

Representative Steve Eliason proposes the following substitute bill:

STUDENT SAFETY EDUCATION FOR PARENTS

AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to delivery of a seminar for parents related to student mental health, bullying, and safety.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires a school district to offer a seminar for parents related to student mental health, bullying, and safety (safety seminar) on a Saturday; and
- ▶ permits a school district to offer a safety seminar through a virtual platform in a school district where a local or state public health order restricts gatherings in the school district's geographic area.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53G-9-703, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 293, 324, and 446



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

Section 1. Section **53G-9-703** is amended to read:

53G-9-703. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a school district shall offer a seminar for parents of students in the school district that:

(i) is offered at no cost to parents;

(ii) (A) begins at or after 6 p.m.; or

(B) takes place on a Saturday;

(iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district; and

(iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

(b) (i) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000 students enrolled in the school district.

(ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), a school district may not be required to offer more than three seminars.

(c) A school district may:

(i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or

(ii) use the curriculum developed by the state board under Subsection (2).

(d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance boundaries of the school district of the date and time of a parent seminar, so the charter school may inform parents of the seminar.

(2) The state board shall:

(a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that includes information on:

(i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

(ii) bullying;

(iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention, including education on limiting access to fatal means;

(iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

(v) the SafeUT and Crisis Line established in Section [53B-17-1202](#); and

(b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon

57 request.

58 (3) (a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school
59 board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or
60 value to families in the school district.

61 (b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school
62 board shall notify the state board and provide the reasons why the local school board chose not
63 to offer the parent seminar.

64 (c) A local school board may provide the parent seminar described in Subsection (1)
65 through a virtual platform if a local or state public health order restricts public gatherings in the
66 school district's geographic area.