

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill directs the establishment of the Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- directs the establishment of the Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program to provide certain higher education opportunities to students in certain custody; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-10-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 220 and 365

ENACTS:

53B-30-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53B-30-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953



RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

53B-30-201, (Renumbered from 53B-16-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 365)

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

Section 1. Section **53B-30-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 30. DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY

53B-30-101. Title.

This chapter is known as "Dixie State University."

Section 2. Section **53B-30-201**, which is renumbered from Section 53B-16-501 is renumbered and amended to read:

Part 2. Nonprofit Corporations or Foundations

~~[53B-16-501].~~ **53B-30-201. Nonprofit corporations or foundations -- Purpose.**

(1) Dixie State University may form a nonprofit corporation or foundation controlled by the president of the university and the board to aid and assist the university in attaining its charitable, communications, and other related educational objectives, including support for media innovation, film festivals, film production, print media, broadcasting, television, and digital media.

(2) The nonprofit corporation or foundation may receive and administer legislative appropriations, government grants, contracts, and private gifts to carry out its public purposes.

Section 3. Section **53B-30-301** is enacted to read:

Part 3. Incarcerated Youth Program

53B-30-301. Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Interactive video conferencing" means two-way, real-time transmission of audio and video signals between devices or computers at two or more locations.

(b) "Program" means the Dixie State University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program.

(c) "Student" means an individual who is:

59 (i) in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services within the timeframe of
60 the course being offered; and

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

62 (2) Consistent with policies established by the board, Dixie State University shall,
63 subject to legislative appropriation, establish and administer the Dixie State University Higher
64 Education for Incarcerated Youth Program to provide:

65 (a) students needing high school credits opportunities for concurrent enrollment
66 courses;

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

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

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

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

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

76 Section 4. Section **53E-10-301** is amended to read:

77 **53E-10-301. Definitions.**

78 As used in this part:

79 (1) "Career and technical education course" means a concurrent enrollment course in
80 career and technical education, as determined by the policy established by the Utah Board of
81 Higher Education under Section **53E-10-302**.

82 (2) "Concurrent enrollment" means enrollment in a course offered through the
83 concurrent enrollment program described in Section **53E-10-302**.

84 (3) "Educator" means the same as that term is defined in Section **53E-6-102**.

85 (4) "Eligible instructor" means an instructor who meets the requirements described in
86 Subsection **53E-10-302(6)**.

87 (5) "Eligible student" means a student who:

88 (a) (i) is enrolled in, and counted in average daily membership in, a public school
89 within the state; or

(ii) is in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services and subject to the jurisdiction of the Youth Parole Authority;

(b) has on file a plan for college and career readiness as described in Section 53E-2-304; and

(c) is in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12.

(6) "Institution of higher education" means an institution described in Subsection 53B-1-102(1)(a).

(7) "License" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.

(8) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.

(9) "Qualifying experience" means an LEA employee's experience in an academic field that:

(a) qualifies the LEA employee to teach a concurrent enrollment course in the academic field; and

(b) may include the LEA employee's:

(i) number of years teaching in the academic field;

(ii) holding a higher level secondary teaching credential issued by the state board;

(iii) research, publications, or other scholarly work in the academic field;

(iv) continuing professional education in the academic field;

(v) portfolio of work related to the academic field; or

(vi) professional work experience or certifications in the academic field.

(10) "Value of the weighted pupil unit" means the amount established each year in the enacted public education budget that is multiplied by the number of weighted pupil units to yield the funding level for the basic state-supported school program.