

**Representative Norman K Thurston** proposes the following substitute bill:

**COMMUNICATION CREDITS REQUIREMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton**

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends certain graduation requirements.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ adds a communications graduation requirement; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

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



- 26 graduation requirements under Section 53E-3-501 for grades 9 through 12 that:
- 27 (a) are consistent with state law and federal regulations;
- 28 (b) use competency-based standards and assessments;
- 29 (c) include instruction that stresses general financial literacy from basic budgeting to
- 30 financial investments, including bankruptcy education and a general financial literacy test-out
- 31 option; and
- 32 (d) include graduation requirements in language arts, mathematics, and science that
- 33 exceed:
- 34 (i) 3.0 units in language arts[;] including ~~H~~→ **up to** ←~~H~~ 0.5 units in communications
- 34a completed in a
- 35 course or a school sponsored activity;
- 36 (ii) 2.0 units in mathematics[;]; and
- 37 (iii) 2.0 units in science.
- 38 (2) The state board shall establish competency-based standards and assessments for
- 39 elective courses.