

**Representative Ryan D. Wilcox** proposes the following substitute bill:

**SCHOOL SAFETY AMENDMENTS**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes a system for school safety incidents.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the International Fire Code;
- ▶ requires certain state buildings and schools to have emergency communication systems;
- ▶ requires school resource officer training to be developed by the state security chief;
- ▶ establishes duties of the state security chief and a county security chief in relation to school safety initiatives;
- ▶ establishes a school guardian program;
- ▶ requires threat reporting by state employees and others if they become aware of threats to schools;



- 25           ▶ establishes some reporting from the SafeUT Crisis Line to the state's intelligence
- 26 databases;
- 27           ▶ requires certain school safety data to be included in the annual school disciplinary
- 28 report;
- 29           ▶ expands requirements for school resource officer contracts and policies;
- 30           ▶ requires a local education agency (LEA) to ensure that each school within the LEA
- 31 conduct a school safety needs assessment;
- 32           ▶ requires designation of certain school safety personnel;
- 33           ▶ requires notification to a victim of a reintegration plan;
- 34           ▶ clarifies that a school may share certain information regarding an incident of
- 35 bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation with a parent upon
- 36 request;
- 37           ▶ requires a school to provide regular communication updates to a parent regarding
- 38 the implementation of an action plan to address an incident of bullying,
- 39 cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation;
- 40           ▶ requires an LEA to update the LEA's bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive
- 41 conduct, and retaliation policy related to certain social media use of a student;
- 42           ▶ requires an LEA to designate an individual for bullying incident response and
- 43 outlines the individual's duties;
- 44           ▶ requires panic alert devices and video camera access for schools and classrooms;
- 45           ▶ requires coordination of emergency call information with the state's intelligence
- 46 system;
- 47           ▶ amends process for secure firearm storage under certain circumstances to include
- 48 school guardians; and
- 49           ▶ makes technical changes.

50 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

51           None

52 **Other Special Clauses:**

53           This bill provides a special effective date.

54 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

55 AMENDS:

56 [15A-5-203](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 95, 327  
57 [15A-5-205.5](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 95  
58 [17-22-2](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 15  
59 [53-1-108](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 302  
60 [53-10-302](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 302  
61 [53-22-101](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
62 [53-22-102](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
63 [53-22-103](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
64 [53B-17-1202](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 446  
65 [53B-17-1204](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 365  
66 [53E-3-516](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 115, 161  
67 [53E-3-518](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 70  
68 [53E-3-702](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186  
69 [53E-3-706](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 421  
70 [53F-4-207](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 208  
71 [53F-5-220](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
72 [53G-6-806](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 70  
73 [53G-8-213](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 161  
74 [53G-8-701](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
75 [53G-8-702](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
76 [53G-8-703](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383  
77 [53G-8-801](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 441  
78 [53G-8-802](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 328, 383  
79 [53G-8-803](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 390  
80 [53G-9-601](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 423  
81 [53G-9-602](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3  
82 [53G-9-603](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3  
83 [53G-9-604](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 423  
84 [53G-9-605](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 293  
85 [53G-9-606](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 399  
86 [53G-9-607](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 408

87 **63H-7a-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 368

88 **63H-7a-208**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 368

89 **63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 7,  
90 21, 33, 142, 167, 168, 380, 383, and 467

91 **63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 7, 21,  
92 33, 142, 167, 168, 310, 380, 383, and 467

93 **76-10-505.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 141

94 ENACTS:

95 **53-10-117**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

96 **53-22-104.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

97 **53-22-104.2**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

98 **53-22-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

99 **53-22-106**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

100 **53G-8-701.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

101 **53G-8-701.8**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

102 **53G-8-704**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

103 **53G-8-805**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

104 **53G-9-605.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

105 REPEALS AND REENACTS:

106 **53G-8-701.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383

107 REPEALS:

108 **53G-8-703.2**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383

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

111 Section 1. Section **15A-5-203** is amended to read:

112 **15A-5-203. Amendments and additions to IFC related to fire safety, building, and**  
113 **site requirements.**

114 (1) For IFC, Chapter 5, Fire Service Features:

115 (a) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 501.5, Access grade and fire flow, is added as  
116 follows: "An authority having jurisdiction over a structure built in accordance with the  
117 requirements of the International Residential Code as adopted in the State Construction Code,

118 may require an automatic fire sprinkler system for the structure only by ordinance and only if  
119 any of the following conditions exist:

120 (i) the structure:

121 (A) is located in an urban-wildland interface area as provided in the Utah Wildland  
122 Urban Interface Code adopted as a construction code under the State Construction Code; and

123 (B) does not meet the requirements described in Utah Code, Subsection  
124 65A-8-203(4)(a) and Utah Administrative Code, R652-122-1300, Minimum Standards for  
125 County Wildland Fire Ordinance;

126 (ii) the structure is in an area where a public water distribution system with fire  
127 hydrants does not exist as required in Utah Administrative Code, R309-550-5, Water Main  
128 Design;

129 (iii) the only fire apparatus access road has a grade greater than 10% for more than 500  
130 continual feet;

131 (iv) the total floor area of all floor levels within the exterior walls of the dwelling unit  
132 exceeds 10,000 square feet; or

133 (v) the total floor area of all floor levels within the exterior walls of the dwelling unit is  
134 double the average of the total floor area of all floor levels of unsprinkled homes in the  
135 subdivision that are no larger than 10,000 square feet.

136 (vi) Exception: A single family dwelling does not require a fire sprinkler system if the  
137 dwelling:

138 (A) is located outside the wildland urban interface;

139 (B) is built in a one-lot subdivision; and

140 (C) has 50 feet of defensible space on all sides that limits the propensity of fire  
141 spreading from the dwelling to another property."

142 (b) In IFC, Chapter 5, Section 506.1, Where Required, is deleted and rewritten as  
143 follows: "Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured  
144 openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the  
145 fire code official, after consultation with the building owner, may require a key box to be  
146 installed in an approved location. The key box shall contain keys to gain necessary access as  
147 required by the fire code official. For each fire jurisdiction that has at least one building with a  
148 required key box, the fire jurisdiction shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or other operating

149 rule or policy that creates a process to ensure that each key to each key box is properly  
150 accounted for and secure."

151 (c) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 507.1.1, Isolated one- and two-family dwellings,  
152 is added as follows: "Fire flow may be reduced for an isolated one- and two-family dwelling  
153 when the authority having jurisdiction over the dwelling determines that the development of a  
154 full fire-flow requirement is impractical."

155 (d) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 507.1.2, Pre-existing subdivision lots, is added as  
156 follows:

157 "507.1.2 Pre-existing subdivision lots.

158 The requirements for a pre-existing subdivision lot shall not exceed the requirements  
159 described in Section 501.5."

160 (e) In IFC, Chapter 5, Section 507.5.1, here required, a new exception is added: "3.  
161 One interior and one detached accessory dwelling unit on a single residential lot."

162 (f) IFC, Chapter 5, Section 510.1, Emergency responder communication coverage in  
163 new buildings, is amended by adding: "When required by the fire code official, unless the new  
164 building is a public school as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-205.1 or a private school,  
165 then the fire code official shall require," at the beginning of the first paragraph.

166 (2) For IFC, Chapter 6, Building Services and Systems:

167 (a) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 604.6.1, Elevator key location, is deleted and rewritten as  
168 follows: "Firefighter service keys shall be kept in a "Supra-Stor-a-key" elevator key box or  
169 similar box with corresponding key system that is adjacent to the elevator for immediate use by  
170 the fire department. The key box shall contain one key for each elevator, one key for lobby  
171 control, and any other keys necessary for emergency service. The elevator key box shall be  
172 accessed using a 6049 numbered key."

173 (b) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 606.1, General, is amended as follows: On line three, after  
174 the word "Code", add the words "and NFPA 96".

175 (c) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 607.2, a new exception 5 is added as follows: "5. A Type 1  
176 hood is not required for a cooking appliance in a microenterprise home kitchen, as that term is  
177 defined in Utah Code, Section 26B-7-401, for which the operator obtains a permit in  
178 accordance with Utah Code, Title 26, Chapter 15c, Microenterprise Home Kitchen Act."

179 (3) For IFC, Chapter 7, Fire and Smoke Protection Features, IFC, Chapter 7, Section

180 705.2, is amended to add the following: "Exception: In Group E Occupancies, where the  
181 corridor serves an occupant load greater than 30 and the building does not have an automatic  
182 fire sprinkler system installed, the door closers may be of the friction hold-open type on  
183 classrooms' doors with a rating of 20 minutes or less only."

184 Section 2. Section **15A-5-205.5** is amended to read:

185 **15A-5-205.5. Amendments to Chapters 11 and 12 of IFC.**

186 (1) For IFC, Chapter 11, Construction Requirements for Existing Buildings:

187 (a) IFC, Chapter 11, Section 1103.2, Emergency Responder Communication Coverage  
188 in Existing Buildings, is amended as follows: On line two after the title, the following is added:  
189 "When required by the fire code official, unless the existing building is a public school as that  
190 term is defined in Section [53G-9-205.1](#) or a private school, then the fire code official shall  
191 require.".

192 (b) IFC, Chapter 11, Section 1103.5.1, Group A-2, is deleted and replaced with the  
193 following:

194 "1103.5.1 Group A-2. An automatic fire sprinkler system shall be provided throughout  
195 existing Group A-2 occupancies where indoor pyrotechnics are used."

196 (c) IFC, Chapter 11, Section 1103.6, Standpipes, is deleted.

197 (d) IFC, Chapter 11, 1103.7, Fire Alarm Systems, is deleted and rewritten as follows:  
198 "1103.7, Fire Alarm Systems. The following shall have an approved fire alarm system installed  
199 in accordance with Utah Administrative Code, R710-4, Buildings Under the Jurisdiction of the  
200 Utah Fire Prevention Board:

201 1. a building with an occupant load of 300 or more persons that is owned or operated  
202 by the state;

203 2. a building with an occupant load of 300 or more persons that is owned or operated  
204 by an institution of higher education; and

205 3. a building with an occupant load of 50 or more persons that is owned or operated by  
206 a school district, private school, or charter school.

207 Exception: the requirements of this section do not apply to a building designated as an  
208 Institutional Group I (as defined in IFC 202) occupancy."

209 (e) IFC, Chapter 11, 1103.7.1 Group E, 1103.7.2 Group I-1, 1103.7.3 Group I-2,  
210 1103.7.4 Group I-3, 1103.7.5 Group R-1, 1103.7.5.1 Group R-1 hotel and motel manual fire

211 alarm system, 1103.7.5.1.1 Group R-1 hotel and motel automatic smoke detection system,  
212 1103.7.5.2 Group R-1 boarding and rooming houses manual fire alarm system, 1103.7.5.2.1  
213 Group R-1 boarding and rooming houses automatic smoke detection system, 1103.7.6 Group  
214 R-2 are deleted.

215 (f) IFC, Chapter 11, Section 1103.5.4, High-rise buildings, is amended as follows: On  
216 line two, delete "not been adopted" and replace with "been adopted."

217 (g) IFC, Chapter 11, Section 1103.9, Carbon monoxide alarms, is deleted and rewritten  
218 as follows:

219 "1103.9 Carbon Monoxide Detection.

220 Existing Groups E, I-1, I-2, I-4, and R occupancies shall be equipped with carbon  
221 monoxide detection in accordance with Section 915."

222 (2) For IFC, Chapter 12, Energy Systems:

223 (a) Delete the section title "1205.2.1 Solar photovoltaic systems for Group R-3  
224 buildings" and replace with the section title "1205.2.1 Solar photovoltaic systems for Group  
225 R-3 and buildings constructed in accordance with IRC."

226 (b) Section 1205.2.1, Solar photovoltaic systems for Group R-3 buildings, Exception 1  
227 is deleted, Exception 2 is renumbered to 1 and a second exception is added as follows: "2.  
228 Reduction in pathways and clear access width are permitted where a rational approach has been  
229 used and the reduction is warranted and approved by the Fire Code Official."

230 (c) Section 1205.3.1 Perimeter pathways, and 1205.3.2 Interior pathways, are deleted  
231 and rewritten as follows: "1204.3.1 Perimeter pathways. There shall be a minimum three foot  
232 wide (914 mm) clear perimeter around the edges of the roof. The solar installation shall be  
233 designed to provide designated pathways. The pathways shall meet the following requirements:

234 1. The pathway shall be over areas capable of supporting the live load of fire fighters  
235 accessing the roof.

236 2. The centerline axis pathways shall be provided in both axes of the roof. Centerline  
237 axis pathways shall run where the roof structure is capable of supporting the live load of fire  
238 fighters accessing the roof.

239 3. Smoke and heat vents required by Section 910.2.1 or 910.2.2 shall be provided with  
240 a clear pathway width of not less than three feet (914 mm) to the vents.

241 4. Access to roof area required by Section 504.3 or 1011.12 shall be provided with a



242 clear pathway width of not less than three feet (914 mm) around access opening and at least  
243 three feet (914 mm) clear pathway to parapet or roof edge."

244 (d) Section 1205.3.3, Smoke ventilation, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "1205.3.2,  
245 Smoke ventilation. The solar installation shall be designed to meet the following requirements:

246 1. Arrays shall be no greater than 150 feet (45720 mm) by 150 feet (45720 mm) in  
247 distance in either axis in order to create opportunities for fire department smoke ventilation  
248 operations.

249 2. Smoke ventilation options between array sections shall be one of the following:

250 2.1 A pathway six feet (1829 mm) or greater in width.

251 2.2 A pathway three feet (914 mm) or greater in width and bordering roof skylights or  
252 smoke and heat vents when required by Section 910.2.1 or Section 910.2.2.

253 2.3 Smoke and heat vents designed for remote operation using devices that can be  
254 connected to the vent by mechanical, electrical, or any other suitable means, protected as  
255 necessary to remain operable for the design period. Controls for remote operation shall be  
256 located in a control panel, clearly identified and located in an approved location.

257 3. Where gravity-operated dropout smoke and heat vents occur, a pathway three feet  
258 (914 mm) or greater in width on not fewer than one side."

259 Section 3. Section **17-22-2** is amended to read:

260 **17-22-2. Sheriff -- General duties.**

261 (1) The sheriff shall:

262 (a) preserve the peace;

263 (b) make all lawful arrests;

264 (c) attend in person or by deputy the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals when  
265 required or when the court is held within his county, all courts of record, and court  
266 commissioner and referee sessions held within his county, obey their lawful orders and  
267 directions, and comply with the court security rule, Rule 3-414, of the Utah Code of Judicial  
268 Administration;

269 (d) upon request of the juvenile court, aid the court in maintaining order during  
270 hearings and transport a minor to and from youth corrections facilities, other institutions, or  
271 other designated places;

272 (e) attend county justice courts if the judge finds that the matter before the court

273 requires the sheriff's attendance for security, transportation, and escort of jail prisoners in his  
274 custody, or for the custody of jurors;

275 (f) command the aid of as many inhabitants of [~~his~~] the sheriff's county as [~~he~~] the  
276 sheriff considers necessary in the execution of these duties;

277 (g) take charge of and keep the county jail and the jail prisoners;

278 (h) receive and safely keep all persons committed to [~~his~~] the sheriff's custody, file and  
279 preserve the commitments of those persons in custody, and record the name, age, place of birth,  
280 and description of each person committed;

281 (i) release on the record all attachments of real property when the attachment [~~he~~] the  
282 sheriff receives has been released or discharged;

283 (j) endorse on all process and notices the year, month, day, hour, and minute of  
284 reception, and, upon payment of fees, issue a certificate to the person delivering process or  
285 notice showing the names of the parties, title of paper, and the time of receipt;

286 (k) serve all process and notices as prescribed by law;

287 (l) if [~~he~~] the sheriff makes service of process or notice, certify on the process or  
288 notices the manner, time, and place of service, or, if [~~he~~] the sheriff fails to make service,  
289 certify the reason upon the process or notice, and return them without delay;

290 (m) extinguish fires occurring in the undergrowth, trees, or wooded areas on the public  
291 land within his county;

292 (n) perform as required by any contracts between the county and private contractors for  
293 management, maintenance, operation, and construction of county jails entered into under the  
294 authority of Section [17-53-311](#);

295 (o) for the sheriff of a county of the second through sixth class that enters into an  
296 interlocal agreement for law enforcement service under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal  
297 Cooperation Act, provide law enforcement service as provided in the interlocal agreement;

298 (p) manage search and rescue services in his county;

299 (q) obtain saliva DNA specimens as required under Section [53-10-404](#);

300 (r) on or before January 1, 2003, adopt a written policy that prohibits the stopping,  
301 detention, or search of any person when the action is solely motivated by considerations of  
302 race, color, ethnicity, age, or gender;

303 (s) as applicable, select a representative of law enforcement to serve as a member of a

304 child protection team, as defined in Section 80-1-102;

305 (t) appoint a county security chief in accordance with Section 53-22-103 and ensure the  
306 county security chief fulfills the county security chief's duties; and

307 [~~t~~] u perform any other duties that are required by law.

308 (2) (a) Violation of Subsection (1)(j) is a class C misdemeanor.

309 (b) Violation of any other subsection under Subsection (1) is a class A misdemeanor.

310 (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3):

311 (i) "Police interlocal entity" [~~has the same meaning as defined in~~] means the same as  
312 that term is defined in Sections 17-30-3 and 17-30a-102.

