

COLLEGE OF MINES AND EARTH SCIENCES**AMENDMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires that the College of Mines and Earth Sciences be transferred from the University of Utah to Utah State University Eastern.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires that the College of Mines and Earth Sciences and all departments in the college, the Utah Engineering Experiment Station established in conjunction with the College of Mines and Earth Sciences, and the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity, be transferred from the University of Utah to Utah State University Eastern before the beginning of the fall semester of 2022.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

40-2-205, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 27

53B-17-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1988, Chapter 32



53B-17-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1989, Chapter 22

53B-17-403, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1987, Chapter 167

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

Section 1. Section **40-2-205** is amended to read:

40-2-205. Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity --

Designation -- Duties.

(1) As used in this section[~~,"institute"~~];

(a) "College" means the College of Mines and Earth Sciences established in Section 53B-17-401.

(b) "Institute" means the [University of] Utah Center for Mining Safety and Health Excellence, designated as the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity in Subsection (2).

(2) The [University of] Utah Center for Mining Safety and Health Excellence is designated as the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity.

(3) In coordination with the council, the institute may:

(a) organize symposia, presentations, or other academic meetings; and

(b) identify and propose research projects on topics related to mining safety and productivity.

(4) (a) The institute shall transfer to Utah State University Eastern no later than August 31, 2022, in conjunction with the transfer of the college described in Section 53B-17-401.

(b) Following the transfer of the institute, the institute shall be located in the geographic region served by Utah State University Eastern.

Section 2. Section **53B-17-401** is amended to read:

53B-17-401. College of Mines and Earth Sciences -- Beneficiary of land grants --

Courses of study.

(1) As used in this section "college" means the College of Mines and Earth Sciences established in this section.

(2) There is established a College of Mines and Earth Sciences [~~at the University of Utah~~].

~~[(2)]~~ (3) The college is the beneficiary of all land grants and appropriations made or to

be made by the United States to the state for the establishment and maintenance of a school of mines.

(4) The college, including all departments within the college, shall transfer to Utah State University Eastern no later than August 31, 2022.

(5) Following the transfer of the college to Utah State University Eastern:

(a) faculty of the college at the University of Utah shall:

(i) retain their positions within the college at Utah State University Eastern; or

(ii) be offered a comparable position at the University of Utah; and

(b) Utah State University Eastern shall be the beneficiary of all land grants and appropriations described in Subsection (3), and the proceeds from land described in Subsection (3).

~~[(3)]~~ (6) (a) The college [may] shall offer [courses] accredited degrees in and related to mining, metallurgical engineering, and electrical engineering, [and other branches of engineering that pertain to mining] including mineral processing and extractive metallurgy.

(b) The college may offer courses in electrical engineering, geology, geophysics, industrial safety, mineral resource management, and other areas pertinent to the viability and sustainability of the state's mineral resources industries.

Section 3. Section **53B-17-402** is amended to read:

53B-17-402. Utah Engineering Experiment Station.

(1) As used in this section, "station" means the Utah Engineering Experiment Station established in this section.

(2) There is established a Utah Engineering Experiment Station in conjunction with the College of Mines and Earth Sciences.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) [The] Except as provided in Subsection (4), the station is controlled and managed by the University of Utah.

(4) (a) The station shall transfer to Utah State University Eastern no later than August 31, 2022, in conjunction with the transfer of the College of Mines and Earth Sciences described in Subsection [53B-17-401](#)(4).

(b) Following the transfer of the station, the station shall be:

(i) controlled and managed by Utah State University Eastern; and

(ii) located in the geographic region served by Utah State University Eastern.

Section 4. Section **53B-17-403** is amended to read:

53B-17-403. Functions of the station.

(1) As used in this section, "station" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53B-17-402](#).

[~~(1)~~] (2) The station has the following functions:

(a) to conduct experiments and investigations on matters that have the potential to benefit the state's industrial interests or would be for the public good; and

(b) to inform the public of the results of the experiments and investigations conducted by the station.

[~~(2)~~] (3) The station is not to conduct experiments or investigations on those matters that more properly relate to the functions of Utah State University's agricultural experiment station established in Section [53B-18-101](#).

[~~(3)~~] (4) (a) [~~The~~] Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the University of Utah [~~makes~~] shall make an annual report on the [~~engineering experiment~~] station to the governor at a time designated by the governor.

(b) Following the transfer of the station to Utah State University Eastern described in Section [53B-17-402](#), Utah State University Eastern shall make an annual report on the station to the governor at a time designated by the governor.