

**EDUCATION REPORTING AMENDMENTS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends reporting requirements related to public education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ repeals certain reporting requirements placed on a local education agency, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the State Board of Education; ~~§~~→ [and]

▶ amends provisions related to public education reports and data; and ←~~§~~

▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-1-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 348

**53A-3-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 206

**53A-6-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 144

**53A-17a-153**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 3

**53A-17a-165**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 258

**53A-17a-166**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 359

**53A-17a-168**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 188



- 121 (i) data that are:
- 122 (A) comparable across schools and school districts;
- 123 (B) appropriate for use in longitudinal studies; and
- 124 (C) comprehensive with regard to the data elements required under applicable state or
- 125 federal law or [~~state board~~] State Board of Education rule;
- 126 (ii) features that enable users, most particularly school administrators, teachers, and
- 127 parents, to:
- 128 (A) retrieve school and school district level data electronically;
- 129 (B) interpret the data visually; and
- 130 (C) draw conclusions that are statistically valid; and
- 131 (iii) procedures for the collection and management of education data that:
- 132 (A) require the state superintendent [~~of public instruction~~] to:
- 133 (I) collaborate with school districts ~~§~~→ **and charter schools** ←~~§~~ in designing and
- 133a implementing uniform data
- 134 standards and definitions;
- 135 (II) undertake or sponsor research to implement improved methods for analyzing
- 136 education data;
- 137 (III) provide for data security to prevent unauthorized access to or contamination of the
- 138 data; and
- 139 (IV) protect the confidentiality of data under state and federal privacy laws; and
- 140 (B) require all school districts and schools to comply with the data collection and
- 141 management procedures established under Subsection (3)(e);
- 142 (f) administering and implementing federal educational programs in accordance with
- 143 Title 53A, Chapter 1, Part 9, Implementing Federal or National Education Programs Act; and
- 144 (g) with the approval of the [~~board~~] State Board of Education, preparing and
- 145 submitting to the governor a budget for the [~~board~~] State Board of Education to be included in
- 146 the budget that the governor submits to the Legislature.
- 147 (4) The state superintendent shall distribute funds deposited in the Autism Awareness
- 148 Restricted Account created in Section [53A-1-304](#) in accordance with the requirements of
- 149 Section [53A-1-304](#).
- 150 (5) Upon leaving office, the state superintendent shall deliver to the state
- 151 superintendent's successor all books, records, documents, maps, reports, papers, and other

152 articles pertaining to the state superintendent's office.

153 (6) (a) For the ~~[purpose]~~ purposes of Subsection (3)(d)~~[(vii)](vi):~~

154 (i) the pupil-teacher ratio for a school shall be calculated by dividing the number of  
155 students enrolled in a school by the number of full-time equivalent teachers assigned to the  
156 school, including regular classroom teachers, school-based specialists, and special education  
157 teachers;

158 (ii) the pupil-teacher ratio for a school district shall be the median pupil-teacher ratio of  
159 the schools within a school district;

160 (iii) the pupil-teacher ratio for charter schools aggregated shall be the median  
161 pupil-teacher ratio of charter schools in the state; and

162 (iv) the pupil-teacher ratio for the state's public schools aggregated shall be the median  
163 pupil-teacher ratio of public schools in the state.

164 (b) The printed copy of the report required by Subsection (3)(d) shall:

165 (i) include the pupil-teacher ratio for:

166 (A) each school district;

167 (B) the charter schools aggregated; and

168 (C) the state's public schools aggregated; and

169 (ii) indicate ~~[the Internet]~~ a website where pupil-teacher ratios for each school in the  
170 state may be accessed.

171 Section 2. Section **53A-3-403** is amended to read:

172 **53A-3-403. School district ~~§~~→ or charter school ←~~§~~ fiscal year -- Statistical reports.**

173 (1) A school district's ~~§~~→ or charter school's ←~~§~~ fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on  
173a June 30.

174 (2) (a) ~~[The]~~ A school district ~~§~~→ or charter school ←~~§~~ shall forward statistical reports  
174a for the preceding school  
175 year, containing items required by law or by the State Board of Education, to the state  
176 superintendent ~~[not later than]~~ on or before November 1 of each year.

177 (b) The reports shall include information to enable the state superintendent to complete  
178 the statement required under Subsection **53A-1-301**(3)(d)(v).

179 (3) ~~[The]~~ A school district ~~§~~→ or charter school ←~~§~~ shall forward the accounting report  
179a required under Section

180 **51-2a-201** to the state superintendent ~~[not later than]~~ on or before October 15 of each year.

181 ~~[(4) The district shall include the following information in its report:]~~

182 ~~[(a) a summary of the number of students in the district given fee waivers, the number~~