313 (ii) "Police special district" means the same as that term is defined in Section 17-30-3.

314 (b) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(c) and 11-13-202(4), a sheriff in a county  
315 which includes within its boundary a police special district or police interlocal entity, or both:

316 (i) serves as the chief executive officer of each police special district and police  
317 interlocal entity within the county with respect to the provision of law enforcement service  
318 within the boundary of the police special district or police interlocal entity, respectively; and

319 (ii) is subject to the direction of the police special district board of trustees or police  
320 interlocal entity governing body, as the case may be, as and to the extent provided by  
321 agreement between the police special district or police interlocal entity, respectively, and the  
322 sheriff.

323 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(b), and except as provided in Subsection  
324 11-13-202(4), if a police interlocal entity or police special district enters an interlocal  
325 agreement with a public agency, as defined in Section 11-13-103, for the provision of law  
326 enforcement service, the sheriff:

327 (i) does not serve as the chief executive officer of any interlocal entity created under  
328 that interlocal agreement, unless the agreement provides for the sheriff to serve as the chief  
329 executive officer; and

330 (ii) shall provide law enforcement service under that interlocal agreement as provided  
331 in the agreement.

332 Section 4. Section 53-1-108 is amended to read:

333 **53-1-108. Commissioner's powers and duties.**

334 (1) In addition to the responsibilities contained in this title, the commissioner shall:

335 (a) administer and enforce this title and Title 41, Chapter 12a, Financial Responsibility  
336 of Motor Vehicle Owners and Operators Act;

337 (b) appoint deputies, inspectors, examiners, clerical workers, and other employees as  
338 required to properly discharge the duties of the department;

339 (c) make rules:

340 (i) governing emergency use of signal lights on private vehicles; and

341 (ii) allowing privately owned vehicles to be designated for part-time emergency use, as  
342 provided in Section 41-6a-310;

343 (d) set standards for safety belt systems, as required by Section 41-6a-1803;

344 (e) serve as the cochair of the Emergency Management Administration Council, as  
345 required by Section 53-2a-105;

346 (f) designate vehicles as "authorized emergency vehicles," as required by Section  
347 41-6a-102; and

348 (g) on or before January 1, 2003, adopt a written policy that prohibits the stopping,  
349 detention, or search of any person when the action is solely motivated by considerations of  
350 race, color, ethnicity, age, or gender.

351 (2) The commissioner may:

352 (a) subject to the approval of the governor, establish division headquarters at various  
353 places in the state;

354 (b) issue to a special agent a certificate of authority to act as a peace officer and revoke  
355 that authority for cause, as authorized in Section 56-1-21.5;

356 (c) create specialized units within the commissioner's office for conducting internal  
357 affairs and aircraft operations as necessary to protect the public safety;

358 (d) cooperate with any recognized agency in the education of the public in safety and  
359 crime prevention and participate in public or private partnerships, subject to Subsection (3);

360 (e) cooperate in applying for and distributing highway safety program funds;

361 (f) receive and distribute federal funding to further the objectives of highway safety in  
362 compliance with Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures Act; ~~and~~

363 (g) authorize off-duty personal use of Department of Public Safety emergency  
364 vehicles[-]; and

365 (h) deny or revoke a public or private school's occupancy permit based on the

366 recommendations of the state security chief as described in Section 53-22-102.

367 (3) (a) Money may not be expended under Subsection (2)(d) for public safety education  
368 unless it is specifically appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

369 (b) Any recognized agency receiving state money for public safety shall file with the  
370 auditor of the state an itemized statement of all its receipts and expenditures.

371 Section 5. Section **53-10-117** is enacted to read:

372 **53-10-117. Law enforcement agency with school resource officer unit -- Policy.**

373 (1) A law enforcement agency with a school resource officer unit shall develop a  
374 school resource officer policy.

375 (2) The law enforcement agency shall ensure the policy described in Subsection (1)  
376 includes:

377 (a) the process for assignment and selection of a school resource officer;

378 (b) required training of a school resource officer;

379 (c) internal reporting requirements;

380 (d) arrest and use of force protocols;

381 (e) general oversight and accountability; and

382 (f) other duties required of a school resource officer.

383 (3) The state security chief described in Section 53-22-102 shall create a model policy  
384 consistent with this section.

385 (4) A law enforcement agency may adopt the model policy described in Subsection (3).

386 Section 6. Section **53-10-302** is amended to read:

387 **53-10-302. Bureau duties.**

388 The bureau shall:

389 (1) provide assistance and investigative resources to divisions within the Department of  
390 Public Safety;

391 (2) upon request, provide assistance and specialized law enforcement services to local  
392 law enforcement agencies;

393 (3) conduct financial investigations regarding suspicious cash transactions, fraud, and  
394 money laundering;

395 (4) investigate criminal activity of organized crime networks, gangs, extremist groups,  
396 and others promoting violence;

- 397 (5) investigate criminal activity of terrorist groups;
- 398 (6) enforce the Utah Criminal Code;
- 399 (7) cooperate and exchange information with other state agencies and with other law  
400 enforcement agencies of government, both within and outside of this state, through a statewide  
401 information and intelligence center to obtain information that may achieve more effective  
402 results in the prevention, detection, and control of crime and apprehension of criminals,  
403 including systems described in Sections 53E-3-518, 53B-17-1202, and 63H-7a-103(14);
- 404 (8) create and maintain a statewide criminal intelligence system;
- 405 (9) provide specialized case support and investigate illegal drug production,  
406 cultivation, and sales;
- 407 (10) investigate, follow-up, and assist in highway drug interdiction cases;
- 408 (11) make rules to implement this chapter;
- 409 (12) perform the functions specified in Part 2, Bureau of Criminal Identification;
- 410 (13) provide a state cybercrime unit to investigate computer and network intrusion  
411 matters involving state-owned computer equipment and computer networks as reported under  
412 Section 76-6-705;
- 413 (14) investigate violations of Section 76-6-703 and other computer related crimes,  
414 including:
- 415 (a) computer network intrusions;
- 416 (b) denial of services attacks;
- 417 (c) computer related theft or fraud;
- 418 (d) intellectual property violations; and
- 419 (e) electronic threats; ~~and~~
- 420 (15) upon request, investigate the following offenses when alleged to have been  
421 committed by an individual who is currently or has been previously elected, appointed, or  
422 employed by a governmental entity:
- 423 (a) criminal offenses; and
- 424 (b) matters of public corruption[-]; and
- 425 (16) (a) ~~[The bureau is]~~ not be prohibited from investigating crimes not specifically  
426 referred to in this section; and
- 427 (b) other agencies are not prohibited from investigating crimes referred to in this

428 section.

429 Section 7. Section **53-22-101** is amended to read:

430 **53-22-101. School Security Act -- Definitions.**

431 As used in this chapter:

432 (1) "Advisory board" means the Education Advisory Board created in Section  
433 [53-22-104.2](#).

434 (2) "County security chief" means the individual whom a county sheriff appoints in  
435 accordance with Section [53-22-103](#) to oversee school safety.

436 (3) "Local education agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
437 [53E-1-102](#).

438 (4) "Public school" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-9-205.1](#).

439 (5) "School" means an elementary school or a secondary school that:

440 (a) is a public school; and

441 (b) provides instruction for one or more of the grades of kindergarten through grade 12.

442 (6) "School is in session" means the same as the term is defined in Section [53E-3-516](#).

443 ~~[(2)]~~ (7) "School resource officer" [~~or "SRO"~~] means [~~a law enforcement officer hired~~  
444 ~~by a public school in accordance with Section [53G-8-703](#)~~] the same as that term is defined in  
445 Section [53G-8-701](#).

446 ~~[(3)]~~ (8) "State security chief" means an individual appointed by the commissioner  
447 under Section [53-22-102](#).

448 (9) "Task force" means the School Security Task Force created in Section [53-22-104.1](#).

449 Section 8. Section **53-22-102** is amended to read:

450 **53-22-102. State security chief -- Creation -- Appointment.**

451 (1) There is created within the department a state security chief.

452 (2) The state security chief:

453 (a) is appointed by the commissioner with the approval of the governor;

454 (b) is subject to the supervision and control of the commissioner;

455 (c) may be removed at the will of the commissioner;

456 (d) shall be qualified by experience and education to:

457 (i) enforce the laws of this state relating to school safety;

458 (ii) perform duties prescribed by the commissioner; and

459 (iii) enforce rules made under this chapter.

460 [~~(3) The duties and responsibilities of the state security chief shall be determined by the~~  
461 ~~Commissioner of Public Safety in conjunction with the School Security Task Force created in~~  
462 ~~Section [53-22-104](#).]~~

463 (3) The state security chief shall:

464 (a) establish building and safety standards for all public and private schools including:

465 (i) coordinating with the State Board of Education to establish the required minimum  
466 safety and security standards for all public and private school facilities, including:

467 (A) limited entry points, including, if applicable, secured entry points for specific  
468 student grades or groups;

469 (B) video surveillance of entrances when school is in session;

470 (C) ground level windows protected by security film or ballistic windows;

471 (D) internal classroom door locks;

472 (E) bleed kits and first aid kits;

473 (F) exterior cameras on entrances, parking areas, and campus grounds; and

474 (G) fencing around playgrounds;

475 (ii) establishing a schedule or timeline for existing buildings to come into compliance  
476 with this section;

477 (iii) creating a process to examine plans and specifications for construction or  
478 remodeling of a school building, in accordance with Section [53E-3-706](#);

479 (iv) recommending to the commissioner the denial or revocation a public or private  
480 school's occupancy permit for a building if:

481 (A) the building does not meet the standards established in this section; and

482 (B) after consultation with the local governing board, the building remains

483 non-compliant with the standards established in this section;

484 (v) creating minimum standards for radio communication equipment in every school;

485 and

486 (vi) establishing a process to approve the safety and security criteria the state  
487 superintendent of public instruction establishes for building inspectors described in Section  
488 [53E-3-706](#);

489 (b) oversee the implementation of the school safety personnel requirements described



490 in Section [53G-8-701.5](#) including:

491 (i) in consultation with a county security chief, overseeing the school guardian program  
492 described in Section [53-22-105](#), including approving and coordinating the relevant training  
493 programs;

494 (ii) establishing an application process for approved alternatives to the school safety  
495 personnel requirements described in Section [53G-8-701.5](#);

496 (iii) selecting training requirements for school safety and security specialists in  
497 consultation with the state board of education as described in Section [53G-8-701.6](#);

498 (iv) as required by Section [53G-8-701.8](#), tracking each school safety and security  
499 director for a local education agency and ensure that the contact information for the school  
500 safety and security directors is readily available to the local law enforcement of relevant  
501 jurisdiction; and

502 (v) reviewing and approving the State Board of Education's school resource officer  
503 training program as described in Section [53G-8-702](#);

504 (c) oversee the creation of school safety trainings, protocols, and incident responses,  
505 including:

506 (i) in consultation with the State Board of Education, defining what constitutes an  
507 "active threat" and "developmentally appropriate" for purposes of the emergency response  
508 training described in Section [53G-8-803](#);

509 (ii) in consultation with the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, establishing  
510 or selecting an adolescent mental health and de-escalation training for school safety personnel;

511 (iii) consulting with the State Board of Education to develop the model critical incident  
512 response that all schools and law enforcement will use during a threat, including:

513 (A) standardized response protocol terminology for use throughout the state, including  
514 what constitutes a threat;

515 (B) protocols for planning and safety drills, including drills required in a school, before  
516 the school year begins;

517 (C) integration and appropriate use of a panic alert device described in Subsection  
518 [53G-8-805](#);

519 (D) the establishment of incident command for a threat or safety incident, including  
520 which entity and individual runs the incident command;

521 (E) the required components for a communication plan to be followed during an  
522 incident or threat;

523 (F) reunification plan protocols, including the appropriate design and use of an incident  
524 command by others responding or involved in an incident; and

525 (G) recommendations for safety equipment for schools, including amounts and types of  
526 first aid supplies;

527 (iv) reviewing and suggesting any changes to the response plans and training under  
528 Section [53G-8-803](#);

529 (v) creating the official standard response protocol described in Section [53G-8-803](#) for  
530 use by schools and law enforcement for school safety incidents; and

531 (vi) establishing a manner for any security personnel described in Section [53G-8-701.5](#)  
532 to be quickly identified by law enforcement during an incident;

533 (d) in consultation with the school safety center established in Section [53G-8-802](#):

534 (i) create a process to receive and analyze the school safety needs assessments  
535 described in Section [53G-8-701.5](#); and

536 (ii) establish a required data reporting system for public schools to report serious and  
537 non-serious threats and other data related to threat assessment that the state security chief  
538 determines to be necessary; and

539 (e) fulfill any other duties and responsibilities determined by the commissioner.

540 (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
541 department in consultation with the state security chief shall make rules to fulfill the duties  
542 described in this section.

543 (5) The state security chief may delegate duties under this section to a sworn  
544 department member with the approval of the commissioner.

545 Section 9. Section **53-22-103** is amended to read:

546 **53-22-103. County sheriff responsibilities -- Coordination.**

547 (1) Each county sheriff shall identify an individual as a county security chief within the  
548 sheriff's office,

549 (a) [~~to~~] coordinate security responsibilities, protocols, and required trainings between  
550 the state security chief, the county sheriff's office, and the corresponding police chiefs whose  
551 jurisdiction includes a public school within the county[-];

552 (2) The county security chief shall:

553 (a) in collaboration with the school safety and security specialist described in Section  
554 53G-8-701.6:

555 (i) conduct, or coordinate with a designee from the local law enforcement agency of  
556 relevant jurisdiction to conduct the school safety needs assessment described in Section  
557 53G-8-701.5; and

558 (ii) conduct a building safety evaluation at least annually using the results of the school  
559 safety needs assessment to recommend and implement improvements to school facilities,  
560 policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating to school safety and security;

561 (b) collaborate and maintain effective communications regarding school safety with  
562 each:

563 (i) school safety and security specialist in the county security chief's county, as  
564 described in Section 53G-8-701.6;

565 (ii) school safety and security director in the county security chief's county, as  
566 described in Section 53G-8-701.8; and

567 (iii) local law enforcement agency within the county;

568 (c) administer with the corresponding police chiefs whose jurisdiction includes a public  
569 school the trainings described in Sections 53-22-105 and 53G-8-704, including:

570 (i) assessing if an individual is capable of the duties and responsibilities that the  
571 trainings cover; and

572 (ii) denying an individual the ability to be a school safety personnel described in  
573 Section 53G-8-701.5 if the county security chief finds the individual is not capable of the  
574 duties and responsibilities that the trainings cover; and

575 (d) in conjunction with the state security chief, administer the school guardian program  
576 established in Section 53-22-105 at any school participating in the program in the county  
577 security chief's county.

578 Section 10. Section **53-22-104.1** is enacted to read:

579 **53-22-104.1. School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem --**

580 **Report -- Expiration.**

581 (1) There is created a School Security Task Force composed of the following members:

582 (a) two members of the House of Representatives, whom the speaker of the House of

583 Representatives appoints with one serving as the co-chair of the task force;  
584 (b) the state security chief;  
585 (c) two members of the Senate, whom the president of the Senate appoints with one  
586 serving as the co-chair of the task force;  
587 (d) the state superintendent of the State Board of Education or the state  
588 superintendent's designee;  
589 (e) the school safety specialist to the State Board of Education;  
590 (f) the public safety liaison described in Section [53-1-106](#);  
591 (g) the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the commissioner's  
592 designee;  
593 (h) the director of the Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Services or the director's  
594 designee;  
595 (i) a member of the Utah School Superintendents Association, whom the president of  
596 the association selects;  
597 (j) one member of the Chiefs of Police Association and one members of the Sheriff's  
598 Association, whom the presidents of the associations jointly select, ensuring that:  
599 (i) one is from a county of the first or second class; and  
600 (ii) one is from a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class;  
601 (k) a representative from the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, whom the  
602 president of the association selects;  
603 (l) a school safety and security specialist or director, whom the chairs select;  
604 (m) an expert in school security, whom the chairs select;  
605 (n) a member of a local law enforcement agency the commissioner of the Department  
606 of Public Safety recommends; and  
607 (o) a member of the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, whom the chairs select.  
608 (2) The task force shall:  
609 (a) review school safety updates;  
610 (b) consult with the Education Advisory Board created in Section [53-22-104.2](#); and  
611 (c) develop legislation recommendations as necessary.  
612 (3) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.  
613 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.

614 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff for the  
615 task force.

616 (5) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall  
617 be paid in accordance with:

618 (i) Section [36-2-2](#);

619 (ii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 2, Lodging, Meal, and Transportation  
620 Expenses; and

621 (iii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

622 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation  
623 for the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem and  
624 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates  
625 established by the Division of Finance under:

626 (i) Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#); and

627 (ii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
628 [63A-3-107](#).

629 Section 11. Section **53-22-104.2** is enacted to read:

630 **53-22-104.2. The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board.**

631 (1) There is created an advisory board to the task force called the Education Advisory  
632 Board.

