performing schools;~~

(~~f~~a)~~b~~ ~~emphasizes~~ may emphasize hands-on and job-embedded learning;

(~~f~~b)~~c~~ ~~is aligned to~~ aligns with the state's leadership standards established by board rule;

(~~f~~c)~~d~~ reflects the needs of ~~the~~ a school ~~districts and~~ district or charter ~~schools~~ school where a school leader serves;

(~~f~~d)~~e~~ ~~includes~~ may include training on using student achievement data to drive decisions;

(~~f~~e)~~f~~ ~~develops~~ may develop skills in implementing and evaluating evidence-based instructional practices; and

(~~f~~f)~~g~~ ~~develops~~ may develop skills in leading collaborative school improvement structures, including professional learning communities.

(4) Subject to legislative appropriations, the State Board of Education shall provide incentive pay to a school leader who:

(a) completes leadership development training under this section; and

(b) agrees to work, for at least five years, in a school that received an "F" grade or "D" grade under the school grading system in the school year previous to the first year the school leader:

(i) completes leadership development training; and

(ii) begins to work, or continues to work, in a school described in Subsection (4)(b).

(5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules specifying:

(a) eligibility criteria for a school leader to participate in the School Leadership Development Program;

(b) application procedures for the School Leadership Development Program;

(c) criteria for selecting school leaders from the application pool; and

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(d) procedures for awarding incentive pay under Subsection (4).

Section ~~{9}~~10. Section ~~{53A-1a-108.5}~~53A-1-1210 is ~~{amended to read:~~

enacted to read:

53A-1-1210. Reporting requirement.

On or before November 30 of each year, the board shall report to the Education Interim Committee on the provisions of this part.

Section 11. Section 53A-1a-108.5 is amended to read:

53A-1a-108.5. School improvement plan.

(1) (a) Each school community council shall annually evaluate the school's ~~[U-PASS]~~ statewide achievement test results and use the evaluations in developing a school improvement plan.

(b) In evaluating ~~[U-PASS]~~ statewide achievement test results and developing a school improvement plan, a school community council may not have access to data that reveal the identity of students.

(2) ~~[Each]~~ A school community council shall develop a school improvement plan ~~[shall]~~ that:

(a) ~~[identify]~~ identifies the school's most critical academic needs;

(b) ~~[recommend]~~ recommends a course of action to meet the identified needs;

(c) ~~[list]~~ lists any programs, practices, materials, or equipment that the school will need to implement its action plan to have a direct impact on the instruction of students and result in measurable increased student performance; and

(d) ~~[describe]~~ describes how the school intends to enhance or improve academic achievement, including how financial resources available to the school, such as School LAND Trust Program money received under Section 53A-16-101.5 and state and federal grants, will be used to enhance or improve academic achievement.

(3) ~~[The]~~ Although a school improvement plan ~~[shall focus]~~ focuses on the school's most critical academic needs ~~[but]~~, the plan may include other actions to enhance or improve academic achievement and the community environment for students.

(4) The school principal shall make available to the school community council the school budget and other data needed to develop the school improvement plan.

(5) The school improvement plan ~~[shall be]~~ is subject to the approval of the local

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school board of the school district in which the school is located.

(6) A school community council may develop a multiyear school improvement plan, but the plan must be presented to and approved annually by the local school board.

(7) Each school shall:

(a) implement the school improvement plan as developed by the school community council and approved by the local school board;

(b) provide ongoing support for the council's plan; and

(c) meet local school board reporting requirements regarding performance and accountability.

(8) The school community council of a low performing school, as defined in Section 53A-1-1202, shall develop a school improvement plan that is consistent with the school turnaround plan developed by the school turnaround committee under Chapter 1, Part 12, School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act.

Section ~~{10}~~12. Section **53A-1a-510** is amended to read:

53A-1a-510. Termination of a charter.

(1) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), a charter school authorizer may terminate a school's charter for any of the following reasons:

(a) failure of the charter school to meet the requirements stated in the charter;

(b) failure to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management;

(c) subject to Subsection (8), failure to make adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.;

(d) (i) designation as a low performing school under Chapter 1, Part 11, School Grading Act; and

(ii) failure to improve the school's grade under the conditions described in Chapter 1, Part 12, School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act;

~~(d)~~ (e) violation of requirements under this part or another law; or

~~(e)~~ (f) other good cause shown.

