

INCARCERATED YOUTH EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

(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 Services within the timeframe of
34 the course being offered, including:

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

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

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

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

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

44 (b) a consistent, two-year, flexible schedule of higher education courses delivered
45 through interactive video conferencing to students;

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

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

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

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