

88 (b) Except for temporarily withheld funds, if the board collects state funds under
89 Subsection (8)(a), the board shall pay the funds into the Uniform School Fund.

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

92 (i) that require notice and an opportunity to be heard for an education entity affected by
93 a board action described in Subsection (8)(a); and

94 (ii) to administer this Subsection (8).

95 (d) The board shall report criminal conduct of an education entity to the district
96 attorney of the county where the education entity is located.

97 (9) The board may audit the use of state funds by an education entity that receives
98 those state funds as a distribution from the board.

99 (10) The board may require, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
100 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that if an LEA contracts with a third party contractor for
101 an educational good or service, the LEA shall require in the contract that the third party
102 contractor shall provide, upon request of the LEA, information necessary for the LEA to verify
103 that the educational good or service complies with:

104 (a) this title; and

105 (b) board rule authorized under this title.

106 (11) (a) The board may appoint an attorney to provide legal advice to the board and
107 coordinate legal affairs for the board and the board's employees.

108 (b) An attorney described in Subsection (11)(a) shall cooperate with the Office of the
109 Attorney General.

110 (c) An attorney described in Subsection (11)(a) may not:

111 (i) conduct litigation; ~~§~~ → [or] ← ~~§~~

112 (ii) settle claims covered by the Risk Management Fund created in Section [63A-4-201](#)

112a ~~§~~ → [;] ; or

112b (iii) issue formal legal opinions. ← ~~§~~

113 Section 2. Section **53A-1a-503.5** is amended to read:

114 **53A-1a-503.5. Status of charter schools.**

115 (1) Charter schools are:

116 (a) considered to be public schools within the state's public education system;

117 (b) subject to Subsection [53A-1-401](#)[(3)](8); and

118 (c) governed by independent boards and held accountable to a legally binding written