

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karen Kwan

Senate Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Transportation Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 16 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

General Description:

This bill establishes a workgroup on unaccompanied minors and autonomous vehicles.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- establishes a temporary workgroup to study issues related to unaccompanied minors and autonomous vehicles; and
- requires reports from the workgroup.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

41-26-109, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63I-2-241, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **41-26-109** is enacted to read:

41-26-109. Autonomous Vehicles and Unaccompanied Minors Workgroup.

(1) As used in this section, "unaccompanied minor" means a person under 18 years old that is not under the supervision of an adult.

(2) There is created the Autonomous Vehicles and Unaccompanied Minors Workgroup consisting of the following members:

(a) one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;

(b) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(c) the executive director of the Department of Transportation appointed under Section [72-1-202](#), or the executive director's designee;

(d) the executive director of a large public transit district as defined in Section [17B-2a-802](#), or the executive director's designee;

(e) the commissioner of public safety appointed under Section [53-1-107](#), or the commissioner's designee;

(f) the state superintendent of public instruction appointed under Section [53E-3-301](#), or the state superintendent's designee;

(g) the director of the Division of Child and Family Services appointed under Section [62A-4a-104](#), or the director's designee;

(h) four representatives of the on-demand autonomous vehicle network industry appointed by the chairs of the workgroup, including one representative from an industry group;

(i) one representative from the Utah Private Child Care Association, designated by the executive director of the Utah Private Child Care Association;

(j) one representative of persons with a physical disability or mobility impairment appointed by the chairs of the workgroup; and

(k) one representative from a parent organization related to education appointed by the chairs of the workgroup.

(3) The member of the House of Representatives and the member of the Senate are the chairs of the workgroup.

(4) (a) A majority of the members of the workgroup constitutes a quorum.

59 (b) The action of the majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the workgroup.

60 (5) A member of the workgroup may not receive compensation, benefits, per diem, or
61 travel expenses for the member's service on the workgroup.

62 (6) A large public transit district as defined in Section [17B-2a-802](#) shall provide staff
63 support to the workgroup.

64 (7) The workgroup shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

65 (a) identifying different types of on-demand autonomous vehicle networks;

66 (b) unique considerations related to unaccompanied minors and on-demand
67 autonomous vehicle networks; and

68 (c) any additional issue that the workgroup determines is an important issue related to
69 unaccompanied minors and on-demand autonomous vehicle networks.

70 (8) The workgroup shall present an annual report on the items described in Subsection
71 (7), including any legislative recommendations, to the Transportation Interim Committee, with
72 a final report on or before September 30, 2022.

73 Section 2. Section **63I-2-241** is enacted to read:

74 **63I-2-241. Repeal dates -- Title 41.**

75 Section [41-26-109](#) is repealed on January 1, 2023.