

Representative LaVar Christensen proposes the following substitute bill:

UTAH PUBLIC EDUCATION REVIEW AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: LaVar Christensen

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill extends the time and enacts provisions as necessary to complete the review and strategic planning for Utah's public education system.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the legislative auditor to review the effectiveness of education policies and programs by November 30, 2018;
- requires the State Board of Education to prepare and submit a complete and updated 10-year plan to the Education Interim Committee by November 30, 2019; and
- requires the Education Interim Committee to review the updated and revised 10-year plan, recommend changes, and consider legislation that would implement the updated 10-year plan.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:



26 **53A-1-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **53A-1-103** is enacted to read:

30 **53A-1-103. Comprehensive review of education policies and programs.**

31 (1) (a) As provided in Section **53A-1-101**, the state public education system is
32 responsible for and committed to achieving and upholding best practices and the most effective
33 and efficient measures for the highest quality education of Utah's students.

34 (b) To fully and timely accomplish the provisions and requirements of Section
35 **53A-1-102.5**, the following provisions are adopted.

36 (2) Before November 30, 2018, and subject to the prioritization of the audit
37 subcommittee, the legislative auditor general shall conduct an independent performance history
38 audit of the educational policies and programs of the state public education system to fulfill the
39 requirements of this section and Section **53A-1-102.5**.

40 (3) (a) Before November 30, 2019, the State Board of Education shall:

41 (i) revise, update, and supplement the 10-year plan provided in Section **53A-1-102.5**
42 based on the program audit findings and recommendations authorized and provided in
43 Subsection (2); and

44 (ii) present the completed and updated proposed 10-year plan for Utah's public
45 education system to the Education Interim Committee, including:

46 (A) recommendations for the repeal of prior provisions of code that are outdated and
47 no longer applicable or necessary; and

48 (B) recommendations to facilitate the recodification of Title 53A, State System of
49 Public Education, by the Legislature before July, 2020.

50 (b) The completed and updated 10-year plan shall be prepared and presented by the
51 State Board of Education following and based on thorough and careful consideration of the
52 audit report, as provided in this section.

53 (c) (i) As fundamentally stated and recognized in Section **53A-1-101**, civic readiness
54 and informed and responsible citizenship shall also be a significant focus and guiding principle
55 of public education in the state.

56 (ii) The focus and principles as referenced in Subsection (c)(i) shall be included in the

development and implementation of the completed and updated 10-year plan provided in this section.

(4) (a) The Education Interim Committee shall:

(i) hear and receive from the State Board of Education and the legislative auditor the supporting report and recommendations upon which the completed and updated 10-year plan is to be based;

(ii) recommend changes to the updated 10-year plan; and

(iii) consider legislation, if necessary, to implement the completed and updated 10-year plan.

(b) All efforts leading up to final adoption of the completed and updated 10-year plan, including all periodic updates thereafter, as provided in Subsection [53A-1-102.5](#) (2), shall reflect the ongoing collaboration of the elected representatives of the parents of the students throughout the state as described in Section [53A-1-101](#).