

1                                   **COMMUNICATION CREDITS REQUIREMENTS**

2   2023 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9           This bill amends certain graduation requirements.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11           This bill:

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

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15           None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17           None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20           **53E-4-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 186, 226

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22 *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  
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 up to 0.5 units emphasizing verbal  
35 communication completed in a 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.