

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

27 Section 1. Section **53E-2-304** is amended to read:

28 **53E-2-304. School district and individual school powers -- Plan for college and**  
 29 **career readiness definition.**

30 (1) In order to acquire and develop the characteristics listed in Section 53E-2-302, each  
 31 school district and each public school within its respective district shall implement a  
 32 comprehensive system of accountability in which students advance through public schools by  
 33 demonstrating competency in the core standards for Utah public schools through the use of  
 34 diverse assessment instruments such as authentic assessments, projects, and portfolios.

35 (2) (a) Each school district and public school shall:

36 (i) develop and implement programs integrating technology into the curriculum,  
 37 instruction, and student assessment;

38 (ii) provide an environment to all educators, school staff, and students that does not  
 39 pose a predictable threat of serious bodily injury to the educators, school staff, or students;

40 (iii) provide an education to all students in which the students' classroom is not

41 ~~H~~→ [predictably] significantly ←~~H~~ disrupted in an ongoing fashion;

42 (iv) provide an environment to all educators, school staff, and students that is free from  
 43 repeated:

44 (A) verbal or physical sexual harassment; or

45 (B) sexual assault;

46 ~~(iv)~~ (v) provide for teacher and parent involvement in policymaking at the school site;

47 ~~(iii)~~ (vi) implement a public school choice program to give parents, students, and  
 48 teachers greater flexibility in designing and choosing among programs with different focuses  
 49 through schools within the same district and other districts, subject to space availability,  
 50 demographics, and legal and performance criteria;

51 ~~(iv)~~ (vii) establish strategic planning at both the district and school level and  
 52 site-based decision making programs at the school level;

53 ~~(v)~~ (viii) provide opportunities for each student to acquire and develop academic and  
 54 occupational knowledge, skills, and abilities;

55 ~~(vi)~~ (ix) participate in ongoing research and development projects primarily at the  
 56 school level aimed at improving the quality of education within the system; and

119 (c) To pay for the cost of education or training described in Subsection (4)(a), an LEA  
120 may use fees, contributions, or other funds received by the LEA if the purpose of the fees,  
121 contributions, or other funds is to provide the education or training.

122 (5) An LEA shall provide education to all students within the LEA in the least  
123 restrictive environment possible that does not predictably threaten serious bodily injury to  
124 educators, school staff, or other students.

125 (6) An LEA shall provide education to all students within the LEA in the least  
126 restrictive environment possible that does not ~~it~~→ [predictably] significantly ←~~it~~ disrupt the  
126a education of other  
127 students within the classroom in an ongoing fashion.

128 (7) An LEA shall provide an environment to all educators, school staff, and students in  
129 the least restrictive environment possible that does not allow for repeated:

- 130 (a) verbal or physical sexual harassment; or
- 131 (b) sexual assault.

132 Section 3. **Effective date.**

133 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.