

1 **RURAL ONLINE INITIATIVE SUNSET AMENDMENTS**

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens**

5 House Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended
10 this bill.

11 Legislative Vote: 12 voting for 0 voting against 5 absent

12 **General Description:**

13 This bill modifies the rural online opportunities program (program) administered by
14 Utah State University.

15 **Highlighted Provisions:**

16 This bill:

- 17 ▶ defines terms;
- 18 ▶ modifies the reporting requirements of the program;
- 19 ▶ removes the sunset date of the program; and
- 20 ▶ makes technical changes.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:

27 **53B-18-1501**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 385



28 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 154, 174, 214, 234, 242,
29 269, 335, and 354



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

32 Section 1. Section **53B-18-1501** is amended to read:

33 **53B-18-1501. Remote online opportunities program -- Report to Legislature.**

34 (1) As used in this section:

35 (a) "Association of governments" means an association of political subdivisions
36 established pursuant to an interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal
37 Cooperation Act.

38 (b) [~~"Pilot program"~~] "Program" means the [~~pilot~~] program administered by Utah State
39 University in accordance with this section.

40 (c) "Remote online opportunity" means employment, including freelance employment,
41 or the operation of an online business for which an individual:

- 42 (i) can complete duties primarily online; and
- 43 (ii) is not required to work from a specific geographic location.

44 (2) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations, Utah State University, through a county
45 extension office, shall administer a [~~pilot~~] program that helps individuals who live in rural
46 areas access remote online opportunities.

47 (b) In administering the [~~pilot~~] program, Utah State University shall consider input
48 from a county located in a geographic area selected for the [~~pilot~~] program under Subsection
49 (4).

50 (3) Utah State University shall, as part of the [~~pilot~~] program:

- 51 (a) provide training modules to adults and high school students;
- 52 (b) coordinate with rural high schools and postsecondary institutions;
- 53 (c) develop marketing materials;
- 54 (d) develop relationships with information technology companies that offer remote
55 online opportunities;
- 56 (e) partner with websites that list freelance remote online opportunities;
- 57 (f) provide scholarships for individuals who live in rural areas to access online
58 skill-based training for remote online opportunities;

59 (g) provide one-on-one coaching for an individual who pursues a remote online
60 opportunity; and

61 (h) conduct other activities related to remote online opportunities as determined by
62 Utah State University.

63 (4) (a) Utah State University shall administer the [pilot] program:

64 (i) in at least one geographic area in the state initially; and

65 (ii) in additional geographic areas if resources allow.

66 (b) In determining where to initially administer the [pilot] program, Utah State

67 University shall consider whether counties in a geographic area:

68 (i) are primarily rural or have remote rural areas;

69 (ii) face high unemployment rates;

70 (iii) have access to high speed Internet;

71 (iv) have a large percentage of high school graduates leave the geographic area after
72 graduating from high school; and

73 (v) are members of an association of governments that supports helping individuals
74 who live in rural areas access remote online opportunities.

75 (5) On or before November 1, 2020, and on or before November 1 every third year
76 thereafter, Utah State University shall report to the Economic Development and Workforce
77 Services Interim Committee on:

78 (a) the number of individuals who receive training through the [pilot] program;

79 (b) the number and percentage of individuals who participate in the [pilot] program and
80 access a remote online opportunity; and

81 (c) whether there is a reduction in the unemployment rate in a geographic area included
82 in the [pilot] program.

83 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

84 **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53 through 53G.**

85 (1) Section **53-2a-105**, which creates the Emergency Management Administration
86 Council, is repealed July 1, 2021.

87 (2) Sections **53-2a-1103** and **53-2a-1104**, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory
88 Board, are repealed July 1, 2022.

89 (3) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed

90 July 1, 2023.

91 (4) Subsection [53-6-203\(1\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), regarding being 19 years old at certification, is
92 repealed July 1, 2027.

93 (5) Subsection [53-13-104\(6\)\(a\)](#), regarding being 19 years old at certification, is
94 repealed July 1, 2027.

95 (6) Section [53B-6-105.5](#), which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is
96 repealed July 1, 2024.

97 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

98 (8) Section [53B-17-1203](#), which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is
99 repealed January 1, 2025.

100 [~~(9)~~] ~~Section [53B-18-1501](#) is repealed July 1, 2021.~~

101 [~~(10)~~] (9) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1,
102 2028.

103 [~~(11)~~] (10) Title 53B, Chapter 24, Part 4, Rural Residency Training Program, is
104 repealed July 1, 2025.

105 [~~(12)~~] (11) Subsection [53C-3-203\(4\)\(b\)\(vii\)](#), which provides for the distribution of
106 money from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells
107 and other hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

108 [~~(13)~~] (12) Section [53E-3-515](#) is repealed January 1, 2023.

109 [~~(14)~~] (13) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2023:

110 (a) in Subsection [53E-4-202\(8\)](#), the language "by a standards review committee and the
111 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section [53E-4-203](#)" is
112 repealed; and

113 (b) Section [53E-4-203](#) is repealed.

114 [~~(15)~~] (14) Subsections [53E-3-503\(5\)](#) and (6), which create coordinating councils for
115 youth in custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

116 [~~(16)~~] (15) Section [53E-4-402](#), which creates the State Instructional Materials
117 Commission, is repealed July 1, 2022.

118 [~~(17)~~] (16) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory
119 Commission, is repealed July 1, 2023.

120 [~~(18)~~] (17) Subsection [53E-8-204\(4\)](#), which creates the advisory council for the Utah

- 121 Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, is repealed July 1, 2021.
- 122 [~~(19)~~] (18) Section 53F-2-514 is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 123 [~~(20)~~] (19) Section 53F-5-203 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 124 [~~(21)~~] (20) Section 53F-5-212 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 125 [~~(22)~~] (21) Section 53F-5-213 is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 126 [~~(23)~~] (22) Section 53F-5-214, in relation to a grant for professional learning, is
- 127 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 128 [~~(24)~~] (23) Section 53F-5-215, in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant is
- 129 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 130 [~~(25)~~] (24) Subsection 53F-9-203(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving
- 131 Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 132 [~~(26)~~] (25) Section 53F-9-501 is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 133 [~~(27)~~] (26) Subsections 53G-4-608(2)(b) and (4)(b), related to the Utah Seismic Safety
- 134 Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.
- 135 [~~(28)~~] (27) Subsection 53G-8-211(5), regarding referrals of a minor to court for a class
- 136 C misdemeanor, is repealed July 1, 2022.