633 (2) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:

634 (a) the state security chief, who acts as chair of the advisory board;

635 (b) the construction and facility specialist at the State Board of Education;

636 (c) the director of the Utah School Superintendents Association or the director's  
637 designee;

638 (d) a superintendent from a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, whom the state  
639 security chief selects;

640 (e) a superintendent from a county of the first, second, or third class, whom the state  
641 security chief selects;

642 (f) the director of the Utah School Boards Association or the director's designee

643 (g) the director of the Utah Business Administrators or the director's designee;

644 (h) the president of the Utah chapter of the Parent Teacher Association or the

645 president's designee;

646 (i) a facilities manager from an LEA in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class,  
647 whom the state security chief selects;

648 (j) a facilities manager from an LEA in county of the first, second, or third class, whom  
649 the state security chief selects;

650 (k) a representative of private schools, whom the state security chief selects;

651 (3) The advisory board's purpose is to:

652 (a) review and provide input on official business of the task force;

653 (b) provide recommendations and suggestions for the task force's consideration; and

654 (c) study and evaluate the policies, procedures, and programs implemented for school  
655 safety and provide proactive information regarding the implementation.

656 (4) (a) A majority of the members of the advisory board constitutes a quorum.

657 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the advisory board.

658 (5) (a) The advisory board shall select two members to serve as co-chairs.

659 (b) The co-chairs are responsible for the call and conduct of meetings.

660 (6) The staff of the state security chief shall provide staff for the advisory board.

661 (7) A member of the advisory board who is not a legislator may not receive

662 compensation for the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem  
663 and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates  
664 established by the Division of Finance under:

665 (a) Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#); and

666 (b) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
667 [63A-3-107](#).

668 Section 12. Section **53-22-105** is enacted to read:

669 **53-22-105. School guardian program.**

670 (1) As used in this section:

671 (a) "Annual training" means an annual four-hour training that:

672 (i) a county security chief or a designee administers;

673 (ii) the state security chief approves;

674 (iii) can be tailored to local needs;

675 (iv) allows an individual to practice and demonstrate firearms proficiency at a firearms

676 range using the firearm the individual carries for self defense and defense of others;  
677 (v) includes the following components:  
678 (A) firearm safety including safe storage of a firearm;  
679 (B) de-escalation tactics;  
680 (C) the role of mental health in incidents; and  
681 (D) disability awareness and interactions; and  
682 (vi) contains other training needs as determined by the state security chief.  
683 (b) "Biannual training" means a twice-yearly training that:  
684 (i) is at least four hours unless otherwise approved by the state security chief;  
685 (ii) a county security chief or a designee administers;  
686 (iii) the state security chief approves;  
687 (iv) can be tailored to local needs; and  
688 (v) through which a school guardian at a school or simulated school environment:  
689 (A) receives training on the specifics of the building or buildings of the school,  
690 including the location of emergency supplies and security infrastructure; and  
691 (B) participates in a live-action practice plan with school administrators in responding  
692 to active threats at the school; and  
693 (vi) shall be taken with at least three months in between the two trainings.  
694 (c) "Firearm" means the same as that term is defined in Section [76-10-501](#).  
695 (d) "Initial training" means an in-person training that:  
696 (i) a county security chief or a designee administers;  
697 (ii) the state security chief approves;  
698 (iii) can be tailored to local needs; and  
699 (iv) provides:  
700 (A) training on general familiarity with the types of firearms that can be concealed for  
701 self-defense and defense of others;  
702 (B) training on the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a  
703 school setting;  
704 (C) training at a firearms range with instruction regarding firearms fundamentals,  
705 marksmanship, the demonstration and explanation of the difference between sight picture, sight  
706 alignment, and trigger control, and a recognized pistol course;

707 (D) current laws dealing with the lawful use of a firearm by a private citizen, including  
708 laws on self-defense, defense of others, transportation of firearms, and concealment of  
709 firearms;

710 (E) coordination with law enforcement officers in the event of an active threat;

711 (F) basic trauma first aid;

712 (G) the appropriate use of force, emphasizing the de-escalation of force and  
713 alternatives to using force;

714 (H) situational response evaluations, including:

715 (I) protecting and securing a crime or accident scene;

716 (II) notifying law enforcement;

717 (III) controlling information; and

718 (IV) other training that the county sheriff, designee, or department deems appropriate.

719 (e) "Program" means the school guardian program created in this section.

720 (f) (i) "School employee" means an employee of a school whose duties and  
721 responsibilities require the employee to be physically present at a school's campus while school  
722 is in session.

723 (ii) "School employee" does not include a principal, teacher, or individual whose  
724 primary responsibilities require the employee to be primarily present in a classroom to teach,  
725 care for, or interact with students unless the principal, teacher, or individual is employed at a  
726 school with 100 or fewer students or adjacent campuses as determined by the state security  
727 chief.

728 (g) "School guardian" means a school employee who meets the requirements of  
729 Subsection (3).

730 (2) (a) (i) There is created within the department the school guardian program;

731 (ii) the state security chief shall oversee the school guardian program;

732 (iii) the applicable county security chief shall administer the school guardian program  
733 in each county.

734 (b) The state security chief shall ensure that the school guardian program includes:

735 (i) initial training;

736 (ii) biannual training; and

737 (iii) annual training.



- 738 (c) A county sheriff may partner or contract with:  
739 (i) another county sheriff to support the respective county security chiefs in jointly  
740 administering the school guardian program in the relevant counties; and  
741 (ii) a local law enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction to provide the:  
742 (A) initial training;  
743 (B) biannual training; and  
744 (C) annual training.  
745 (3) (a) A school employee that volunteers to participate is eligible to join the program  
746 as a school guardian if:  
747 (i) the school administrator approves the volunteer school employee to be designated as  
748 a school guardian;  
749 (ii) the school employee satisfactorily completes initial training within six months  
750 before the day on which the school employee joins the program;  
751 (iii) the school employee holds a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53,  
752 Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act;  
753 (iv) the school employee certifies to the sheriff of the county where school is located  
754 that the school employee has undergone the training in accordance with Subsection (3)(a)(ii)  
755 and intends to serve as a school guardian; and  
756 (v) the school employee successfully completes a mental health screening selected by  
757 the state security chief in collaboration with the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
758 established in Section [26B-5-102](#).  
759 (b) After joining the program a school guardian shall complete annual training and  
760 biannual training to retain the designation of a school guardian in the program.  
761 (4) The state security chief shall:  
762 (a) for each school that participates in the program, track each school guardian at the  
763 school by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each guardian;  
764 (b) make the information described in Subsection (4)(a) readily available to each law  
765 enforcement agency in the state categorized by school; and  
766 (c) provide each school guardian with a one-time stipend of \$500.  
767 (5) A school guardian:  
768 (a) may store the school guardian's firearm on the grounds of a school only if:

- 769 (i) the firearm is stored in a biometric gun safe;  
770 (ii) the biometric gun safe is located in the school guardian's office; and  
771 (iii) the school guardian is physically present on the grounds of the school while the  
772 firearm is stored in the safe;
- 773 (b) shall carry the school guardian's firearm in a concealed manner; and  
774 (c) may not, unless during an active threat, display or open carry a firearm while on  
775 school grounds.
- 776 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), this section does not prohibit an individual  
777 who has a valid concealed carry permit but is not participating in the program from carrying a  
778 firearm on the grounds of a public school or charter school under Subsection [76-10-505.5\(4\)](#).
- 779 (7) A school guardian:
- 780 (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and  
781 (b) may, at the school where the school guardian is employed:
- 782 (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat; and  
783 (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school guardian has reasonable cause to  
784 believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a forcible felony, as that term is  
785 defined in Section [76-2-402](#).
- 786 (8) A school may designate a single volunteer or multiple volunteers to participate in  
787 the school guardian program to satisfy the school safety personnel requirements of Section  
788 [53G-8-701.5](#).
- 789 (9) The department may adopt, according to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
790 Rulemaking Act, rules to administer this section.
- 791 (10) A school guardian acting in an official capacity under this section is immune from  
792 any liability, civil or criminal, that otherwise might result by reason of action taken in  
793 fulfillment of this section if the action was reasonably taken in good faith.
- 794 (11) A school guardian shall file a report described in Subsection (12) if, during the  
795 performance of the school guardian's duties, the school guardian points a firearm at an  
796 individual.
- 797 (12) (a) A report described in Subsection (11) shall include:
- 798 (i) a description of the incident;  
799 (ii) the identification of the individuals involved in the incident; and

800 (iii) any other information required by the state security chief.

801 (b) A school guardian shall submit a report required under Subsection (11) to the  
802 school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief within 48  
803 hours after the incident.

804 (c) The school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security  
805 chief shall consult and review the report submitted under Subsection (12)(b).

806 (13) The requirements of Subsections (11) and (12) do not apply to a training exercise.

807 (14) A school guardian may have the designation of school guardian revoked at any  
808 time by the school principal, county sheriff, or state security chief.

809 (15) (a) Any information or record created detailing a school guardian's participation in  
810 the program is:

811 (i) a private, controlled, or protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government  
812 Records Access and Management Act; and

813 (ii) available only to:

814 (A) the state security chief;

815 (B) administrators at the school guardian's school;

816 (C) if applicable, other school safety personnel described in Section [53G-8-701.5](#);

817 (D) a local law enforcement agency that would respond to the school in case of an  
818 emergency; and

819 (E) the individual designated by the county sheriff in accordance with Section  
820 [53-22-103](#) of the county of the school where the school guardian in the program is located.

821 (b) The information or record described in Subsection (15)(a) includes information  
822 related to the school guardian's identity and activity within the program as described in under  
823 this section and any personal identifying information of a school guardian participating in the  
824 program collected or obtained during initial training, annual training, and biannual training.

825 (c) An individual who intentionally or knowingly provides the information described in  
826 Subsection (15)(a) to an individual or entity not listed in Subsection (15)(a)(ii) is guilty of a  
827 class B misdemeanor.

828 Section 13. Section **53-22-106** is enacted to read:

829 **53-22-106. Substantial threats against a school reporting requirements --**

830 **Exceptions.**

831 (1) As used in this section, "substantial threat" means a threat made with serious intent  
832 to cause harm.

833 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), if a state employee or person in a position of  
834 special trust as defined in Section 76-5-404.1, including an individual licensed under Title 58,  
835 Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, has  
836 reason to believe a substantial threat against a school, school employee, or student attending a  
837 school or is aware of circumstances that would reasonably result in a substantial threat against  
838 a school, school employee, or student attending a school, the state employee or person in a  
839 position of special trust shall immediately report the suspected substantial threat to:

840 (a) the state security chief;

841 (b) the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact; or

842 (c) to the nearest peace officer or law enforcement agency.

843 (3) (a) (i) If the state security chief, a peace officer, or law enforcement agency receives  
844 a report under Subsection (2), the state security chief, peace officer, or law enforcement agency  
845 shall immediately notify the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact.

846 (ii) If the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact receives a  
847 report under Subsection (2), the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact  
848 shall immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency and the state security  
849 chief.

850 (b) (i) A local education agency that the substantial threat would impact shall  
851 coordinate with the law enforcement agency on the law enforcement agency's investigation of  
852 the report described in Subsection (1).

853 (ii) If a law enforcement agency undertakes an investigation of a report under  
854 Subsection (2), the law enforcement agency shall provide a final investigatory report to the  
855 local education agency that the substantial threat would impact upon request.

856 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), the reporting requirement described in Subsection (2)  
857 does not apply to:

858 (a) a member of the clergy with regard to any confession an individual makes to the  
859 member of the clergy while functioning in the ministerial capacity of the member of the clergy  
860 if:

861 (i) the individual made the confession directly to the member of the clergy;

862 (ii) the member of the clergy is, under canon law or church doctrine or practice, bound  
863 to maintain the confidentiality of the confession; and

864 (iii) the member of the clergy does not have the consent of the individual making the  
865 confession to disclose the content of the confession; or

866 (b) an attorney, or an individual whom the attorney employs, if:

867 (i) the knowledge or belief of the substantial threat arises from the representation of a  
868 client; and

869 (ii) if disclosure of the substantial threat would not reveal the substantial threat to  
870 prevent reasonably certain death or substantial bodily harm in accordance with Utah Rules of  
871 Professional Conduct, Rule 1.6.

872 (5) (a) When a member of the clergy receives information about the substantial threat  
873 from any source other than a confession, the member of the clergy shall report the information  
874 even if the member of the clergy also received information about the substantial threat from the  
875 confession of the perpetrator.

876 (b) Exemption of the reporting requirement for an individual described in Subsection  
877 (4) does not exempt the individual from any other actions required by law to prevent further  
878 substantial threats or actual harm related to the substantial threat.

879 (6) The physician-patient privilege does not:

880 (a) excuse an individual who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical  
881 Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, from reporting  
882 under this section; or

883 (b) constitute grounds for excluding evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding  
884 resulting from a report under this section.

885 Section 14. Section **53B-17-1202** is amended to read:

886 **53B-17-1202. SafeUT Crisis Line established.**

887 The University Neuropsychiatric Institute shall:

888 (1) establish a SafeUT Crisis Line to provide:

889 (a) a means for an individual to anonymously report:

890 (i) unsafe, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities at or near a  
891 public school;

892 (ii) incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, or hazing; and

893 (iii) incidents of physical or sexual abuse committed by a school employee or school  
894 volunteer; and

895 (b) crisis intervention, including suicide prevention, to individuals experiencing  
896 emotional distress or psychiatric crisis;

897 (2) provide the services described in Subsection (1) 24 hours a day, seven days a week;  
898 [and]

899 (3) when necessary, or as required by law, promptly forward a report received under  
900 Subsection (1)(a) to appropriate:

901 (a) school officials; and

902 (b) law enforcement officials[-];

903 (4) in accordance with Subsection (5), report the uses of the SafeUT Crisis Line  
904 described in Subsection (1) to the State Bureau of Investigation's systems described in  
905 Subsections 53-10-302(7) and (8);

906 (5) coordinate with the state security chief to determine the appropriate circumstances  
907 necessitating a report described in Subsection (4); and

908 (6) subject to legislative appropriations and in consultation with the school safety task  
909 force described in Section 53-22-104.1, state security chief described in Section 53-22-102, and  
910 school safety center described in Section 53G-8-802, develop and deploy additional supports  
911 and enhancements for school safety efforts.

912 Section 15. Section **53B-17-1204** is amended to read:

913 **53B-17-1204. SafeUT and School Safety Commission duties -- LEA governing**  
914 **board duties -- Fees.**

915 (1) As used in this section:

916 (a) "LEA governing board" means:

917 (i) for a school district, the local school board;

918 (ii) for a charter school, the charter school governing board; or

919 (iii) for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, the State Board of Education.

920 (b) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

921 (i) a school district;

922 (ii) a charter school; or

923 (iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

924 (2) The commission shall coordinate:

925 (a) statewide efforts related to the SafeUT Crisis Line; [~~and~~]

926 (b) with the State Board of Education and the board to promote awareness of the  
927 services available through the SafeUT Crisis Line[-]; and

928 (c) with the state security chief appointed under Section 53-22-102 to ensure  
929 appropriate reporting described in Subsections 53B-17-1202(4) and (5).

930 (3) An LEA governing board shall inform students, parents, and school personnel  
931 about the SafeUT Crisis Line.

932 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the University Neuropsychiatric  
933 Institute may charge a fee to an institution of higher education or other entity for the use of the  
934 SafeUT Crisis Line in accordance with the method described in Subsection (4)(c).

935 (b) The University Neuropsychiatric Institute may not charge a fee to the State Board  
936 of Education or a local education agency for the use of the SafeUT Crisis Line.

937 (c) The commission shall establish a standard method for charging a fee described in  
938 Subsection (4)(a).

939 Section 16. Section **53E-3-516** is amended to read:

940 **53E-3-516. School disciplinary and law enforcement action report -- Rulemaking**  
941 **authority.**

942 (1) As used in this section:

943 (a) "Dangerous weapon" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-8-510.

944 (b) "Disciplinary action" means an action by a public school meant to formally  
945 discipline a student of that public school that includes a suspension or expulsion.

946 (c) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
947 77-7a-103.

948 (d) "Minor" means the same as that term is defined in Section 80-1-102.

949 (e) "Other law enforcement activity" means a significant law enforcement interaction  
950 with a minor that does not result in an arrest, including:

951 (i) a search and seizure by [~~an SRO~~] a school resource officer;

952 (ii) issuance of a criminal citation;

953 (iii) issuance of a ticket or summons;

954 (iv) filing a delinquency petition; or

955 (v) referral to a probation officer.

956 (f) "School is in session" means the hours of a day during which a public school  
957 conducts instruction for which student attendance is counted toward calculating average daily  
958 membership.

959 (g) (i) "School-sponsored activity" means an activity, fundraising event, club, camp,  
960 clinic, or other event or activity that is authorized by a specific public school, according to LEA  
961 governing board policy, and satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

962 (A) the activity is managed or supervised by a school district, public school, or public  
963 school employee;

964 (B) the activity uses the school district or public school facilities, equipment, or other  
965 school resources; or

966 (C) the activity is supported or subsidized, more than inconsequentially, by public  
967 funds, including the public school's activity funds or Minimum School Program dollars.

968 (ii) "School-sponsored activity" includes preparation for and involvement in a public  
969 performance, contest, athletic competition, demonstration, display, or club activity.

970 (h) " School resource officer" [~~or "SRO"~~] means the same as that term is defined in  
971 Section [53G-8-701](#).

972 (2) Beginning on July 1, 2023, the state board shall develop an annual report regarding  
973 the following incidents that occur on school grounds while school is in session or during a  
974 school-sponsored activity:

975 (a) arrests of a minor;

976 (b) other law enforcement activities;

977 (c) disciplinary actions; and

978 (d) minors found in possession of a dangerous weapon.

