

Senator Michael K. McKell proposes the following substitute bill:

**PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires a local education agency (LEA) to use semesters or quarter for the LEA's school schedule.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires an LEA to use semesters or quarters for the LEA's school schedule.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53G-7-224**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53G-7-224** is enacted to read:

**53G-7-224. School schedules.**

(1) As used in this section:



26 (a) "Alternative high school" means a public education program established by an LEA  
27 that:

28 (i) is designed to meet the needs of a student ages 14 through 18 who is at risk of not  
29 graduating from a traditional high school for reasons including:

30 (A) academic credit deficiency;

31 (B) history of suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary issues;

32 (C) pregnancy, parenthood, or a need to work during regular school hours;

33 (D) physical or mental health conditions; or

34 (E) homelessness or unstable home environment; and

35 (ii) features an environment tailored toward an at-risk student population through  
36 elements including:

37 (A) flexible school schedules;

38 (B) online or blended course options in addition to in-person instruction;

39 (C) life skills components; and

40 (D) college and career readiness support.

41 (b) "LEA" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53E-1-102](#).

42 (c) "School schedule" means the planned allocation of instructional time for courses  
43 throughout a school year.

44 (2) Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year and except as provided in Subsection (3),  
45 an LEA shall adopt a school schedule consisting only of semesters or quarters.

46 (3) An LEA may adopt a school schedule other than the type of school schedule  
47 described in Subsection (2) if:

48 (a) the LEA is a charter school;

49 (b) the LEA is a school district and all schools within the school district have the same  
50 school schedule; or

51 (c) the school within the LEA is an alternative high school.

52 **Section 2. Effective date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.