

1 **STATEWIDE ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

2 2023 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

5 House Sponsor: _____

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill expands the Statewide Online Education Program to include grade 6 in certain
10 circumstances.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

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14 circumstances.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 This bill provides a special effective date.

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **53F-4-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 362, 413

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

24 Section 1. Section **53F-4-501** is amended to read:

25 **53F-4-501. Definitions.**

26 As used in this part:

27 (1) (a) "Certified online course provider" means a provider that the state board



28 approves to offer courses through the Statewide Online Education Program.

29 (b) "Certified online course provider" does not include an entity described in
30 Subsections [53F-4-504](#)(1)(a) through (c).

31 (2) "Credit" means credit for a high school course, or the equivalent for a middle
32 school course, as determined by the state board.

33 (3) "Eligible student" means a student:

34 (a) who intends to take a course for middle school or high school credit; and

35 (b) (i) who is enrolled in a district school or charter school in Utah; or

36 (ii) (A) who attends a private school or home school; and

37 (B) whose custodial parent is a resident of Utah.

38 (4) "High school" means grade 9, 10, 11, or 12.

39 (5) "Middle school" means:

40 (a) grade 7 or 8[-]; or

41 (b) if the student attends a middle or junior high school, grade 6.

42 (6) "Online course" means a course of instruction offered by the Statewide Online
43 Education Program through the use of digital technology.

44 (7) "Plan for college and career readiness" means the same as that term is defined in
45 Section [53E-2-304](#).

46 (8) "Primary LEA of enrollment" means the LEA in which an eligible student is
47 enrolled for courses other than online courses offered through the Statewide Online Education
48 Program.

49 (9) "Released-time" means a period of time during the regular school day a student is
50 excused from school at the request of the student's parent pursuant to rules of the state board.

51 **Section 2. Effective date.**

52 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2023.