979 (3) Pursuant to state and federal law, law enforcement agencies shall collaborate with  
980 the state board and LEAs to provide and validate data and information necessary to complete  
981 the report described in Subsection (2), as requested by an LEA or the state board.

982 (4) The report described in Subsection (2) shall include the following information  
983 listed separately for each LEA:

984 (a) the number of arrests of a minor, including the reason why the minor was arrested;

985 (b) the number of other law enforcement activities, including the following information



986 for each incident:

987 (i) the reason for the other law enforcement activity; and

988 (ii) the type of other law enforcement activity used;

989 (c) the number of disciplinary actions imposed, including:

990 (i) the reason for the disciplinary action; and

991 (ii) the type of disciplinary action;

992 (d) the number of [~~SROs~~] school resource officers employed;

993 (e) if applicable, the demographics of an individual who is subject to, as the following

994 are defined in Section [53G-9-601](#), bullying, hazing, cyber-bullying, or retaliation; and

995 (f) the number of minors found in possession of a dangerous weapon on school

996 grounds while school is in session or during a school-sponsored activity.

997 (5) The report described in Subsection (2) shall include the following information, in

998 aggregate, for each element described in Subsections (4)(a) through (c):

999 (a) age;

1000 (b) grade level;

1001 (c) race;

1002 (d) sex; and

1003 (e) disability status.

1004 (6) Information included in the annual report described in Subsection (2) shall comply

1005 with:

1006 (a) Chapter 9, Part 3, Student Data Protection;

1007 (b) Chapter 9, Part 2, Student Privacy; and

1008 (c) the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 1232g and 1232h.

1009 (7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

1010 state board shall make rules to compile the report described in Subsection (2).

1011 (8) The state board shall provide the report described in Subsection (2):

1012 (a) in accordance with Section [53E-1-203](#) for incidents that occurred during the

1013 previous school year; and

1014 (b) to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice before July 1 of each

1015 year for incidents that occurred during the previous school year.

1016 Section 17. Section [53E-3-518](#) is amended to read:

1017           **53E-3-518. Utah school information management system -- Local education**  
1018 **agency requirements.**

1019           (1) As used in this section:

1020           (a) "LEA data system" or "LEA's data system" means a data system that:

1021           (i) is developed, selected, or relied upon by an LEA; and

1022           (ii) the LEA uses to collect data or submit data to the state board related to:

1023           (A) student information;

1024           (B) educator information;

1025           (C) financial information; or

1026           (D) other information requested by the state board.

1027           (b) "LEA financial information system" or "LEA's financial information system" means  
1028 an LEA data system used for financial information.

1029           (c) "Parent" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-6-201](#).

1030           (d) "Utah school information management system" or "information management  
1031 system" means the state board's data collection and reporting system described in this section.

1032           (e) "User" means an individual who has authorized access to the information  
1033 management system.

1034           (2) On or before July 1, 2024, the state board shall have in place an information  
1035 management system that meets the requirements described in this section.

1036           (3) The state board shall ensure that the information management system:

1037           (a) interfaces with:

1038           (i) an LEA's data systems that meet the requirements described in Subsection (6);

1039           (ii) where appropriate, the systems described in Subsections [53-10-302\(7\)](#) and [\(8\)](#);

1040           (iii) the public safety portal described in Section [63A-16-2002](#); and

1041           (b) serves as the mechanism for the state board to collect and report on all data that  
1042 LEAs submit to the state board related to:

1043           (i) student information;

1044           (ii) educator information;

1045           (iii) financial information; and

1046           (iv) other information requested by the state board;

1047           (c) includes a web-based user interface through which a user may:

- 1048 (i) enter data;
- 1049 (ii) view data; and
- 1050 (iii) generate customizable reports;
- 1051 (d) includes a data warehouse and other hardware or software necessary to store or
- 1052 process data submitted by an LEA;
- 1053 (e) provides for data privacy, including by complying with Title 53E, Chapter 9,
- 1054 Student Privacy and Data Protection;
- 1055 (f) restricts user access based on each user's role; and
- 1056 (g) meets requirements related to a student achievement backpack described in Section
- 1057 [53E-3-511](#).
- 1058 (4) The state board shall establish the restrictions on user access described in
- 1059 Subsection (3)(f).
- 1060 (5) (a) The state board shall make rules that establish the required capabilities for an
- 1061 LEA financial information system.
- 1062 (b) In establishing the required capabilities for an LEA financial information system,
- 1063 the state board shall consider metrics and capabilities requested by the state treasurer or state
- 1064 auditor.
- 1065 (6) (a) On or before July 1, 2024, an LEA shall ensure that:
- 1066 (i) all of the LEA's data systems:
- 1067 (A) meet the data standards established by the state board in accordance with Section
- 1068 [53E-3-501](#);
- 1069 (B) are fully compatible with the state board's information management system; and
- 1070 (C) meet specification standards determined by the state board; and
- 1071 (ii) the LEA's financial information system meets the requirements described in
- 1072 Subsection (5).
- 1073 (b) An LEA shall ensure that an LEA data system purchased or developed on or after
- 1074 May 14, 2019, will be compatible with the information management system when the
- 1075 information management system is fully operational.
- 1076 (7) (a) Subject to appropriations and Subsection (7)(b), the state board may use an
- 1077 appropriation under this section to help an LEA meet the requirements in the rules described in
- 1078 Subsection (5) by:

1079 (i) providing to the LEA funding for implementation and sustainment of the LEA  
1080 financial information system, either through:

1081 (A) awarding a grant to the LEA; or

1082 (B) providing a reimbursement to the LEA; or

1083 (ii) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, procuring a  
1084 financial information system on behalf of an LEA for the LEA to use as the LEA's financial  
1085 information system.

1086 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
1087 state board shall make rules describing:

1088 (i) how an LEA may apply to the state board for the assistance described in Subsection  
1089 (7)(a); and

1090 (ii) criteria for the state board to provide the assistance to an LEA.

1091 (8) (a) Beginning July 1, 2024, the state board may take action against an LEA that is  
1092 out of compliance with a requirement described in Subsection (6) until the LEA complies with  
1093 the requirement.

1094 (b) An action described in Subsection (8)(a) may include the state board withholding  
1095 funds from the LEA.

1096 (9) (a) For purposes of this Subsection (9), "education record" means the same as that  
1097 term is defined in 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g.

1098 (b) The state board shall, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
1099 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish a procedure under which:

1100 (i) a parent may submit information as part of the education records for the parent's  
1101 student;

1102 (ii) the information submitted by the parent is maintained as part of the education  
1103 records for the parent's student;

1104 (iii) information submitted by the parent and maintained as part of the education  
1105 records for the parent's student may be removed at the request of the parent; and

1106 (iv) a parent has access only to the education records of the parent's student in  
1107 accordance with Subsection (9)(d).

1108 (c) The rules made under this Subsection (9) shall allow a parent to submit or remove  
1109 information submitted by the parent under this Subsection (9) at least annually, including at the

1110 time of:

1111 (i) registering a student in a school; or

1112 (ii) changing the school in which a student attends.

1113 (d) Subject to the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec.

1114 1232g, and related regulations, the state board shall provide a parent access to an education  
1115 record concerning the parent's student.

1116 (e) The state board shall create in the information management system a record

1117 tracking interoperability of education records described in this Subsection (9) when a student is

1118 transitioning between schools or between LEAs.

1119 Section 18. Section **53E-3-702** is amended to read:

1120 **53E-3-702. State board to adopt public school construction guidelines.**

1121 (1) As used in this section, "public school construction" means construction work on a  
1122 new public school.

1123 (2) (a) The state board shall:

1124 (i) adopt guidelines for public school construction; and

1125 (ii) consult with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management

1126 Administration and the state security chief appointed under Section [53-22-102](#) on proposed  
1127 guidelines before adoption.

1128 (b) The state board shall ensure that guidelines adopted under Subsection (2)(a)(i)

1129 maximize funds used for public school construction and reflect efficient and economic use of

1130 those funds, including adopting guidelines that address a school's safety and a school's essential

1131 needs rather than encouraging or endorsing excessive costs per square foot of construction or

1132 nonessential facilities, design, or furnishings.

1133 (3) Before a school district or charter school may begin public school construction, the  
1134 school district or charter school shall:

1135 (a) review the guidelines adopted by the state board under this section; and

1136 (b) take into consideration the guidelines when planning the public school

1137 construction.

1138 (4) In adopting the guidelines for public school construction, the state board shall

1139 consider the following and adopt alternative guidelines as needed:

1140 (a) location factors, including whether the school is in a rural or urban setting, and

1141 climate factors;

1142 (b) variations in guidelines for significant or minimal projected student population  
1143 growth;

1144 (c) guidelines specific to schools that serve various populations and grades, including  
1145 high schools, junior high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, alternative schools, and  
1146 schools for people with disabilities; and

1147 (d) year-round use.

1148 (5) The guidelines shall address the following:

1149 (a) square footage per student;

1150 (b) minimum and maximum required real property for a public school;

1151 (c) athletic facilities and fields, playgrounds, and hard surface play areas;

1152 (d) necessary specifications to meet the safety standards created by the state security

1153 chief in Section 53E-3-706;

1154 [~~(d)~~] (e) cost per square foot;

1155 [~~(e)~~] (f) minimum and maximum qualities and costs for building materials;

1156 [~~(f)~~] (g) design efficiency;

1157 [~~(g)~~] (h) parking;

1158 [~~(h)~~] (i) furnishing;

1159 [~~(i)~~] (j) proof of compliance with applicable building codes; and

1160 [~~(j)~~] (k) safety.

1161 Section 19. Section 53E-3-706 is amended to read:

1162 **53E-3-706. Enforcement of part by state superintendent -- Employment of**  
1163 **personnel -- School districts and charter schools -- Certificate of inspection verification.**

1164 (1) [~~The~~] Notwithstanding Subsections (4), (5), and (6), the state superintendent shall  
1165 enforce this part.

1166 (2) The state superintendent may employ architects or other qualified personnel, or  
1167 contract with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, the state fire marshal,  
1168 the state security chief appointed under Section 53-22-102, or a local governmental entity to:

1169 (a) examine the plans and specifications of any school building or alteration submitted  
1170 under this part;

1171 (b) verify the inspection of any school building during or following construction; and

1172 (c) perform other functions necessary to ensure compliance with this part.

1173 (3) (a) [(†)] If a local school board uses the school district's building inspector under  
 1174 Subsection 10-9a-305(6)(a)(ii) or 17-27a-305(6)(a)(ii) and issues its own certificate authorizing  
 1175 permanent occupancy of the school building, the local school board shall file a certificate of  
 1176 inspection verification with the local governmental entity's building official and the state board,  
 1177 advising those entities that the school district has complied with the inspection provisions of  
 1178 this part.

1179 [(†)] (b) If a charter school uses a school district building inspector under Subsection  
 1180 10-9a-305(6)(a)(ii) or 17-27a-305(6)(a)(ii) and the school district issues to the charter school a  
 1181 certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building, the charter school shall file  
 1182 with the state board a certificate of inspection verification.

1183 [(††)] (c) If a local school board or charter school uses a local governmental entity's  
 1184 building inspector under Subsection 10-9a-305(6)(a)(i) or 17-27a-305(6)(a)(i) and the local  
 1185 governmental entity issues the local school board or charter school a certificate authorizing  
 1186 permanent occupancy of the school building, the local school board or charter school shall file  
 1187 with the state board a certificate of inspection verification.

1188 [(††)] (d) [(A)] (i) If a local school board or charter school uses an independent,  
 1189 certified building inspector under Subsection 10-9a-305(6)(a)(iii) or 17-27a-305(6)(a)(iii), the  
 1190 local school board or charter school shall, upon completion of all required inspections of the  
 1191 school building, file with the state board a certificate of inspection verification and a request  
 1192 for the issuance of a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building.

1193 [(B)] (ii) Upon the local school board's or charter school's filing of the certificate and  
 1194 request as provided in Subsection [(3)(a)(iv)(A)], (3)(d)(i), the school district or charter school  
 1195 shall be entitled to temporary occupancy of the school building that is the subject of the request  
 1196 for a period of 90 days, beginning the date the request is filed, if the school district or charter  
 1197 school has complied with all applicable fire and life safety code requirements.

1198 [(C)] (iii) Within 30 days after the local school board or charter school files a request  
 1199 under Subsection [(3)(a)(iv)(A)] (3)(d)(i) for a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of  
 1200 the school building, the state superintendent shall:

1201 [(F)] (A) [(Aa)] issue to the local school board or charter school a certificate  
 1202 authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building; or

1203           ~~[(Bb)]~~ (B) deliver to the local school board or charter school a written notice indicating  
1204 deficiencies in the school district's or charter school's compliance with the inspection  
1205 provisions of this part; and

1206           ~~[(H)]~~ (C) mail a copy of the certificate authorizing permanent occupancy or the notice  
1207 of deficiency to the building official of the local governmental entity in which the school  
1208 building is located.

1209           ~~[(D)]~~ (iv) Upon the local school board or charter school remedying the deficiencies  
1210 indicated in the notice under Subsection ~~[(3)(a)(iv)(C)(F)(Bb)]~~ (3)(d)(iii)(B) and notifying the  
1211 state superintendent that the deficiencies have been remedied, the state superintendent shall  
1212 issue a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school building and mail a copy of  
1213 the certificate to the building official of the local governmental entity in which the school  
1214 building is located.

1215           ~~[(E)]~~ (v) ~~[(H)]~~ (A) The state superintendent may charge the school district or charter  
1216 school a fee for an inspection that the state superintendent considers necessary to enable the  
1217 state superintendent to issue a certificate authorizing permanent occupancy of the school  
1218 building.

1219           ~~[(H)]~~ (B) A fee under Subsection ~~[(3)(a)(iv)(E)(F)]~~ (3)(d)(v)(A) may not exceed the  
1220 actual cost of performing the inspection.

1221           ~~[(b)]~~ (e) For purposes of this Subsection (3):

1222           (i) "local governmental entity" means either a municipality, for a school building  
1223 located within a municipality, or a county, for a school building located within an  
1224 unincorporated area in the county; and

1225           (ii) "certificate of inspection verification" means a standard inspection form developed  
1226 by the state superintendent in consultation with local school boards and charter schools to  
1227 verify that inspections by qualified inspectors have occurred.

1228           (4) The state security chief appointed under Section [53-22-102](#) shall establish:

1229           (a) minimum safety and security standards for school construction and design projects,  
1230 including buildings for private schools;

1231           (b) a timeline for an LEA or private school to comply with the safety and security  
1232 standards for school construction and design project requirements of this Subsection (4); and

1233           (c) a process for an LEA or private school to seek alternative safety and security



1234 standards established under this Subsection (4).

1235 (5) The county security chief appointed under Section 53-22-103 shall ensure a private  
1236 school, local school district, or charter school shall adhere to all safety and security standards  
1237 for a school construction or design project the state security chief creates.

1238 (6) A building inspector described in this part shall coordinate with the relevant county  
1239 security chief to ensure compliance described in Subsection (5) before issuing a certificate  
1240 authorizing permanent occupancy for a school.

1241 Section 20. Section **53F-4-207** is amended to read:

1242 **53F-4-207. Student intervention early warning program.**

1243 (1) As used in this section:

1244 (a) "Digital program" means a program that provides information for student early  
1245 intervention as described in this section.

1246 (b) "Online data reporting tool" means a system described in Section 53E-4-311.

1247 ~~[(c) "Participating LEA" means an LEA that receives access to a digital program under~~  
1248 ~~Subsection (5).]~~

1249 (2) (a) The state board shall, subject to legislative appropriations:

1250 (i) subject to Subsection (2)(c), enhance the online data reporting tool and provide  
1251 additional formative actionable data on student outcomes; and

1252 (ii) select through a competitive contract process a provider to provide to an LEA a  
1253 digital program as described in this section.

1254 (b) Information collected or used by the state board for purposes of enhancing the  
1255 online data reporting tool in accordance with this section may not identify a student  
1256 individually.

1257 (c) The state board shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
1258 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to define the primary exceptionalities described in Subsection  
1259 (3)(e)(ii).

