

1 **INCARCERATED YOUTH EDUCATION AMENDMENTS**

2 2023 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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

5 House Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill clarifies a definition related to the Utah Tech University Higher Education for
10 Incarcerated Youth Program.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

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14 Incarcerated Youth Program.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **53B-31-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 1

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

24 Section 1. Section **53B-31-301** is amended to read:

25 **53B-31-301. Utah Tech University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth**
26 **Program.**

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Interactive video conferencing" means two-way, real-time transmission of audio
29 and video signals between devices or computers at two or more locations.

30 (b) "Program" means the Utah Tech University Higher Education for Incarcerated
31 Youth Program.

32 (c) "Student" means an individual who is:

33 (i) in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services [~~within the~~
34 ~~timeframe of the course~~] at any time a course is being offered, including:

35 (A) individuals in the legal custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth
36 Services; and

37 (B) individuals who are housed in a detention center that the Division of Juvenile
38 Justice and Youth Services operates; and

39 (ii) subject to the jurisdiction of the Youth Parole Authority.

40 (2) Consistent with policies established by the board, Utah Tech University shall,
41 subject to legislative appropriation, establish and administer the Utah Tech University Higher
42 Education for Incarcerated Youth Program to provide:

43 (a) students needing high school credits opportunities for concurrent enrollment
44 courses;

45 (b) a consistent, two-year, flexible schedule of higher education courses delivered
46 through interactive video conferencing, in-person, or online methods to students;

47 (c) a pathway for students to earn college credits that:

48 (i) apply toward earning a certificate, associate degree, bachelor's degree; or

49 (ii) satisfy scholarship requirements or other objectives that best meet the needs of an
50 individual student; and

51 (d) advisory support to students and academic counselors who participate in the
52 program to ensure that the students' higher education courses align with the academic and
53 career goals defined in the students' plans for college and career readiness.