(2) (a) The authorizer shall notify the following of the proposed termination in writing, state the grounds for the termination, and stipulate that the governing board may request an informal hearing before the authorizer:

(i) the governing board of the charter school; and

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(ii) if the charter school is a qualifying charter school with outstanding bonds issued in accordance with Chapter 20b, Part 2, Charter School Credit Enhancement Program, the Utah Charter School Finance Authority.

(b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(e), the authorizer shall conduct the hearing in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act, within 30 days after receiving a written request under Subsection (2)(a).

(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.

(d) (i) The State Board of Education shall hear an appeal of a termination made pursuant to Subsection (2)(c).

(ii) The State Board of Education's action is final action subject to judicial review.

(e) (i) If the authorizer proposes to terminate the charter of a qualifying charter school with outstanding bonds issued in accordance with Chapter 20b, Part 2, Charter School Credit Enhancement Program, the authorizer shall conduct a hearing described in Subsection (2)(b) 120 days or more after notifying the following of the proposed termination:

(A) the governing board of the qualifying charter school; and

(B) the Utah Charter School Finance Authority.

(ii) Prior to the hearing described in Subsection (2)(e)(i), the Utah Charter School Finance Authority shall meet with the authorizer to determine whether the deficiency may be remedied in lieu of termination of the qualifying charter school's charter.

(3) An authorizer may not terminate the charter of a qualifying charter school with outstanding bonds issued in accordance with Chapter 20b, Part 2, Charter School Credit Enhancement Program, without mutual agreement of the Utah Charter School Finance Authority and the authorizer.

(4) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the State Board of Education shall make rules that require a charter school to report any threats to the health, safety, or welfare of its students to the State Charter School Board in a timely manner.

(b) The rules under Subsection (4)(a) shall also require the charter school report to include what steps the charter school has taken to remedy the threat.

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(5) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), the authorizer may terminate a charter immediately if good cause has been shown or if the health, safety, or welfare of the students at the school is threatened.

(6) If a charter is terminated during a school year, the following entities may apply to the charter school's authorizer to assume operation of the school:

- (a) the school district where the charter school is located;
- (b) the governing board of another charter school; or
- (c) a private management company.

(7) (a) If a charter is terminated, a student who attended the school may apply to and shall be enrolled in another public school under the enrollment provisions of Chapter 2, Part 2, District of Residency, subject to space availability.

(b) Normal application deadlines shall be disregarded under Subsection (7)(a).

(8) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (3), an authorizer may terminate a charter pursuant to Subsection (1)(c) under the same circumstances that local educational agencies are required to implement alternative governance arrangements under 20 U.S.C. Sec. 6316.

Section ~~{11}~~13. **Appropriation.**

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2016.

To State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Initiative Programs

From Education Fund ~~†\$10†~~\$8,000,000

Schedule of Programs:

Contracts and Grants - Low Performing Schools ~~†\$10†~~\$8,000,000

The Legislature intends that:

(1) the State Board of Education:

~~{~~ ~~—~~ ~~(a) may use up to \$1,000,000 of the appropriation under this section to provide funds to low performing schools for interventions identified in an approved school turnaround plan under Subsection 53A-1-1205(4);~~

† ~~(b}~~a) may use up to \$500,000 of the appropriation under this section for the School

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Leadership Development Program created under Section ~~{53A-1-1208}~~53A-1-1209; and
(~~{c}~~b) shall use the remaining funds ~~{to contract}~~in accordance with ~~{independent~~
school turnaround experts under~~}~~the direction provided in Subsection
~~{53A-1-1205}~~53A-1-1206(~~{3}~~) and for the School Recognition and Reward Program created
under Section 53A-1-1207, prioritizing funding for contracts with independent school
turnaround experts under Subsection 53A-1-1205(~~3~~6); and

(2) the appropriations under this section are:

(a) ongoing; and

(b) non-lapsing.

Section ~~{12}~~14. **Effective date.**

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if approved by two-thirds of all the members
elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following
the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's
signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

(2) Uncodified Section ~~{11}~~13, Appropriation, takes effect on July 1, 2015.

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