1260 (3) The enhancement to the online data reporting tool and the digital program shall:

1261 (a) be designed with a user-appropriate interface for use by teachers, school  
1262 administrators, and parents;

1263 (b) provide reports on a student's results at the student level on:

1264 (i) a national assessment;

- 1265 (ii) a local assessment; and  
1266 (iii) a standards assessment described in Section 53E-4-303;  
1267 (c) have the ability to provide data from aggregate student reports based on a student's:  
1268 (i) teacher;  
1269 (ii) school;  
1270 (iii) school district, if applicable; or  
1271 (iv) ethnicity;  
1272 (d) provide a viewer with the ability to view the data described in Subsection (2)(c) on  
1273 a single computer screen;  
1274 (e) have the ability to compare the performance of students, for each teacher, based on  
1275 a student's:  
1276 (i) gender;  
1277 (ii) special needs, including primary exceptionality as defined by state board rule;  
1278 (iii) English proficiency;  
1279 (iv) economic status;  
1280 (v) migrant status;  
1281 (vi) ethnicity;  
1282 (vii) response to tiered intervention;  
1283 (viii) response to tiered intervention enrollment date;  
1284 (ix) absence rate;  
1285 (x) feeder school;  
1286 (xi) type of school, including primary or secondary, public or private, Title I, or other  
1287 general school-type category;  
1288 (xii) course failures; and  
1289 (xiii) other criteria, as determined by the state board; and  
1290 (f) have the ability to load data from a local, national, or other assessment in the data's  
1291 original format within a reasonable time.  
1292 (4) Subject to legislative appropriations, the online data reporting tool and digital  
1293 program shall:  
1294 (a) integrate criteria for early warning indicators, including the following criteria:  
1295 (i) discipline, including school safety violations;

- 1296 (ii) attendance;
- 1297 (iii) behavior;
- 1298 (iv) course failures; and
- 1299 (v) other criteria as determined by a local school board or charter school governing
- 1300 board;
- 1301 (b) provide a teacher or administrator the ability to view the early warning indicators
- 1302 described in Subsection (4)(a) with a student's assessment results described in Subsection
- 1303 (3)(b);
- 1304 (c) provide data on response to intervention using existing assessments or measures
- 1305 that are manually added, including assessment and nonacademic measures;
- 1306 (d) provide a user the ability to share interventions within a reporting environment and
- 1307 add comments to inform other teachers, administrators, and parents;
- 1308 (e) save and share reports among different teachers and school administrators, subject
- 1309 to the student population information a teacher or administrator has the rights to access;
- 1310 (f) automatically flag a student profile when early warning thresholds, that the state
- 1311 board defines, are met so that a teacher can easily identify a student who may be in need of
- 1312 intervention;
- 1313 (g) incorporate a variety of algorithms to support student learning outcomes and
- 1314 provide student growth reporting by teacher;
- 1315 (h) integrate response to intervention tiers and activities as filters for the reporting of
- 1316 individual student data and aggregated data, including by ethnicity, school, or teacher;
- 1317 (i) have the ability to generate parent communication to alert the parent of [academic]
- 1318 plans or interventions; and
- 1319 (j) configure alerts based upon student academic results, including a student's
- 1320 performance on the previous year's standards assessment described in Section 53E-4-303 or
- 1321 results to appropriate behavior interventions.
- 1322 (5) (a) [~~The state board shall, subject to legislative appropriations, select an LEA to~~
- 1323 ~~receive~~] The state board shall ensure that each LEA receives access to a digital program
- 1324 through a provider described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii).
- 1325 (b) An LEA [~~that receives access to a digital program~~] shall:
- 1326 (i) pay for 50% of the cost of providing access to the digital program to the LEA; and

1327 (ii) no later than one school year after accessing a digital program, report to the state  
1328 board in a format required by the state board on:

- 1329 (A) the effectiveness of the digital program;
  - 1330 (B) positive and negative attributes of the digital program;
  - 1331 (C) recommendations for improving the online data reporting tool; and
  - 1332 (D) any other information regarding a digital program requested by the state board.
- 1333 (c) The state board shall consider recommendations from an LEA for changes to the  
1334 online data reporting tool.

1335 (6) ~~[Information]~~ A person shall provide or use information described in this section  
1336 ~~[shall be used]~~ in accordance with ~~[and provided subject to]~~:

- 1337 (a) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Student Privacy and Data Protection;
- 1338 (b) Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g; and
- 1339 (c) the parental consent requirements in Section 53E-9-203.

1340 (7) (a) A parent or guardian may opt the parent's or guardian's student out of  
1341 participating in a survey prepared by ~~[a participating]~~ an LEA's online data reporting tool  
1342 described in this section.

- 1343 (b) An LEA shall provide notice to a parent of:
  - 1344 (i) the administration of a survey described in Subsection (7)(a);
  - 1345 (ii) if applicable, that the survey may request information from students that is non-  
1346 academic in nature;
  - 1347 (iii) where the parent may access the survey described in Subsection (7)(a) to be  
1348 administered; and
  - 1349 (iv) the opportunity to opt a student out of participating in a survey as described in  
1350 Subsection (7)(a).

1351 (c) ~~[A participating]~~ An LEA shall annually provide notice to parents and guardians on  
1352 how the ~~[participating]~~ LEA uses student data through the online data reporting tool to provide  
1353 instruction and intervention to students.

1354 (8) An LEA may use a different platform from the platform described in Subsection  
1355 (2)(a)(ii) if the different platform accomplishes the requirements of this section.

1356 Section 21. Section 53F-5-220 is amended to read:

1357 **53F-5-220. School Safety and Support Grant Program -- Rulemaking.**

1358 (1) ~~[The]~~ In accordance with the results of the school safety needs assessment  
1359 described in Section 53G-8-701.5 and based on recommendations from the school safety task  
1360 force grant subcommittee described in Subsection (6), the state board may award a grant to an  
1361 LEA in response to an LEA request for proposal to provide a school with:

- 1362 (a) school resource officer services;
- 1363 (b) school safety specialists and school safety specialist training;
- 1364 (c) safety and security training by law enforcement agencies for school employees;
- 1365 (d) interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance, and  
1366 training for first responder communication systems;
- 1367 (e) enhanced physical security at a school upon completion of the school's ~~[threat]~~  
1368 safety needs assessment;
- 1369 (f) first-aid kits for classrooms; or
- 1370 (g) bleeding control kits.

1371 (2) An LEA may not apply for a grant under this section to fund services already in  
1372 place, but an LEA may submit a request for proposal to fund an expansion of or enhancement  
1373 to existing services.

1374 (3) The state board shall prioritize grant funding for LEAs ~~[with low student counts~~  
1375 ~~that have designated a school safety specialist in each school]~~ based on greatest need as  
1376 determined by the results of the school safety needs assessment.

1377 (4) The state board may adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
1378 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer this section.

1379 (5) The state board shall ensure information from the results of a school's school safety  
1380 needs assessment is kept confidential in accordance with Section 53G-8-701.5.

1381 (6) (a) There is created a grant subcommittee comprised of members of the school  
1382 safety task force described in Section 53-22-104.1.

1383 (b) The co-chairs of the task force shall appoint no more than half of the task force to  
1384 the grant subcommittee.

1385 (c) The grant subcommittee shall review LEA applications and provide  
1386 recommendations for awards to the state board based on the criteria described in this section.

1387 (d) The school safety center described in Section 53G-8-802 shall staff the grant  
1388 subcommittee.

1389 Section 22. Section 53G-6-806 is amended to read:

1390 **53G-6-806. Parent portal.**

1391 (1) As used in this section:

1392 (a) "Parent portal" means the posting the state board is required to provide under this  
1393 section.

1394 (b) "School" means a public elementary or secondary school, including a charter  
1395 school.

1396 (2) (a) The state board shall post information that allows a parent of a student enrolled  
1397 in a school to:

1398 (i) access an LEA's policies required by Sections 53G-9-203 and 53G-9-605;

1399 (ii) be informed of resources and steps to follow when a student has been the subject,  
1400 perpetrator, or bystander of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, or abusive conduct  
1401 such as:

1402 (A) resources for the student, including short-term mental health services;

1403 (B) options for the student to make changes to the student's educational environment;

1404 (C) options for alternative school enrollment;

1405 (D) options for differentiated start or stop times;

1406 (E) options for differentiated exit and entrance locations; and

1407 (F) the designated employee for an LEA who addresses incidents of bullying,  
1408 cyber-bullying, hazing, retaliation, and abusive conduct;

1409 (iii) be informed of the steps and resources for filing a grievance with a school or LEA  
1410 regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, or retaliation;

1411 (iv) be informed of the steps and resources for seeking accommodations under the  
1412 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq;

1413 (v) be informed of the steps and resources for seeking accommodations under state or  
1414 federal law regarding religious accommodations;

1415 (vi) be informed of the steps and resources for filing a grievance for an alleged  
1416 violation of state or federal law, including:

1417 (A) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000d-2000d-4;

1418 (B) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681-1688;

1419 (C) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 794; and

- 1420 (D) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Sec.  
 1421 12131-12165;
- 1422 (vii) receive information about constitutional rights and freedoms afforded to families  
 1423 in public education;
- 1424 (viii) be informed of how to access an internal audit hotline if established by the state  
 1425 board; and
- 1426 (ix) be informed of services for military families.
- 1427 (b) In addition to the information required under Subsection (2)(a), the state board:
- 1428 (i) shall include in the parent portal:
- 1429 (A) the comparison tool created under Section 53G-6-805; [and]  
 1430 (B) school level safety data, including data points described in Section 53E-3-516; and  
 1431 (C) a link to the public safety portal described in Section 63A-16-1002; and
- 1432 (ii) may include in the parent portal other information that the state board determines is  
 1433 helpful to parents.
- 1434 (3) (a) The state board shall post the parent portal at a location that is easily located by  
 1435 a parent.
- 1436 (b) The state board shall update the parent portal at least annually.
- 1437 (c) In accordance with state and federal law, the state board may collaborate with a  
 1438 third-party to provide safety data visualization in comparison to other states' data.
- 1439 (4) An LEA shall annually notify each of the following of how to access the parent  
 1440 portal:
- 1441 (a) a parent of a student; and  
 1442 (b) a teacher, principal, or other professional staff within the LEA.
- 1443 Section 23. Section **53G-8-213** is amended to read:
- 1444 **53G-8-213. Reintegration plan for student alleged to have committed violent**  
 1445 **felony or weapon offense.**
- 1446 (1) As used in this section:
- 1447 (a) "Multidisciplinary team" means:
- 1448 (i) the local education agency[;];  
 1449 (ii) the juvenile court[;];  
 1450 (iii) the Division of Juvenile Justice Services[;];

1451 (iv) a school safety and security specialist designated under Section 53G-8-701.6;

1452 (v) school safety and security director designated under Section 53G-8-701.8;

1453 (vi) a school resource officer if applicable[;]; and

1454 (vii) any other relevant party that should be involved in a reintegration plan.

1455 (b) "Violent felony" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-3-203.5.

1456 (2) If a school district receives a notification from the juvenile court or a law  
1457 enforcement agency that a student was arrested for, charged with, or adjudicated in the juvenile  
1458 court for a violent felony or an offense in violation of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons,  
1459 the school shall develop a reintegration plan for the student with a multidisciplinary team, the  
1460 student, and the student's parent or guardian, within five days after the day on which the school  
1461 receives a notification.

1462 (3) The school may deny admission to the student until the school completes the  
1463 reintegration plan under Subsection (2).

1464 (4) The reintegration plan under Subsection (2) shall address:

1465 (a) a behavioral intervention for the student;

1466 (b) a short-term mental health or counseling service for the student; and

1467 (c) an academic intervention for the student.

1468 Section 24. Section 53G-8-701 is amended to read:

1469 **Part 7. School Safety Personnel**

1470 **53G-8-701. Definitions.**

1471 As used in this part:

1472 (1) "Armed school security guard" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1473 53G-8-804.

1474 (2) "County security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1475 53-22-101.

1476 ~~[(1)]~~ (3) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1477 53-1-102.

1478 ~~[(2)]~~ (4) "Public school" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1479 53G-9-205.1.

1480 (5) "School guardian" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-106.

1481 (6) "School is in session" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-3-516.



1482 ~~[(3)]~~ (7) "School resource officer" [~~or "SRO"~~] means a law enforcement officer, as  
1483 defined in Section [53-13-103](#), who contracts with or whose law enforcement agency contracts  
1484 with an LEA to provide law enforcement services for the LEA.

1485 (8) "School safety and security director" means an individual whom an LEA designates  
1486 in accordance with Section [53G-8-701.8](#).

1487 ~~[(4)]~~ (9) "School safety and security specialist" means a school employee designated  
1488 under Section [53G-8-701.6](#) who is responsible for supporting school safety initiatives  
1489 [including the threat assessment described in Subsection [53G-8-802\(2\)\(g\)\(i\)](#)].

1490 (10) "School safety center" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1491 [53G-8-801](#).

1492 (11) "State security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53-22-101](#).  
1493 Section 25. Section [53G-8-701.5](#) is repealed and reenacted to read:

1494 **53G-8-701.5. School safety needs assessment -- School safety personnel --**  
1495 **Alternative requirements.**

1496 (1) (a) No later than December 31, 2024, an LEA shall:

1497 (i) ensure a school safety needs assessment is conducted in accordance with Subsection  
1498 (1)(b) for each school within the LEA to determine the needs and deficiencies regarding:

1499 (A) appropriate school safety personnel, including necessary supports, training, and  
1500 policy creation for the personnel;

1501 (B) physical building security and safety, including required upgrades to facilities and  
1502 safety technology; and

1503 (C) a school's current threat and emergency response protocols, including any  
1504 emergency response agreements with local law enforcement; and

1505 (ii) report the results of the school safety needs assessment for each school within the  
1506 LEA to the state security chief and the school safety center.

1507 (b) The school safety specialist described in Section [53G-8-701.6](#) in collaboration with  
1508 the county security chief or designee described in Section [53-22-103](#) shall conduct the school  
1509 safety needs assessment for each school.

1510 (c) In collaboration with the school safety center described in Section [53G-8-802](#), the  
1511 state security chief described in Section [53-22-102](#) shall create a school safety needs  
1512 assessment that an LEA shall use to ensure compliance with this Subsection (1).

1513 (d) The state board shall use the results of the school safety needs assessment for each  
1514 school within an LEA to award a grant to an LEA in accordance with Section 53F-5-220.

1515 (e) Any information or record detailing a school's needs assessment results is:

1516 (i) a private, controlled, or protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government  
1517 Records Access and Management Act; and

1518 (ii) available only to:

1519 (A) the state security chief;

1520 (B) the school safety center;

1521 (C) administrators of the LEA and school the needs assessment concerns;

1522 (D) only to the extent necessary to award a grant under Section 53F-5-220, the state  
1523 board;

1524 (E) the applicable school safety personnel described in Subsection (2);

1525 (F) a local law enforcement agency that would respond to the school in case of an  
1526 emergency; and

1527 (G) the county security chief.

1528 (f) An individual who intentionally or knowingly provides the information described in  
1529 Subsection (1)(e) to an individual or entity not listed in Subsection (1)(e)(ii) is guilty of a class  
1530 B misdemeanor.

1531 (2) (a) An LEA shall ensure each school within the LEA has the following school  
1532 safety personnel:

1533 (i) a school safety and security specialist described in Section 53G-8-701.6; and

1534 (ii) based on the results of the needs assessment described in Subsection (1), at least  
1535 one of the following:

1536 (A) a school resource officer;

1537 (B) a school guardian; or

1538 (C) an armed school security guard.

1539 (b) In addition to the school safety personnel described in Subsection (2)(a), an LEA  
1540 shall designate a school safety and security director described in Section 53G-8-701.8.

1541 (c) If a school has more than 350 students enrolled at the school, the same individual  
1542 may not serve in more than one of the roles listed in Subsections (2)(a) and (b).

1543 (d) An LEA may implement the requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(ii) before the LEA

1544 has completed the school safety needs assessment described in Subsection (1).

1545 (e) The state security chief in consultation with the school safety center shall establish  
1546 a timeline for an LEA to comply with the school safety personnel requirements of this  
1547 Subsection (2).

1548 (3) (a) An LEA, school administrator, or private school may apply to the state security  
1549 chief for an approved alternative to the requirements described in:

1550 (i) Section [53-22-105](#);

1551 (ii) this section;

1552 (iii) Section [53G-8-701.6](#);

1553 (iv) Section [53G-8-701.8](#); and

1554 (v) Section [53G-8-704](#).

1555 (b) In approving or denying an application described in Subsection (3)(a), the state  
1556 security chief may consider factors that impact a school or LEA's ability to adhere to the  
1557 requirements of this section, including the school or LEA's:

1558 (i) population size;

1559 (ii) staffing needs or capacity;

1560 (iii) geographic location;

1561 (iv) available funding; or

1562 (v) general demonstration of need for an alternative to the requirements of this section.

1563 (4) A private school shall identify an individual at the private school to serve as the  
1564 safety liaison with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction and the state security  
1565 chief.

1566 Section 26. Section **53G-8-701.6** is enacted to read:

1567 **53G-8-701.6. School safety and security specialist.**

1568 (1) As used in this section, "principal" means the chief administrator at a public school,  
1569 including:

1570 (a) a school principal;

1571 (b) a charter school director; or

1572 (c) the superintendent of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

1573 (2) (a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b) and except as provided in Subsection

1574 [53G-8-701.5](#)(3), every campus within an LEA shall designate a school safety and security

1575 specialist from the employees of the relevant campus.

