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27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **53A-1a-501.7**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 144 and 271

30 **53A-1a-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 363

31 **53A-1a-518**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 162

32 ENACTS:

33 **53A-1a-501.4**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

36 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-501.4** is enacted to read:

37 **53A-1a-501.4. Charter school authorizer standards -- State Board of Education**
38 **rules for review of authorizer action.**

39 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt principles and standards for quality
40 charter authorizing, including:

41 (a) principles that:

42 (i) maintain high education standards;

43 (ii) subject to law, uphold charter school autonomy; and

44 (iii) protect student and public interests;

45 (b) standards that ensure:

46 (i) authorizer commitment and capacity;

47 (ii) a fair and reasonable application process and determination;

48 (iii) performance contracting;

49 (iv) ongoing oversight and evaluation; and

50 (v) fair and reasonable consequences for an authorizer that fails to comply with a
51 statute, rule, or, as described in this Subsection (1), principles and standards; and

52 (c) school readiness benchmarks for new charter schools.

53 (2) A charter school authorizer shall adopt and administer policies and practices
54 consistent with the principles and standards described in Subsection (1).

55 (3) The State Board of Education shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
56 Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules for the oversight of an authorizer ~~§~~ [] , including:

56a (a) overseeing authorizer compliance with statute, as applicable, and the principles and
56b standards described in Subsection (1) and the applicable policies and practices described in

56c Subsection (2); ☺

56d **⊕(b) rules that authorize assistance by the State Board of Education, if necessary, to an**
56e **authorizer in an effort to comply; and**
56f **(c) penalties for an authorizer that fails, after reasonable notice, to comply, including a**
56g **moratorium on the authorizer's authority to authorize a new charter school or enter into a**
56h **contract.** ←**§**