

Representative Val L. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS

2016 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 regular public school.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ exempts an early college high school from certain rules established by the State

Board of Education; and

- ▶ restricts the use of the term "early college high school."

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



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) "Individualized Education Program" or "IEP" means a written statement, for a
35 student with a disability, that is developed, reviewed, and revised in accordance with the
36 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

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

38 **53A-1a-1103. Early college high schools -- Exemptions from board rule --**
39 **Prohibitions.**

40 (1) An early college high school is a public school that:

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

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

44 (i) a high school diploma; and

45 (ii) (A) at least 60 credit hours of transferable college credit; or

46 (B) a transferable associate's degree; and

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

49 (2) (a) An early college high school is exempt from the required number of school days
50 established under board rule.

51 (b) Notwithstanding the exemption described in Subsection (2)(a), an early college
52 high school is subject to the required number of instructional hours established under board
53 rule.

54 (3) Up to three of the subject-specific credit hour graduation requirements established
55 under board rule may be changed to elective credit for a student at an early college high school
56 if:

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

58 (i) IEP; or

59 (ii) student education occupation plan; and

60 (b) the elective credit is earned in a science, technology, engineering, mathematics,

61 advanced placement, concurrent enrollment, or early college course.

62 (4) A public school may not identify or market the public school as an early college

63 high school unless the public school meets the criteria described in Subsection (1).