

UTAH EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: LaVar Christensen

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions regarding statewide policies and planning for Utah's public education system.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
 - work with the legislative auditor to review the effectiveness of education programs by November 30, 2018; and
 - prepare and submit a revised 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 revised 10-year plan.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-1-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

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

(1) As provided in Section [53A-1-101](#), the state public education system is responsible for and committed to achieving and upholding best practices and the most effective and efficient measures for the highest quality education of Utah's students through combined collaboration by and between the parents of the students in the state and their elected representatives.

(2) (a) Before November 30, 2018, the State Board of Education shall supplement, update, and complete the reports required by Section [53A-1-102.5](#) by providing a comprehensive and substantive analysis of the educational policies and programs and the resulting performance history of the state public education system.

(b) The State Board of Education shall coordinate with the legislative auditor to provide program audit findings and recommendations and to fulfill the requirements of this section and Section [53A-1-102.5](#).

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

(i) revise, update, and supplement the 10-year plan provided in Section [53A-1-102.5](#) based on the program audit findings and recommendations authorized and provided in Subsection (2)(b); and

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

(A) recommendations for the repeal of prior provisions of code that are outdated and no longer applicable or necessary; and

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

(b) The revised and updated 10-year strategic plan and vision shall be prepared and presented by the State Board of Education following and based on thorough and careful consideration of the supporting supplemental report and history, as provided in this section.

(c) (i) As fundamentally stated and recognized in Section [53A-1-101](#), civic readiness and informed and responsible citizenship shall also be a significant focus and guiding principle

59 of public education in the state.

60 (ii) The principles of Subsection (c)(i) shall be included in the development and
61 implementation of the completed 10-year plan provided in this section.

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

63 (i) hear and receive from the State Board of Education and the legislative auditor the
64 supporting report and recommendations upon which the completed 10-year plan and strategic
65 vision are to be based;

66 (ii) recommend changes to the 10-year plan and strategic vision; and

67 (iii) consider legislation, if necessary, to implement the 10-year plan and strategic
68 vision.

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

Legislative Review Note
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