

1 **STANDARDS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2020 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

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LONG TITLE

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions regarding high school graduation requirements.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ amends the number of units the State Board of Education may establish as high
- 13 school graduation requirements; and
- 14 ▶ makes technical changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **53E-4-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 186 and 226

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

23 Section 1. Section **53E-4-204** is amended to read:

24 **53E-4-204. Standards and graduation requirements.**

25 (1) The state board shall establish rigorous core standards for Utah public schools and



- 28 graduation requirements under Section 53E-3-501 for grades 9 through 12 that:
- 29 (a) are consistent with state law and federal regulations;
- 30 (b) use competency-based standards and assessments;
- 31 (c) include instruction that stresses general financial literacy from basic budgeting to
- 32 financial investments, including bankruptcy education and a general financial literacy test-out
- 33 option; and
- 34 (d) include graduation requirements in language arts, mathematics, and science that
- 35 meet or exceed:
- 36 (i) 3.0 units in language arts[;];
- 37 (ii) 2.0 units in mathematics[;]; and
- 38 (iii) 2.0 units in science.
- 39 (2) The state board shall establish competency-based standards and assessments for
- 40 elective courses.