1576       **(b) The school safety and security specialist:**

1577           **(i) may not be a principal; and**

1578           **(ii) may be the school safety and security director at one campus within the LEA.**

1579       **(3) The school safety and security specialist shall:**

1580           **(a) report directly to the principal;**

1581           **(b) oversee school safety and security practices to ensure a safe and secure school**

1582 **environment for students and staff;**

1583           **(c) ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations**

1584 **relating to school safety and security through collaborating and maintaining effective**

1585 **communications with the following as applicable:**

1586           **(i) the principal;**

1587           **(ii) school staff;**

1588           **(iii) the school resource officer;**

1589           **(iv) the armed school security guard;**

1590           **(v) the school guardian;**

1591           **(vi) local law enforcement;**

1592           **(vii) the county security chief;**

1593           **(viii) the school safety and security director;**

1594           **(ix) the LEA; and**

1595           **(x) school-based behavioral and mental health professionals;**

1596       **(d) in collaboration with the county security chief or designee described in Section**

1597 **[53-22-103](#):**

1598           **(i) conduct the school safety needs assessment described in Section [53G-8-701.5](#); and**

1599           **(ii) conduct a building safety evaluation at least annually using the results of the school**

1600 **safety needs assessment to recommend and implement improvements to school facilities,**

1601 **policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating to school safety and security;**

1602           **(e) if the specialist is also an employee of an LEA, participate on the multidisciplinary**

1603 **team that the LEA establishes;**

1604           **(f) conduct a behavioral threat assessment when the school safety and security**

1605 **specialist deems necessary using an evidence-based tool the state security chief recommends in**

1606 consultation with the school safety center and the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental  
1607 Health;  
1608 (g) regularly monitor and report to the principal, local law enforcement, and, if  
1609 applicable, the LEA superintendent or designee, security risks for the school resulting from:  
1610 (i) issues with school facilities; or  
1611 (ii) the implementation of practices, policies, procedures, and protocols relating to  
1612 school safety and security;  
1613 (h) coordinate with local first responder agencies to implement and monitor safety and  
1614 security drills in accordance with policy and applicable procedures and protocols;  
1615 (i) ensure that school staff, and when appropriate students, receive training on and  
1616 remain current on the school's safety and security procedures and protocols;  
1617 (j) following an event where security of the school has been significantly  
1618 compromised, organize a debriefing with the individuals listed in Subsection (3)(c) regarding  
1619 strengthening school safety and security practices, policies, procedures, and protocols;  
1620 (k) abide by any LEA, school, or law enforcement agency policy outlining the chain of  
1621 command;  
1622 (l) during an emergency, coordinate with the following individuals as applicable the:  
1623 (i) school resource officer;  
1624 (ii) school guardians;  
1625 (iii) armed school security guards;  
1626 (iv) school administrators; and  
1627 (v) responding law enforcement officers;  
1628 (m) follow any LEA, school, or law enforcement agency student privacy policies,  
1629 including state and federal privacy laws;  
1630 (n) participate in an annual training the state security chief selects in consultation with  
1631 the school safety center; and  
1632 (o) remain current on:  
1633 (i) a comprehensive school guideline the state security chief selects;  
1634 (ii) the duties of a school safety and security specialist described in this Subsection (3);  
1635 and  
1636 (iii) the school's emergency response plan.

1637 (4) During an active emergency at the school, the school safety and security specialist  
1638 is subordinate to any responding law enforcement officers.

1639 Section 27. Section **53G-8-701.8** is enacted to read:

1640 **53G-8-701.8. School safety and security director.**

1641 (1) Except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3), an LEA shall designate a school  
1642 safety and security director as the LEA point of contact for the county security chief, local law  
1643 enforcement, and the state security chief.

1644 (2) A school safety and security director shall:

1645 (a) participate in and satisfy the training requirements, including the annual and  
1646 biannual requirements, described in:

1647 (i) Section 53-22-105 for school guardians;

1648 (ii) Section 53G-8-702 for school resource officers; and

1649 (iii) Section 53G-8-704 for armed school security guards;

1650 (b) have a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7,

1651 Concealed Firearm Act;

1652 (c) if the designee is an employee of an LEA, participate on the multidisciplinary team  
1653 the LEA establishes;

1654 (d) coordinate security responses among, if applicable, the following individuals in the  
1655 LEA that employs the school safety and security director:

1656 (i) school safety and security specialists;

1657 (ii) school resource officers;

1658 (iii) armed school security guards; and

1659 (iv) school guardians; and

1660 (e) collaborate and maintain effective communications with local law enforcement, a  
1661 county security chief, the LEA, and school-based behavioral and mental health professionals to  
1662 ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating to  
1663 school safety and security.

1664 (3) A school safety and security director:

1665 (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and

1666 (b) may, at the LEA that employs the director:

1667 (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat;

1668 (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school safety and security director has  
1669 reasonable cause to believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a forcible  
1670 felony, as that term is defined in Section [76-2-402](#);

1671 (4) Notwithstanding Subsection [76-10-505.5\(4\)](#), if a school safety and security director  
1672 is carrying a firearm, the school safety and security director shall carry the school safety and  
1673 security director's firearm in a concealed manner and may not, unless during an active threat,  
1674 display or open carry a firearm while on school grounds.

1675 (5) A school may use the services of the school safety and security director on a  
1676 temporary basis to satisfy the school safety personnel requirement of Subsection  
1677 [53G-8-701.5\(2\)](#).

1678 (6) The state security chief shall:

1679 (a) for each school safety and security director, track each school safety and security  
1680 director by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each school  
1681 safety and security director; and

1682 (b) make the information described in Subsection (6)(a) readily available to each law  
1683 enforcement agency in the state categorized by LEA.

1684 Section 28. Section **53G-8-702** is amended to read:

1685 **53G-8-702. School administrator and school resource officer training --**  
1686 **Curriculum.**

1687 (1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
1688 [~~the state board~~] the state security chief appointed under Section [53-22-102](#) in consultation  
1689 with the state board, shall make rules that prepare and make available [~~a training~~] an annual  
1690 program for school principals, school personnel, school safety personnel described in Section  
1691 [53G-8-701.5](#), and school resource officers to attend.

1692 (2) To create the curriculum and materials for the training program described in  
1693 Subsection (1), the [~~state board~~] state security chief in consultation with the school safety  
1694 center shall:

1695 (a) work in conjunction with the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice  
1696 created in Section [63M-7-201](#);

1697 (b) solicit input from local school boards, charter school governing boards, and the  
1698 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind;

1699 (c) consult with a nationally recognized organization that provides resources and  
1700 training for school resource officers;

1701 (d) solicit input from local law enforcement and other interested community  
1702 stakeholders; and

1703 (e) consider the current United States Department of Education recommendations on  
1704 school discipline and the role of a school resource officer.

1705 (3) The training program described in Subsection (1) shall be for a minimum time  
1706 established by the state security chief in accordance with Subsection (1) and may include  
1707 training on the following:

1708 (a) childhood and adolescent development;

1709 (b) responding age-appropriately to students;

1710 (c) working with disabled students;

1711 (d) techniques to de-escalate and resolve conflict;

1712 (e) cultural awareness;

1713 (f) restorative justice practices;

1714 (g) identifying a student exposed to violence or trauma and referring the student to  
1715 appropriate resources;

1716 (h) student privacy rights;

1717 (i) negative consequences associated with youth involvement in the juvenile and  
1718 criminal justice systems;

1719 (j) strategies to reduce juvenile justice involvement;

1720 (k) roles of and distinctions between a school resource officer and other school staff  
1721 who help keep a school secure;

1722 (l) the standard response protocol and drills described in Section 53G-8-803;

1723 (m) an overview of the agreement described in Section 53G-8-703;

1724 ~~(t)~~ (n) developing and supporting successful relationships with students; and

1725 ~~(m)~~ (o) legal parameters of searching and questioning students on school property.

1726 (4) The ~~[state board]~~ school safety center shall work together with the Department of  
1727 Public Safety, the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and state and local law  
1728 enforcement to establish policies, procedures, and training requirements for school resource  
1729 officers.



1730 Section 29. Section **53G-8-703** is amended to read:

1731 **53G-8-703. Contracts between an LEA and law enforcement for school resource**  
 1732 **officer services -- Requirements -- LEA establishment of a school resource officer policy**  
 1733 **-- Public comment.**

1734 (1) (a) An LEA may use a school resource officer to satisfy the school safety personnel  
 1735 requirements of Section [53G-8-701.5](#).

1736 (b) An LEA ~~may~~ that uses a school resource officer under Subsection (1)(a) shall  
 1737 contract with a local law enforcement agency to provide school resource officer services [at the  
 1738 LEA].

1739 (2) An LEA contract with a law enforcement agency to provide [~~SRO~~] school resource  
 1740 officer services at the LEA shall require in the contract:

1741 (a) an acknowledgment by the law enforcement agency that [~~an SRO~~] a school  
 1742 resource officer hired under the contract shall:

1743 (i) provide for and maintain a safe, healthy, and productive learning environment in a  
 1744 school;

1745 (ii) act as a positive role model to students;

1746 (iii) work to create a cooperative, proactive, and problem-solving partnership between  
 1747 law enforcement and the LEA;

1748 (iv) emphasize the use of restorative approaches to address negative behavior; and

1749 (v) at the request of the LEA, teach a vocational law enforcement class;

1750 (b) a description of the shared understanding of the LEA and the law enforcement  
 1751 agency regarding the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement and the LEA to:

1752 (i) maintain safe schools;

1753 (ii) improve school climate; and

1754 (iii) support educational opportunities for students;

1755 (c) a designation of student offenses that, in accordance with Section [53G-8-211](#), the  
 1756 [~~SRO~~] school resource officer:

1757 (i) may refer to the juvenile court;

1758 (ii) shall confer with the LEA to resolve; and

1759 (iii) shall refer to a school administrator for resolution as an administrative issue with  
 1760 the understanding that the [~~SRO~~] school resource officer will be informed of the outcome of

1761 the administrative issue;

1762 (d) a detailed description of the rights of a student under state and federal law with  
1763 regard to:

1764 (i) searches;

1765 (ii) questioning;

1766 (iii) arrests; and

1767 (iv) information privacy;

1768 (e) a detailed description of:

1769 (i) job assignment and duties, including:

1770 (A) the school to which the [SRØ] school resource officer will be assigned;

1771 (B) the hours the [SRØ] school resource officer is expected to be present at the school;

1772 (C) the point of contact at the school;

1773 (D) specific responsibilities for providing and receiving information; and

1774 (E) types of records to be kept, and by whom;

1775 (ii) training requirements; and

1776 (iii) other expectations of the [SRØ] school resource officer and school administration

1777 in relation to law enforcement at the LEA;

1778 (f) that [~~an SRØ~~] a school resource officer who is hired under the contract and the

1779 principal at the school where [~~an SRØ~~] a school resource officer will be working, or the

1780 principal's designee, will jointly complete the [SRØ] school resource officer training described

1781 in Section [53G-8-702](#);

1782 (g) that both parties agree to jointly discuss [SRØ] school resource officer applicants;

1783 [~~and~~]

1784 (h) that the law enforcement agency will, at least annually, seek out and accept

1785 feedback from an LEA about [~~an SRØ's~~] a school resource officer's performance[-]; and

1786 (i) a designation of the school resource officer and the officer's law enforcement

1787 agency as "school officials" for purposes of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34

1788 C.F.R. Part 99.

1789 (3) An LEA may not require or prohibit mandatory rotations of school resource officers  
1790 as part of the contract described in Subsection (2).

1791 (4) An LEA that uses a school resource officer under Subsection (1)(a) shall establish a

1792 school resource officer policy.

1793 (5) The school resource officer policy described in Subsection (4) shall include:

1794 (a) the contract described in Subsection (2); and

1795 (b) all other procedures and requirements governing the relationship between the LEA

1796 and a school resource officer.

1797 (6) Before implementing the school resource officer policy described in Subsection (4),

1798 the LEA shall present the school resource officer policy at a public meeting and receive public

1799 comment on the school resource officer policy.

1800 Section 30. Section **53G-8-704** is enacted to read:

1801 **53G-8-704. Contracts between an LEA and a contract security company for**

1802 **armed school security guards.**

1803 (1) As used in this section:

1804 (a) "Armed private security officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section

1805 [58-63-102](#).

1806 (b) "Armed school security guard" means an armed private security officer who is:

1807 (i) licensed as an armed private security officer under Title 58, Chapter 63, Security

1808 Personnel Licensing Act; and

1809 (ii) has met the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a).

1810 (c) "Contract security company" means the same as that term is defined in Section

1811 [58-63-102](#).

1812 (d) "State security chief" means the same as the term is defined in Section [53-22-102](#).

1813 (2) (a) An LEA may use an armed school security guard to satisfy the school safety

1814 personnel requirements of Section [53G-8-701.5](#).

1815 (b) An LEA that uses an armed school security guard under Subsection (2)(a) shall

1816 contract with a contract security company to provide armed school security guards at each

1817 school within the LEA.

1818 (3) The contract described in Subsection (2)(b) shall include a detailed description of:

1819 (a) the rights of a student under state and federal law with regard to:

1820 (i) searches;

1821 (ii) questioning;

1822 (iii) arrests; and

1823 (iv) information privacy;  
1824 (b) job assignment and duties of an armed school security guard, including:  
1825 (i) the school to which an armed school security guard will be assigned;  
1826 (ii) the hours an armed school security guard is present at the school;  
1827 (iii) the point of contact at the school that an armed school security guard will contact  
1828 in case of an emergency;  
1829 (iv) specific responsibilities for providing and receiving information;  
1830 (v) types of records to be kept, and by whom;  
1831 (vi) training requirements; and  
1832 (c) other expectations of the contract security company in relation to school security at  
1833 the LEA.  
1834 (4) (a) In addition to the requirements for licensure under Title 58, Chapter 63, Security  
1835 Personnel Licensing Act, an armed private security officer may only serve as an armed school  
1836 security guard under a contract described in Subsection (2)(b) if the armed private security  
1837 officer:  
1838 (i) has a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7,  
1839 Concealed Firearm Act; and  
1840 (ii) has undergone training from a county security chief regarding:  
1841 (A) the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a school setting;  
1842 (B) the role of armed security guards in a school setting; and  
1843 (C) coordination with law enforcement and school officials during an active threat.  
1844 (b) An armed school security guard that meets the requirements of Subsection (4)(a)  
1845 shall, in order to remain eligible to be assigned as an armed school security guard at any school  
1846 under a contract described in Subsection (2)(b), participate in and satisfy the training  
1847 requirements of the initial, annual, and biannual trainings as defined in Section [53-22-105](#).  
1848 (5) An armed school security guard may conceal or openly carry a firearm at the school  
1849 at which the armed school security guard is employed under the contract described in  
1850 Subsection (2)(b).  
1851 (6) An LEA that enters a contract under this section shall inform the state security chief  
1852 and the relevant county security chief of the contract and provide the contact information of the  
1853 contract security company employing the armed security guard for use during an emergency.

1854 (7) The state security chief shall:

1855 (a) for each LEA that contracts with a contract security company under this section,  
1856 track each contract security company providing armed school security guards by name and the  
1857 contact information for use in case of an emergency; and

1858 (b) make the information described in Subsection (7)(a) readily available to each law  
1859 enforcement agency in the state by school.

1860 (8) An armed school security guard shall file a report described in Subsection (9) if,  
1861 during the performance of the armed school security guard's duties the armed school security  
1862 guard:

1863 (a) points a firearm at an individual; or

1864 (b) aims a conductive energy device at an individual and displays the electrical current.

1865 (9) (a) A report described in Subsection (8) shall include:

1866 (i) a description of the incident;

1867 (ii) the identification of the individuals involved in the incident; and

1868 (iii) any other information required by the state security chief.

1869 (b) An armed school security guard shall submit a report required under Subsection (8)  
1870 to the school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief  
1871 within 48 hours after the incident.

1872 (c) The school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security  
1873 chief shall consult and review the report submitted under Subsection (9)(b).

1874 Section 31. Section **53G-8-801** is amended to read:

1875 **53G-8-801. Definitions.**

1876 As used in this section:

1877 (1) "Bullying" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-9-601](#).

1878 (2) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
1879 [53-13-103](#).

1880 [~~(3) "Program" means the State Safety and Support Program established in Section~~  
1881 ~~[53G-8-802](#).]~~

1882 (3) "School safety center" means the entity established in Section [53G-8-802](#).

1883 (4) "State security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53-22-101](#).

