

**PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT PLANS**

**AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David G. Buxton**

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

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program to address school discipline and conduct issues.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates a pilot grant program to support local education agencies in implementing multi-tiered systems of support;
- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-1-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 367, and 494

**63I-1-253 (Eff 07/01/24) (Cont Sup 01/01/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 310, 367, and 494



**63I-1-253 (Contingently Effective 01/01/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023,  
Chapters 30, 52, 133, 161, 187, 310, 367, and 494

ENACTS:

**53F-5-222**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53F-5-222** is enacted to read:

**53F-5-222. Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program .**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Evidence-based" means a program, policy, or initiative that is grounded in empirical data and scientifically supported.

(b) "LEA" means:

(i) a school district; or

(ii) a charter school.

(c) "Microcredential" means a short, competency-based recognition that allows an educator to demonstrate mastery in a particular area.

(d) "Multi-tiered systems of support" means a proactive and preventative framework that integrates data and instruction to maximize student achievement and support a student's behavior needs.

(e) "Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program" or "program" means the pilot program created in Subsection (2).

(2) There is created a three-year pilot program known as the Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program to provide funding to LEAs to design and implement school-wide systems of proactive, evidence-based supports to improve student behavior and reduce discipline incidents using multi-tiered systems of support.

(3) The state board shall:

(a) in accordance with this section and subject to legislative appropriations, award a grant to a participating LEA;

(b) in selecting participating LEAs, prioritize LEAs that:

(i) emphasize evidence-based practices; and

(ii) effectively demonstrate need and existing ability to implement school-wide

59 multi-tiered systems of support at certain schools within the LEA;

60 (c) strive to select participating LEAs:

61 (i) from a variety of geographic areas within the state;

62 (ii) representing students with diverse socioeconomic backgrounds; and

63 (iii) with a range of student population sizes; and

64 (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

65 make rules establishing:

66 (i) an application process for an LEA to apply to participate in the program including:

67 (A) a proposal that describes the LEA's plan for implementation of a multi-tiered  
68 system of support;

69 (B) program elements that incorporate evidence-based practices for effective  
70 multi-tiered systems of support; and

71 (C) the schools within the participating LEA that will implement the proposed plan;

72 (ii) a process for assessing the outcomes that includes teacher and administrator  
73 feedback;

74 (iii) required program timelines; and

75 (iv) a funding distribution formula for the grant awards.

76 (4) The board shall develop a microcredential with courses to train teachers in  
77 implementing multi-tiered systems of support in schools that includes:

78 (a) an introduction to multi-tiered systems of support including:

79 (i) overview and definitions;

80 (ii) core principles and values;

81 (iii) differences from traditional approaches; and

82 (iv) research foundations;

83 (b) Tier 1 supports including:

84 (i) high-quality core instruction;

85 (ii) screening;

86 (iii) data-based decision making;

87 (iv) evidence-based interventions; and

88 (v) progress monitoring;

89 (c) Tier 2 supports including:

- (i) targeted group interventions;
- (ii) formation of intervention teams;
- (iii) additional screening and data collection;
- (iv) regular progress monitoring; and
- (v) adaptation of interventions based on response;
- (d) Tier 3 supports including:
  - (i) intensive, personalized interventions;
  - (ii) comprehensive evaluations and problem analysis;
  - (iii) individualized action plans;
  - (iv) frequent progress monitoring; and
  - (v) consideration of specialized placements;
- (e) implementation planning needs including:
  - (i) leadership and staff buy-in;
  - (ii) infrastructure and capacity building;
  - (iii) layered professional development; and
  - (iv) gradual rollout sequence; and
- (f) other topics including:
  - (i) multi-tiered systems of support for academics, behavior, and mental health needs;
  - (ii) parental involvement; and
  - (iii) evidence-based interventions and programs.

(5) A participating LEA shall:

- (a) disseminate information to teachers regarding the microcredential described in

Subsection (4); and

- (b) use grant funds to develop and implement the LEA's proposal for a multi-tiered system of support.

(6) A teacher at a participating LEA shall receive stipends upon completion of modules within the microcredential courses as follows:

- (a) \$100 for completion of the introduction module;
- (b) \$300 each for completion of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 modules; and
- (c) \$1000 for completion of an action plan project module that requires a teacher to:
  - (i) create a school or classroom plan that follows the LEA's multi-tiered system of

support in coordination with the school's administrator;

(ii) address certain identified behaviors the teacher will address; and

(iii) submit research, evidence, and a reflection paper regarding the results of the project.

(7) Subject to legislative appropriations, the state board shall provide funds to a participating LEA to pay the stipends for qualifying teachers as described in Subsection (6).

(8) The board shall designate at least one staff position to:

(a) provide oversight and technical support for the program and its implementation;

(b) verify eligibility of teacher stipends described in Subsection (6); and

(c) support data collection, reporting, and program evaluation.

(9) Upon request of the Education Interim Committee, the state board shall report to the Education Interim Committee on the pilot program's progress and outcomes.

Section 2. Section **63I-1-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)** is amended to read:

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(1) Section **53-2a-105**, which creates the Emergency Management Administration Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

(2) Sections **53-2a-1103** and **53-2a-1104**, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, are repealed July 1, 2027.

(3) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(4) Section **53B-6-105.5**, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(5) Section **53B-7-709**, regarding five-year performance goals for the Utah System of Higher Education is repealed July 1, 2027.

(6) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

(7) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

(8) Section **53B-17-1203**, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.

(9) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

(10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure

Research Center, is repealed on July 1, 2028.

(11) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), which provides for the distribution of money from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

(12) Subsections 53E-3-503(5) and (6), which create coordinating councils for youth in custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.

(13) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2028:

(a) in Subsection 53E-4-202(8), the language "by a standards review committee and the recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section 53E-4-203" is repealed; and

(b) Section 53E-4-203 is repealed.

(14) Section 53E-4-402, which creates the State Instructional Materials Commission, is repealed July 1, 2027.

(15) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is repealed July 1, 2033.

(16) Section 53F-2-420, which creates the Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2024.

(17) Section 53F-5-213 is repealed July 1, 2023.

(18) Section 53F-5-214, in relation to a grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(19) Section 53F-5-215, in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(20) Section 53F-5-219, which creates the Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed on July 1, 2025.

(21) Section 53F-5-222, Strategic Tiered Engagement for Positive Schooling Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2027.

~~[(21)]~~ (22) Subsection 53F-9-203(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving Account Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.

~~[(22)]~~ (23) Subsections 53G-4-608(2)(b) and (4)(b), related to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.

~~[(23)]~~ (24) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1,

2027.

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~~[(22)]~~ (23) (a) Subsection [53F-9-201.1](#)(2)(b)(ii), in relation to the use of funds from a loss in enrollment for certain fiscal years, is repealed on July 1, 2030.

(b) On July 1, 2030, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

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Section 5. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.