

**PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT PLANS**

**AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David G. Buxton**

House Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program to address school discipline and conduct issues.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates a pilot grant program to support local education agencies in implementing multi-tiered systems of support;
- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-1-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 367, and 494

**63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 310, 367, and 494



28 **63I-1-253 (Contingently Effective 01/01/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,  
29 Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 187, 310, 367, and 494

30 ENACTS:

31 **53F-5-222**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

34 Section 1. Section **53F-5-222** is enacted to read:

35 **53F-5-222. Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program .**

36 (1) As used in this section:

37 (a) "Evidence-based" means a program, policy, or initiative that is grounded in  
38 empirical data and scientifically supported.

39 (b) "LEA" means:

40 (i) a school district; or

41 (ii) a charter school.

42 (c) "Microcredential" means a short, competency-based recognition that allows an  
43 educator to demonstrate mastery in a particular area.

44 (d) "Multi-tiered systems of support" means a proactive and preventative framework  
45 that integrates data and instruction to maximize student achievement and support a student's  
46 behavior needs.

47 (e) "Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program" or "program"  
48 means the pilot program created in Subsection (2).

49 (2) There is created a three-year pilot program known as the Strategic Tiered  
50 Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program to provide funding to LEAs to design and  
51 implement school-wide systems of proactive, evidence-based supports to improve student  
52 behavior and reduce discipline incidents using multi-tiered systems of support.

53 (3) The state board shall:

54 (a) in accordance with this section and subject to legislative appropriations, award a  
55 grant to a participating LEA;

56 (b) in selecting participating LEAs, prioritize LEAs that:

57 (i) emphasize evidence-based practices; and

58 (ii) effectively demonstrate need and existing ability to implement school-wide

- 59 multi-tiered systems of support at certain schools within the LEA;
- 60 (c) strive to select participating LEAs:
- 61 (i) from a variety of geographic areas within the state;
- 62 (ii) representing students with diverse socioeconomic backgrounds; and
- 63 (iii) with a range of student population sizes; and
- 64 (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
- 65 make rules establishing:
- 66 (i) an application process for an LEA to apply to participate in the program including:
- 67 (A) a proposal that describes the LEA's plan for implementation of a multi-tiered
- 68 system of support;
- 69 (B) program elements that incorporate evidence-based practices for effective
- 70 multi-tiered systems of support; and
- 71 (C) the schools within the participating LEA that will implement the proposed plan;
- 72 (ii) a process for assessing the outcomes that includes teacher and administrator
- 73 feedback;
- 74 (iii) required program timelines; and
- 75 (iv) a funding distribution formula for the grant awards.
- 76 (4) The board shall develop a microcredential with courses to train teachers in
- 77 implementing multi-tiered systems of support in schools that includes:
- 78 (a) an introduction to multi-tiered systems of support including:
- 79 (i) overview and definitions;
- 80 (ii) core principles and values;
- 81 (iii) differences from traditional approaches; and
- 82 (iv) research foundations;
- 83 (b) Tier 1 supports including:
- 84 (i) high-quality core instruction;
- 85 (ii) screening;
- 86 (iii) data-based decision making;
- 87 (iv) evidence-based interventions; and
- 88 (v) progress monitoring;
- 89 (c) Tier 2 supports including:

- 90           (i) targeted group interventions;
- 91           (ii) formation of intervention teams;
- 92           (iii) additional screening and data collection;
- 93           (iv) regular progress monitoring; and
- 94           (v) adaptation of interventions based on response;
- 95           (d) Tier 3 supports including:
- 96           (i) intensive, personalized interventions;
- 97           (ii) comprehensive evaluations and problem analysis;
- 98           (iii) individualized action plans;
- 99           (iv) frequent progress monitoring; and
- 100           (v) consideration of specialized placements;
- 101           (e) implementation planning needs including:
- 102           (i) leadership and staff buy-in;
- 103           (ii) infrastructure and capacity building;
- 104           (iii) layered professional development; and
- 105           (iv) gradual rollout sequence; and
- 106           (f) other topics including:
- 107           (i) multi-tiered systems of support for academics, behavior, and mental health needs;
- 108           (ii) parental involvement; and
- 109           (iii) evidence-based interventions and programs.
- 110           (5) A participating LEA shall:
- 111           (a) disseminate information to teachers regarding the microcredential described in
- 112           Subsection (4); and
- 113           (b) use grant funds to develop and implement the LEA's proposal for a multi-tiered
- 114           system of support.
- 115           (6) A teacher at a participating LEA shall receive stipends upon completion of modules
- 116           within the microcredential courses as follows:
- 117           (a) \$100 for completion of the introduction module;
- 118           (b) \$300 each for completion of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 modules; and
- 119           (c) \$1000 for completion of an action plan project module that requires a teacher to:
- 120           (i) create a school or classroom plan that follows the LEA's multi-tiered system of

121 support in coordination with the school's administrator;

122 (ii) address certain identified behaviors the teacher will address; and

123 (iii) submit research, evidence, and a reflection paper regarding the results of the  
124 project.

125 (7) Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board shall provide funds to a  
126 participating LEA to pay the stipends for qualifying teachers as described in Subsection (6).

127 (8) The board shall designate at least one staff position to:

128 (a) provide oversight and technical support for the program and its implementation;

129 (b) verify eligibility of teacher stipends described in Subsection (6); and

130 (c) support data collection, reporting, and program evaluation.

131 (9) Upon request of the Education Interim Committee, the state board shall report to  
132 the Education Interim Committee on the pilot program's progress and outcomes.

133 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)** is amended to read:

134 **63I-1-253 (Superseded 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

135 (1) Section **53-2a-105**, which creates the Emergency Management Administration  
136 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

137 (2) Sections **53-2a-1103** and **53-2a-1104**, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory  
138 Board, are repealed July 1, 2027.

139 (3) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed  
140 July 1, 2024.

141 (4) Section **53B-6-105.5**, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is  
142 repealed July 1, 2024.

143 (5) Section **53B-7-709**, regarding five-year performance goals for the Utah System of  
144 Higher Education is repealed July 1, 2027.

145 (6) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed  
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147 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

148 (8) Section **53B-17-1203**, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is  
149 repealed January 1, 2025.

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152 Research Center, is repealed on July 1, 2028.

153 (11) Subsection [53C-3-203\(4\)\(b\)\(vii\)](#), which provides for the distribution of money  
154 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other  
155 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

156 (12) Subsections [53E-3-503\(5\)](#) and (6), which create coordinating councils for youth in  
157 custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

158 (13) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2028:

159 (a) in Subsection [53E-4-202\(8\)](#), the language "by a standards review committee and the  
160 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section [53E-4-203](#)" is  
161 repealed; and

162 (b) Section [53E-4-203](#) is repealed.

163 (14) Section [53E-4-402](#), which creates the State Instructional Materials Commission, is  
164 repealed July 1, 2027.

165 (15) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is  
166 repealed July 1, 2033.

167 (16) Section [53F-2-420](#), which creates the Intensive Services Special Education Pilot  
168 Program, is repealed July 1, 2024.

169 (17) Section [53F-5-213](#) is repealed July 1, 2023.

170 (18) Section [53F-5-214](#), in relation to a grant for professional learning, is repealed July  
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172 (19) Section [53F-5-215](#), in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant, is  
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287 [~~(22)~~] (23) (a) Subsection [53F-9-201.1\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#), in relation to the use of funds from a  
288 loss in enrollment for certain fiscal years, is repealed on July 1, 2030.

289 (b) On July 1, 2030, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall  
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299 Section 5. **Effective date.**

300 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.