1884 Section 32. Section **53G-8-802** is amended to read:

1885 **53G-8-802. School Safety Center -- LEA duties.**1886 (1) There is created the [~~State Safety and Support Program~~] School Safety Center.1887 (2) The [~~state board~~] School Safety Center shall:1888 (a) develop in conjunction with the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health and the  
1889 state security chief model student safety and support policies for an LEA, including:1890 (i) requiring an evidence-based [~~procedures for the~~] behavior threat assessment [~~of and~~  
1891 intervention] that includes:1892 (A) recommended interventions with an individual whose behavior poses a threat to  
1893 school safety; and1894 (B) establishes defined roles for a multidisciplinary team and school safety personnel  
1895 described in Title 53G, Chapter 8, Part 7, School Safety Personnel, including;

1896 (ii) procedures for referrals to law enforcement; and

1897 (iii) procedures for referrals to a community services entity, a family support  
1898 organization, or a health care provider for evaluation or treatment;1899 (b) provide training in consultation with the state security chief:

1900 (i) in school safety;

1901 (ii) in evidence-based approaches to improve school climate and address and correct  
1902 bullying behavior;1903 (iii) in evidence-based approaches in identifying an individual who may pose a threat  
1904 to the school community;1905 (iv) in evidence-based approaches in identifying an individual who may be showing  
1906 signs or symptoms of mental illness;1907 (v) on permitted disclosures of student data to law enforcement and other support  
1908 services under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g;1909 (vi) on permitted collection of student data under 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h and Sections  
1910 53E-9-203 and 53E-9-305; and

1911 (vii) for administrators on rights and prohibited acts under:

1912 (A) Chapter 9, Part 6, Bullying and Hazing;

1913 (B) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000d et seq.;

1914 (C) Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.;

1915 (D) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq.; and

- 1916 (E) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.;
- 1917 (c) conduct and disseminate evidence-based research on school safety concerns;
- 1918 (d) disseminate information on effective school safety initiatives;
- 1919 (e) encourage partnerships between public and private sectors to promote school safety;
- 1920 (f) provide technical assistance to an LEA in the development and implementation of
- 1921 school safety initiatives;
- 1922 (g) in conjunction with the [~~Department of Public Safety, develop and~~] state security
- 1923 chief, make available to an LEA [a] the model critical incident response training program [that
- 1924 includes:] a school and law enforcement agency shall use during a threat;
- 1925 [~~(i) protocols for conducting a threat assessment, and ensuring building security during~~
- 1926 ~~an incident, as required in Section 53G-8-701.5;]~~
- 1927 [~~(ii) standardized response protocol terminology for use throughout the state;]~~
- 1928 [~~(iii) protocols for planning and safety drills; and]~~
- 1929 [~~(iv) recommendations for safety equipment for schools including amounts and types~~
- 1930 ~~of first aid supplies;]~~
- 1931 (h) provide space for the public safety liaison described in Section 53-1-106 and the
- 1932 school-based mental health specialist described in Section 26B-5-211;
- 1933 (i) collaborate with the state security chief to determine appropriate application of
- 1934 school safety requirements in Utah Code to an online school;
- 1935 [~~(j)~~] (j) create a model school climate survey that may be used by an LEA to assess
- 1936 stakeholder perception of a school environment and, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3,
- 1937 Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, adopt rules:
- 1938 (i) requiring an LEA to:
- 1939 (A) create or adopt and disseminate a school climate survey; and
- 1940 (B) disseminate the school climate survey;
- 1941 (ii) recommending the distribution method, survey frequency, and sample size of the
- 1942 survey; and
- 1943 (iii) specifying the areas of content for the school climate survey; and
- 1944 [~~(j)~~] (k) collect aggregate data and school climate survey results from each LEA.
- 1945 (3) Nothing in this section requires an individual to respond to a school climate survey.
- 1946 (4) The state board shall require an LEA to:

1947 (a) (i) review data from the state board-facilitated surveys containing school climate  
1948 data for each school within the LEA; and

1949 (ii) based on the review described in Subsection (4)(a)(i):

1950 (A) revise practices, policies, and training to eliminate harassment and discrimination  
1951 in each school within the LEA;

1952 (B) adopt a plan for harassment- and discrimination-free learning; and

1953 (C) host outreach events or assemblies to inform students and parents of the plan  
1954 adopted under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B);

1955 (b) no later than September 1 of each school year, send a notice to each student, parent,  
1956 and LEA staff member stating the LEA's commitment to maintaining a school climate that is  
1957 free of harassment and discrimination; and

1958 (c) report to the state board:

1959 (i) no later than August 1, 2023, on the LEA's plan adopted under Subsection  
1960 (4)(a)(ii)(B); and

1961 (ii) after August 1, 2023, annually on the LEA's implementation of the plan and  
1962 progress.

1963 Section 33. Section **53G-8-803** is amended to read:

1964 **53G-8-803. Standard response protocol to active threats in schools.**

1965 [~~The state board~~] The state security chief described in Section 53-22-102 in  
1966 consultation with the school safety center shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G,  
1967 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

1968 (1) in accordance with the standard response protocol established by the state security  
1969 chief, require an LEA or school to develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency  
1970 response plans for use during an emergency that include developmentally appropriate training  
1971 for students and adults regarding:

1972 (a) active threats;

1973 (b) emergency preparedness;

1974 (c) drills as required under Subsection 15A-5-202.5 and by the state security chief; and

1975 (d) standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders; and

1976 (2) identify the necessary components of emergency preparedness and response plans,  
1977 including underlying standard response protocols and emerging best practices for an



1978 emergency[; and].

1979 [~~(3) define what constitutes an "active threat" and "developmentally appropriate" for~~  
1980 ~~purposes of the emergency response training described in this section.]~~

1981 Section 34. Section **53G-8-805** is enacted to read:

1982 **53G-8-805. Panic alert device -- Security cameras.**

1983 (1) In accordance with the results of the school safety needs assessment described in  
1984 Section [53G-8-701.5](#), an LEA shall provide a staff person in each classroom with a wearable  
1985 panic alert device that allows for immediate contact with emergency services or emergency  
1986 services agencies, law enforcement agencies, health departments, and fire departments.

1987 (2) An LEA shall ensure, before the school year begins, all school building personnel  
1988 receive training on the protocol and appropriate use of the panic alert device described in  
1989 Subsection (1).

1990 (3) An LEA shall:

1991 (a) ensure all security cameras within a school building are accessible by a local law  
1992 enforcement agency; and

1993 (b) coordinate with a local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access  
1994 protocols.

1995 (4) This section is not subject to the restrictions in Section [41-6a-2003](#).

1996 Section 35. Section **53G-9-601** is amended to read:

1997 **53G-9-601. Definitions.**

1998 As used in this part:

1999 (1) (a) "Abusive conduct" means verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a parent or  
2000 student directed toward a school employee that, based on its severity, nature, and frequency of  
2001 occurrence, a reasonable person would determine is intended to cause intimidation,  
2002 humiliation, or unwarranted distress.

2003 (b) A single act does not constitute abusive conduct.

2004 (2) "Action plan" means a process to address an incident as described in Section  
2005 [53G-9-605.5](#).

2006 [~~(2)~~] (3) "Bullying" means a school employee or student intentionally committing a  
2007 written, verbal, or physical act against a school employee or student that a reasonable person  
2008 under the circumstances should know or reasonably foresee will have the effect of:

- 2009 (a) causing physical or emotional harm to the school employee or student;
- 2010 (b) causing damage to the school employee's or student's property;
- 2011 (c) placing the school employee or student in reasonable fear of:
- 2012 (i) harm to the school employee's or student's physical or emotional well-being; or
- 2013 (ii) damage to the school employee's or student's property;
- 2014 (d) creating a hostile, threatening, humiliating, or abusive educational environment due

2015 to:

- 2016 (i) the pervasiveness, persistence, or severity of the actions; or
- 2017 (ii) a power differential between the bully and the target; or
- 2018 (e) substantially interfering with a student having a safe school environment that is
- 2019 necessary to facilitate educational performance, opportunities, or benefits.

2020 [~~(3)~~] (4) "Communication" means the conveyance of a message, whether verbal,  
2021 written, or electronic.

2022 [~~(4)~~] (5) "Cyber-bullying" means using the Internet, a cell phone, or another device to  
2023 send or post text, video, or an image with the intent or knowledge, or with reckless disregard,  
2024 that the text, video, or image will hurt, embarrass, or threaten an individual, regardless of  
2025 whether the individual directed, consented to, or acquiesced in the conduct, or voluntarily  
2026 accessed the electronic communication.

2027 [~~(5)~~] (6) (a) "Hazing" means a school employee or student intentionally, knowingly, or  
2028 recklessly committing an act or causing another individual to commit an act toward a school  
2029 employee or student that:

2030 (i) (A) endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a school employee or  
2031 student;

2032 (B) involves any brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, branding,  
2033 calisthenics, bruising, electric shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or  
2034 exposure to the elements;

2035 (C) involves consumption of any food, alcoholic product, drug, or other substance or  
2036 other physical activity that endangers the mental or physical health and safety of a school  
2037 employee or student; or

2038 (D) involves any activity that would subject a school employee or student to extreme  
2039 mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, extended isolation from social contact, or conduct that

2040 subjects a school employee or student to extreme embarrassment, shame, or humiliation; and

2041 (ii) (A) is committed for the purpose of initiation into, admission into, affiliation with,  
2042 holding office in, or as a condition for membership in a school or school sponsored team,  
2043 organization, program, club, or event; or

2044 (B) is directed toward a school employee or student whom the individual who commits  
2045 the act knows, at the time the act is committed, is a member of, or candidate for membership  
2046 in, a school or school sponsored team, organization, program, club, or event in which the  
2047 individual who commits the act also participates.

2048 (b) The conduct described in Subsection [~~(5)~~(a)] (6)(a) constitutes hazing, regardless of  
2049 whether the school employee or student against whom the conduct is committed directed,  
2050 consented to, or acquiesced in, the conduct.

2051 [~~(6)~~] (7) "Incident" means an incident of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, or retaliation  
2052 that is prohibited under this part.

2053 (8) "LEA governing board" means a local school board or charter school governing  
2054 board.

2055 [~~(7)~~] (9) "Policy" means an LEA governing board policy described in Section  
2056 [53G-9-605](#).

2057 [~~(8)~~] (10) "Public education suicide prevention coordinator" means the public  
2058 education suicide prevention coordinator described in Section [53G-9-702](#).

2059 [~~(9)~~] (11) "Retaliate" means an act or communication intended:

2060 (a) as retribution against a person for reporting bullying or hazing; or

2061 (b) to improperly influence the investigation of, or the response to, a report of bullying  
2062 or hazing.

2063 [~~(10)~~] (12) "School" means a public elementary or secondary school, including a  
2064 charter school.

2065 [~~(11)~~] (13) "School employee" means an individual working in the individual's official  
2066 capacity as:

2067 (a) a school teacher;

2068 (b) a school staff member;

2069 (c) a school administrator; or

2070 (d) an individual:

2071 (i) who is employed, directly or indirectly, by a school, an LEA governing board, or a  
2072 school district; and

2073 (ii) who works on a school campus.

2074 ~~[(12)]~~ (14) "State suicide prevention coordinator" means the state suicide prevention  
2075 coordinator described in Section 26B-5-611.

2076 ~~[(13)]~~ (15) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction  
2077 appointed under Section 53E-3-301.

2078 Section 36. Section 53G-9-602 is amended to read:

2079 **53G-9-602. Bullying, hazing, and cyber-bullying prohibited.**

2080 (1) A school employee or student may not engage in bullying a school employee or  
2081 student:

2082 (a) on school property;

2083 (b) at a school related or sponsored event;

2084 (c) on a school bus;

2085 (d) at a school bus stop; or

2086 (e) while the school employee or student is traveling to or from a location or event  
2087 described in Subsections (1)(a) through (d).

2088 (2) A school employee or student may not engage in ~~[hazing or cyber-bullying]~~  
2089 cyber-bullying or hazing a school employee or student at any time or in any location.

2090 Section 37. Section 53G-9-603 is amended to read:

2091 **53G-9-603. Retaliation and making a false allegation prohibited.**

2092 (1) A school employee or student may not engage in retaliation against:

2093 (a) a school employee;

2094 (b) a student; or

2095 (c) an investigator for, or a witness of, an alleged incident of bullying, cyber-bullying,  
2096 hazing, or retaliation.

2097 (2) A school employee or student may not make a false allegation of bullying,  
2098 cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation against a school employee or student.

2099 Section 38. Section 53G-9-604 is amended to read:

2100 **53G-9-604. Parental notification of certain incidents and threats required.**

2101 (1) A school shall:

2102 (a) notify a parent if the parent's student threatens suicide; or  
 2103 (b) notify the parents of each student involved in an incident [~~of bullying,~~  
 2104 ~~cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation of the incident involving each parent's~~  
 2105 ~~student] and the action plan to address the incident.~~

2106 (2) (a) [~~If a school notifies a parent of an incident or threat required to be reported~~  
 2107 ~~under Subsection (1), the school shall] When a student threatens suicide or is involved in an  
 2108 incident, the school shall produce and maintain a record that:~~

2109 (i) [~~produce and maintain a record that verifies that the parent was notified of the~~  
 2110 ~~incident or threat] verifies that the school notified each parent in accordance with Subsection  
 2111 (1);~~

2112 (ii) tracks implementation of the action plan addressing the incident, if applicable;  
 2113 [~~ii~~] (iii) [~~maintain~~] maintains a record described in Subsection [~~(2)(a)(i)~~] (2)(a) in  
 2114 accordance with the requirements of:

2115 (A) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 2, Student Privacy;  
 2116 (B) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 3, Student Data Protection;  
 2117 (C) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g; and  
 2118 (D) 34 C.F.R. Part 99; and

2119 [~~iii~~] (iv) provide the parent with:

2120 (A) suicide prevention materials and information; and  
 2121 (B) information on ways to limit the student's access to fatal means, including a firearm  
 2122 or medication.

2123 (b) The state superintendent shall select the materials and information described in  
 2124 Subsection [~~(2)(a)(iii)~~] (2)(a)(iv) in collaboration with the state suicide prevention coordinator  
 2125 and public education suicide prevention coordinator.

2126 [~~(3) A local school board or charter school governing board shall adopt a policy~~  
 2127 ~~regarding the process for:]~~

2128 [~~(a) notifying a parent as required in Subsection (1); and]~~

2129 [~~(b) producing and retaining a record that verifies that a parent was notified of an~~  
 2130 ~~incident or threat as required in Subsection (2).]~~

2131 [~~(4)~~] (3) At the request of a parent, a school may provide information and make  
 2132 recommendations related to an incident or threat described in Subsection (1).

2133           ~~[(5)]~~ (4) A school shall:

2134           (a) provide a student a copy of a record maintained in accordance with this section that  
2135 relates to the student if the student requests a copy of the record; and

2136           (b) expunge a record maintained in accordance with this section that relates to a  
2137 student if the student:

2138           (i) has graduated from high school; and

2139           (ii) requests the record be expunged.

2140           Section 39. Section **53G-9-605** is amended to read:

2141           **53G-9-605. Bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation**  
2142 **policy.**

2143           (1) ~~[On or before September 1, 2018, an LEA governing board shall update the LEA~~  
2144 ~~governing board's bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation policy to include abusive~~  
2145 ~~conduct]~~ An LEA governing board shall adopt a bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive  
2146 conduct, and retaliation policy.

2147           (2) ~~[A policy]~~ The LEA governing board shall:

2148           (a) ~~[be developed only]~~ develop the policy with input from:

2149           (i) students;

2150           (ii) parents;

2151           (iii) teachers;

2152           (iv) school administrators;

2153           (v) school staff; or

2154           (vi) local law enforcement agencies; and

2155           (b) provide protection to a student, regardless of the student's legal status.

2156           (3) ~~[A policy shall include the following components]~~ The LEA governing board shall  
2157 include the following components in the policy:

2158           (a) definitions of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, ~~[and]~~ abusive conduct, and  
2159 retaliation that are consistent with this part;

2160           (b) language prohibiting bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and abusive conduct;

2161           (c) language prohibiting retaliation ~~[against an individual who reports conduct that is~~  
2162 ~~prohibited under this part]~~ as described in Section [53G-9-603](#);

2163           (d) language prohibiting making a false report of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing,

2164 abusive conduct, or retaliation;

2165 (e) language outlining appropriate punishments for a student who is recording an act of  
 2166 bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation with the intent to encourage  
 2167 the act or future acts through the use of the recording on social media;

2168 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) as required in Section 53G-9-604, a process for parental notification of:

2169 (i) a student's threat ~~[to commit]~~ of suicide; ~~[and]~~

2170 (ii) an incident ~~[of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation]~~,  
 2171 involving the parent's student; and

2172 (iii) implementation of the school's action plan to address the incident;

2173 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) a grievance process for a school employee who has experienced abusive  
 2174 conduct;

2175 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) ~~[an action plan to address a reported incident of bullying, cyber-bullying,~~  
 2176 ~~hazing, or retaliation]~~ a requirement that the school or LEA create and implement an action  
 2177 plan for each incident in accordance with Section 53G-9-605.5; [and]

2178 (i) a communication process requiring the school or LEA regularly updates each parent  
 2179 of a student involved in an incident regarding implementation of an action plan, including:

2180 (i) the outcome of the school's or LEA's investigation;

2181 (ii) a discussion of safety considerations for the student who is the subject of the  
 2182 incident; and

2183 (iii) an explanation of the school's or LEA's process for addressing the incident; and

2184 ~~[(h)]~~ (j) a requirement for a signed statement annually, indicating that the individual  
 2185 signing the statement has received the LEA governing board's policy, from each:

2186 (i) school employee;

2187 (ii) student who is at least eight years old; and

2188 (iii) parent of a student enrolled in the ~~[charter school or school district]~~ LEA.

2189 (4) ~~[A copy of a]~~ An LEA shall, in relation to the policy [shall be] described in this  
 2190 section:

2191 (a) ~~[included]~~ include a copy in student conduct handbooks;

2192 (b) ~~[included]~~ include a copy in employee handbooks; and

2193 (c) ~~[provided]~~ provide a copy to a parent of a student enrolled in the charter school or  
 2194 school district.

2195 (5) A policy may not permit formal disciplinary action that is based solely on an  
2196 anonymous report of bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation.

2197 (6) Nothing in this part is intended to infringe upon the right of a school employee,  
2198 parent, or student to exercise the right of free speech.

2199 Section 40. Section **53G-9-605.5** is enacted to read:

2200 **53G-9-605.5. Bullying incident action plan.**

2201 (1) A school or LEA shall create an action plan for an incident.

2202 (2) In an action plan, the school or LEA shall include:

2203 (a) a communication plan designed to keep each parent updated on the implementation  
2204 of the action plan;

2205 (b) with respect to the student to whom the incident was directed and in direct  
2206 coordination with the student's parent:

2207 (i) a tailored response to the incident that addresses the student's needs;

2208 (ii) a mechanism to consider consequences or accommodations the student may need  
2209 regarding decreased exposure or interactions with the student who caused the incident;

2210 (iii) notification of the consequences and plan to address the behavior of the student  
2211 who caused the incident;

2212 (iv) supportive measures designed to preserve the student's access to educational  
2213 services and opportunities; and

2214 (v) to the extent available, access to other resources the parent requests for the student;  
2215 and

2216 (c) with respect to the student who caused the incident and in direct coordination with  
2217 the student's parent:

2218 (i) a range of tailored and appropriate consequences, making reasonable effort to  
2219 preserve the student's access to educational services and activities;

2220 (ii) a process to determine and provide any needed resources related to the underlying  
2221 cause of the incident;

2222 (iii) supportive measures designed to preserve the student's access to educational  
2223 services and opportunities while protecting the safety and well-being of other students; and

2224 (iv) a process to remove the student from school in an emergency situation, including a  
2225 description of what constitutes an emergency.



2226 (3) A school or LEA may not include in an action plan a requirement that the student to  
 2227 whom the incident was directed change the student's:

2228 (a) educational schedule or placement; or

2229 (b) participation in a school sponsored sport, club, or activity.

2230 (4) A school or LEA shall establish an appeals process for a student who causes an  
 2231 incident or the student's parent to appeal one or more of the consequences included in an action  
 2232 plan.

2233 (5) If, after a school or LEA attempts to involve a parent in the development and  
 2234 implementation of an action plan, the parent chooses not to participate in the process, the  
 2235 school or LEA may develop and implement an action plan without the parent's involvement.

2236 Section 41. Section **53G-9-606** is amended to read:

2237 **53G-9-606. Model policy and state board duties.**

2238 (1) [~~On or before September 1, 2018, the~~] The state board shall:

2239 (a) [~~update the state board's~~] create a model policy on bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing,  
 2240 abusive conduct, and retaliation [~~to include abusive conduct~~]; and

2241 (b) post the model policy described in Subsection (1)(a) on the state board's website.

2242 (2) The state board shall require an LEA governing board to report annually to the state  
 2243 board on:

2244 (a) the LEA governing board's policy, including implementation of the signed  
 2245 statement requirement described in Subsection **53G-9-605**(3);

2246 (b) the LEA governing board's training of school employees relating to bullying,  
 2247 cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation described in Section **53G-9-607**;

2248 (c) the demographics of an individual who is subject to bullying, hazing,  
 2249 cyber-bullying, or retaliation subject to:

2250 (i) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 2, Student Privacy;

2251 (ii) Title 53E, Chapter 9, Part 3, Student Data Protection;

2252 (iii) the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g; and

2253 (iv) 34 C.F.R. Part 99; and

2254 (d) other information related to this part, as determined by the state board.

2255 Section 42. Section **53G-9-607** is amended to read:

2256 **53G-9-607. Training, education, and prevention -- Standards.**

2257 (1) An LEA shall designate at least one individual at the LEA level who:  
 2258 (a) provides training to an individual described in Subsection (2);  
 2259 (b) oversees the implementation of an action plan;  
 2260 (c) for each incident, monitors implementation of the LEA's policy regarding a  
 2261 communication process with a parent described in Section [53G-9-605](#);  
 2262 (d) acts as the LEA liaison to the state board regarding bullying, cyber-bullying,  
 2263 hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation; and  
 2264 (e) assists a school with case-specific needs when the school is addressing an incident.  
 2265 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) (a) An LEA governing board shall include in the training of a school employee  
 2266 training regarding:  
 2267 (i) bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation; and  
 2268 (ii) applicable civil rights laws.  
 2269 (b) ~~[that]~~ An LEA governing board shall ensure the training described in Subsection  
 2270 ~~(2)~~(a) meets the standards described in Subsection ~~[(+)]~~ (5).  
 2271 ~~[(+)]~~ (c) An LEA governing board may offer voluntary training to parents and students  
 2272 regarding ~~[abusive conduct]~~ bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, or retaliation.  
 2273 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) To the extent that state or federal funding is available for this purpose, LEA  
 2274 governing boards are encouraged to implement programs or initiatives, in addition to the  
 2275 training described in Subsection ~~[(+)]~~ (2), to provide for training and education regarding, and  
 2276 the prevention of, bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation.  
 2277 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The programs or initiatives described in Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (3) may involve:  
 2278 (a) the establishment of a bullying task force; or  
 2279 (b) the involvement of school employees, students, or law enforcement.  
 2280 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking  
 2281 Act, the state board shall make rules that establish standards for high quality training related to:  
 2282 (a) bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, abusive conduct, and retaliation[-]; and  
 2283 (b) applicable civil rights laws.  
 2284 Section 43. Section **63H-7a-103** is amended to read:  
 2285 **63H-7a-103. Definitions.**  
 2286 As used in this chapter:  
 2287 (1) "911 account" means the Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account,

2288 created in Subsection [63H-7a-304\(1\)](#).

2289 (2) "911 call transfer" means the redirection of a 911 call from the person who initially  
2290 receives the call to another person within the state.

2291 (3) "Association of governments" means an association of political subdivisions of the  
2292 state, established pursuant to an interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal  
2293 Cooperation Act.

2294 (4) "Authority" means the Utah Communications Authority created in Section  
2295 [63H-7a-201](#).

2296 (5) "Backhaul network" means the portion of a public safety communications network  
2297 that consists primarily of microwave paths, fiber lines, or ethernet circuits.

2298 (6) "Board" means the Utah Communications Authority Board created in Section  
2299 [63H-7a-203](#).

2300 (7) "CAD" means a computer-based system that aids PSAP dispatchers by automating  
2301 selected dispatching and record-keeping activities.

2302 (8) "CAD-to-CAD" means standardized connectivity between PSAPs or between a  
2303 PSAP and a dispatch center for the transmission of data between CADs.

2304 (9) "Dispatch center" means an entity that receives and responds to an emergency or  
2305 nonemergency communication transferred to the entity from a public safety answering point.

2306 (10) "FirstNet" means the federal First Responder Network Authority established in 47  
2307 U.S.C. Sec. 1424.

2308 (11) "Lease" means any lease, lease purchase, sublease, operating, management, or  
2309 similar agreement.

2310 (12) "Public agency" means any political subdivision of the state dispatched by a public  
2311 safety answering point.

2312 (13) "Public safety agency" means the same as that term defined in Section [69-2-102](#).

2313 (14) "Public safety answering point" or "PSAP" means an entity in this state that:

2314 (a) receives, as a first point of contact, direct 911 emergency communications from the  
2315 911 emergency service network requesting a public safety service;

2316 (b) has a facility with the equipment and staff necessary to receive the communication;

2317 (c) assesses, classifies, and prioritizes the communication; [~~and~~]

2318 (d) dispatches the communication to the proper responding agency[-]; and

2319 (e) submits information as described in Section [63H-7a-208](#).

2320 (15) "Public safety communications network" means:

2321 (a) a regional or statewide public safety governmental communications network and  
2322 related facilities, including real property, improvements, and equipment necessary for the  
2323 acquisition, construction, and operation of the services and facilities; and

2324 (b) 911 emergency services, including radio communications, connectivity, and 911  
2325 call processing equipment.

2326 Section 44. Section **63H-7a-208** is amended to read:

2327 **63H-7a-208. PSAP advisory committee.**

2328 (1) There is established a PSAP advisory committee composed of nine members  
2329 appointed by the board as follows:

2330 (a) one representative from a PSAP managed by a city;

2331 (b) one representative from a PSAP managed by a county;

2332 (c) one representative from a PSAP managed by a special service district;

2333 (d) one representative from a PSAP managed by the Department of Public Safety;

2334 (e) one representative from a PSAP from a county of the first class;

2335 (f) one representative from a PSAP from a county of the second class;

2336 (g) one representative from a PSAP from a county of the third or fourth class;

2337 (h) one representative from a PSAP from a county of the fifth or sixth class; and

2338 (i) one member from the telecommunications industry.

2339 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), each member shall be appointed to a  
2340 four-year term beginning July 1, 2019.

2341 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the board shall:

2342 (i) at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure  
2343 that the terms of committee members are staggered so that the terms of approximately half of  
2344 the committee end every two years; and

2345 (ii) not reappoint a member for more than two consecutive terms.

2346 (3) If a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be  
2347 appointed by the board for the unexpired term.

2348 (4) (a) Each January, the committee shall organize and select one of its members as  
2349 chair and one member as vice chair.

2350 (b) The committee may organize standing or ad hoc subcommittees, which shall  
2351 operate in accordance with guidelines established by the committee.

2352 (5) (a) The chair shall convene a minimum of four meetings per year.

2353 (b) The chair may call special meetings.

2354 (c) The chair shall call a meeting upon request of five or more members of the  
2355 committee.

2356 (6) Five members of the committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of business,  
2357 and the action of a majority of the members present is the action of the committee.

2358 (7) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service.

2359 (8) The PSAP advisory committee shall, on behalf of stakeholders, make  
2360 recommendations to the director and the board regarding:

2361 (a) the authority operations and policies;

2362 (b) the 911 division and interoperability division strategic plans;

2363 (c) the operation, maintenance, and capital development of the public safety  
2364 communications network;

2365 (d) the authority's administrative rules relative to the 911 division and the  
2366 interoperability division; and

2367 (e) the development of minimum standards and best practices as described in  
2368 Subsection [63H-7a-302\(1\)\(a\)](#).

2369 (9) No later than September 30, 2020, the PSAP advisory committee shall propose to  
2370 the board a statewide CAD-to-CAD call handling and 911 call transfer protocol.

2371 (10) The chair of the PSAP advisory committee is a nonvoting member of the board.

2372 (11) (a) The committee is not subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings  
2373 Act.

2374 (b) The committee shall:

2375 (i) at least 24 hours before a committee meeting, post a notice of the meeting, with a  
2376 meeting agenda, on the authority's website;

2377 (ii) within 10 days after a committee meeting, post to the authority's website the audio  
2378 and draft minutes of the meeting; and

2379 (iii) within three days after the committee approves minutes of a committee meeting,  
2380 post the approved minutes to the authority's website.

- 2381 (c) The committee's vice chair is responsible for preparing minutes of committee  
2382 meetings.
- 2383 (12) On or before December 31, 2024, the PSAP advisory committee shall coordinate  
2384 with the State Bureau of Investigation to use the intelligence system described in Subsections  
2385 53-10-302(7) and (8) to:
- 2386 (a) establish the information a PSAP is required to submit to the intelligence system;  
2387 and
- 2388 (b) create a format for submitting information.
- 2389 Section 45. Section **63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)** is amended to read:  
2390 **63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 2391 (1) Section 53-1-118 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 2392 (2) Section 53-1-120 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 2393 (3) Section 53-7-109 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 2394 (4) Section 53-22-104 is repealed December 31, 2023.
- 2395 (5) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per  
2396 diem -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.
- 2397 (6) Section 53-22-104.2, School Security Task Force Education Advisory Board, is  
2398 repealed December 31, 2025.
- 2399 [~~5~~] (7) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 2400 [~~6~~] (8) Section 53B-7-707 regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is  
2401 repealed July 1, 2023.
- 2402 [~~7~~] (9) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 2403 [~~8~~] (10) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are  
2404 repealed on July 1, 2023:
- 2405 (a) in Subsection 53B-8-105(12), the language that states, "or any scholarship  
2406 established under Sections 53B-8-202 through 53B-8-205";
- 2407 (b) Section 53B-8-202;
- 2408 (c) Section 53B-8-203;
- 2409 (d) Section 53B-8-204; and
- 2410 (e) Section 53B-8-205.
- 2411 [~~9~~] (11) Section 53B-10-101 is repealed on July 1, 2027.

2412            [~~(10)~~] (12) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(s) regarding the report by the Educational  
2413 Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024.

2414            [~~(11)~~] (13) Section 53E-1-202.2, regarding a Public Education Appropriations  
2415 Subcommittee evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024.

2416            [~~(12)~~] (14) Section 53F-2-209, regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility,  
2417 is repealed July 1, 2024.

2418            [~~(13)~~] (15) Subsection 53F-2-314(4), relating to a one-time expenditure between the  
2419 at-risk WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024.

2420            [~~(14)~~] (16) Section 53F-2-524, regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments,  
2421 is repealed July 1, 2024.

2422            [~~(15)~~] (17) Section 53F-5-221, regarding a management of energy and water pilot  
2423 program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

2424            [~~(16)~~] (18) Section 53F-9-401 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

2425            [~~(17)~~] (19) Section 53F-9-403 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

2426            [~~(18)~~] (20) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of  
2427 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under  
2428 Section 36-12-12, make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified  
2429 in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of the  
2430 Legislature's intent.

2431            Section 46. Section 63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24) is amended to read:

2432            **63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

2433            (1) Subsection 53-1-104(1)(b), regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed  
2434 July 1, 2024.

2435            (2) Section 53-1-118 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

2436            (3) Section 53-1-120 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

2437            (4) Section 53-2d-107, regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed July 1,  
2438 2024.

2439            (5) In relation to the Air Ambulance Committee, on July 1, 2024, Subsection  
2440 53-2d-702(1)(a) is amended to read:

2441            "(a) provide the patient or the patient's representative with the following information  
2442 before contacting an air medical transport provider:



- 2443 (i) which health insurers in the state the air medical transport provider contracts with;
- 2444 (ii) if sufficient data is available, the average charge for air medical transport services
- 2445 for a patient who is uninsured or out of network; and
- 2446 (iii) whether the air medical transport provider balance bills a patient for any charge not
- 2447 paid by the patient's health insurer; and".
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- 2453 repealed December 31, 2025.
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- 2460 (a) in Subsection [53B-8-105\(12\)](#), the language that states, "or any scholarship
- 2461 established under Sections [53B-8-202](#) through [53B-8-205](#)";
- 2462 (b) Section [53B-8-202](#);
- 2463 (c) Section [53B-8-203](#);
- 2464 (d) Section [53B-8-204](#); and
- 2465 (e) Section [53B-8-205](#).
- 2466 [~~12~~] (14) Section [53B-10-101](#) is repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 2467 [~~13~~] (15) Subsection [53E-1-201\(1\)\(s\)](#) regarding the report by the Educational
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2478 program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

2479           ~~[(19)]~~ (21) Section [53F-9-401](#) is repealed on July 1, 2024.

2480           ~~[(20)]~~ (22) Section [53F-9-403](#) is repealed on July 1, 2024.

2481           ~~[(21)]~~ (23) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of  
2482 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under  
2483 Section [36-12-12](#), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified  
2484 in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of the  
2485 Legislature's intent.

2486           Section 47. Section [76-10-505.5](#) is amended to read:

2487           **[76-10-505.5. Possession of a dangerous weapon, firearm, or short barreled](#)**  
2488 **[shotgun on or about school premises -- Penalties.](#)**

2489           (1) As used in this section, "on or about school premises" means:

2490           (a) (i) in a public or private elementary or secondary school; or

2491           (ii) on the grounds of any of those schools; and

2492           (b) (i) in a public or private institution of higher education; or

2493           (ii) on the grounds of a public or private institution of higher education; and

2494           (iii) (A) inside the building where a preschool or child care is being held, if the entire  
2495 building is being used for the operation of the preschool or child care; or

2496           (B) if only a portion of a building is being used to operate a preschool or child care, in  
2497 that room or rooms where the preschool or child care operation is being held.

2498           (2) A person may not possess any dangerous weapon, firearm, or short barreled  
2499 shotgun, as those terms are defined in Section [76-10-501](#), at a place that the person knows, or  
2500 has reasonable cause to believe, is on or about school premises as defined in this section.

2501           (3) (a) Possession of a dangerous weapon on or about school premises is a class B  
2502 misdemeanor.

2503           (b) Possession of a firearm or short barreled shotgun on or about school premises is a  
2504 class A misdemeanor.

2505 (4) This section does not apply if:

2506 (a) the person is authorized to possess a firearm as [~~provided under~~] described in

2507 Section 53-5-704, 53-5-705, 76-10-511, or 76-10-523, or as otherwise authorized by law;

2508 (b) the person is authorized to possess a firearm as [~~provided under~~] described in

2509 Section 53-5-704.5, unless the person is in a location where the person is prohibited from

2510 carrying a firearm under Subsection 53-5-710(2);

2511 (c) the possession is approved by the responsible school administrator;

2512 (d) the item is present or to be used in connection with a lawful, approved activity and

2513 is in the possession or under the control of the person responsible for its possession or use;

2514 (e) the actor is as an armed school security guard as described in Section 53G-8-704; or

2515 [~~(e)~~] (f) the possession is:

2516 (i) at the person's place of residence or on the person's property; or

2517 (ii) in any vehicle lawfully under the person's control, other than a vehicle owned by

2518 the school or used by the school to transport students.

2519 (5) This section does not:

2520 (a) prohibit prosecution of a more serious weapons offense that may occur on or about

2521 school premises; or

2522 (b) prevent an actor from securely storing a firearm on the grounds of a school if the

2523 actor:

2524 (i) participates in the school guardian program created in Section 53-22-105; and

2525 (ii) complies with the requirements for securely storing the firearm.

2526 Section 48. **Repealer.**

2527 This bill repeals:

2528 Section **53G-8-703.2, LEA establishment of SRO policy -- Public comment.**

2529 Section 49. **Effective date.**

2530 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.