

Ryan D. Wilcox proposes the following substitute bill:

School Safety Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies school safety provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies communication device requirements for new construction to post-completion determination;
- revises screening and training requirements for school safety personnel;
- adjusts school safety personnel provisions;
- changes safety assessment deadlines and frequency;
- establishes a school safety foundation for certain purposes;
- creates compliance supports;
- modifies certain administrative structures within the school safety program; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$50,000,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

15A-5-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 21, 381

53-22-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

53-22-104.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

53-22-104.2, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21

29 **53-22-105**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
30 **53-22-106**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
31 **53B-28-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 65, 378
32 **53B-28-403**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 332
33 **53E-1-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 3, 460 and 525
34 **53G-8-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
35 **53G-8-701**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
36 **53G-8-701.5**, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
37 **53G-8-701.6**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
38 **53G-8-701.8**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
39 **53G-8-704**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
40 **53G-8-802**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 23
41 **53G-8-803**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
42 **53G-8-805**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 21
43 **53G-9-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 520
44 **53G-9-703**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 20
45 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5
46 **63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapters 5, 5

47 ENACTS:

48 **53-22-108**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
49 **53-22-109**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
50 **53-25-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

51 REPEALS:

52 **53F-4-208**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 383

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

55 Section 1. Section **15A-5-203** is amended to read:

56 **15A-5-203 . Amendments and additions to IFC related to fire safety, building,**
57 **and site requirements.**

58 (1) For IFC, Chapter 5, Fire Service Features:

- 59 (a) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 501.5, Access grade and fire flow, is added as
60 follows: "An authority having jurisdiction over a structure built in accordance with
61 the requirements of the International Residential Code as adopted in the State
62 Construction Code, may require an automatic fire sprinkler system for the structure

only by ordinance and only if any of the following conditions exist:

(i) the structure:

- (A) is located in an urban-wildland interface area as provided in the Utah Wildland Urban Interface Code adopted as a construction code under the State Construction Code; and
- (B) does not meet the requirements described in Utah Code, Subsection 65A-8-203 (4)(a) and Utah Administrative Code, R652-122-1300, Minimum Standards for County Wildland Fire Ordinance;

(ii) the structure is in an area where a public water distribution system with fire hydrants does not exist as required in Utah Administrative Code, R309-550-5, Water Main Design;

(iii) the only fire apparatus access road has a grade greater than 10% for more than 500 continual feet;

(iv) the total floor area of all floor levels within the exterior walls of the dwelling unit exceeds 10,000 square feet; or

(v) the total floor area of all floor levels within the exterior walls of the dwelling unit is double the average of the total floor area of all floor levels of unsprinkled homes in the subdivision that are no larger than 10,000 square feet.

(vi) Exception: A single family dwelling does not require a fire sprinkler system if the dwelling:

- (A) is located outside the wildland urban interface;
- (B) is built in a one-lot subdivision; and
- (C) has 50 feet of defensible space on all sides that limits the propensity of fire spreading from the dwelling to another property."

(b) In IFC, Chapter 5, Section 506.1, Where Required, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official, after consultation with the building owner, may require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official. For each fire jurisdiction that has at least one building with a required key box, the fire jurisdiction shall adopt an ordinance, resolution, or other operating rule or policy that creates a process to ensure that each key to each key box is properly accounted for and secure."

(c) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 507.1.1, Isolated one- and two-family dwellings, is added as follows: "Fire flow may be reduced for an isolated one- and two-family dwelling when the authority having jurisdiction over the dwelling determines that the development of a full fire-flow requirement is impractical."

(d) In IFC, Chapter 5, a new Section 507.1.2, Pre-existing subdivision lots, is added as follows: "507.1.2 Pre-existing subdivision lots.

The requirements for a pre-existing subdivision lot shall not exceed the requirements described in Section 501.5."

(e) In IFC, Chapter 5, Section 507.5.1, here required, a new exception is added: "3. One interior and one detached accessory dwelling unit on a single residential lot."

(f)(i) IFC, Chapter 5, Section 510.1, Emergency responder communication coverage in new buildings, is amended by adding: "When required by the fire code official, unless the new building is a public school as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-205.1 or a private school, [then] if determined by the fire code official to be necessary after construction of the new building is completed, then the fire code official shall require," at the beginning of the first paragraph.

(ii) For public and private schools, an initial radio coverage test must be conducted by a qualified professional using appropriate testing equipment, and a report of the results must be submitted to the fire code official. Subsequent routine testing may be conducted by the fire code official using basic equipment. The fire code official may require additional professional testing if routine testing indicates potential issues with radio coverage.

(2) For IFC, Chapter 6, Building Services and Systems:

(a) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 604.6.1, Elevator key location, is deleted and rewritten as follows: "Firefighter service keys shall be kept in a "Supra-Stor-a-key" elevator key box or similar box with corresponding key system that is adjacent to the elevator for immediate use by the fire department. The key box shall contain one key for each elevator, one key for lobby control, and any other keys necessary for emergency service. The elevator key box shall be accessed using a 6049 numbered key."

(b) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 606.1, General, is amended as follows: On line three, after the word "Code", add the words "and NFPA 96".

(c) IFC, Chapter 6, Section 607.2, a new exception 5 is added as follows: "5. A Type 1 hood is not required for a cooking appliance in a microenterprise home kitchen, as that term is defined in Utah Code, Section 26B-7-401, for which the operator obtains

a permit in accordance with Section 26B-7-416."

(3) IFC, Chapter 7, Fire and Smoke Protection Features, Section 702.5, is deleted.

Section 2. Section **53-22-103** is amended to read:

53-22-103 . County sheriff responsibilities -- Coordination.

(1) Each county sheriff shall identify an individual as a county security chief within the sheriff's office to coordinate security responsibilities, protocols, and required trainings between the state security chief, the county sheriff's office, and the corresponding police chiefs whose jurisdiction includes a public school within the county.

(2) The county security chief shall:

(a) in collaboration with the school safety and security specialist described in Section 53G-8-701.6 and a member of the local law enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section 53-25-601:

(i) ~~[conduct, or coordinate]~~ administer or coordinate with a designee from the local law enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction to ~~[conduct]~~ participate in, by any appropriate means the county security chief determines, the school safety needs assessment described in Section 53G-8-701.5; and

(ii) ~~[conduct a building safety evaluation at least annually using]~~ review the results of the school safety needs assessment to recommend and implement improvements to school facilities, policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating to school safety and security;

(b) collaborate and maintain effective communications regarding school safety with each:

(i) school safety and security specialist in the county security chief's county, as described in Section 53G-8-701.6;

(ii) school safety and security director in the county security chief's county, as described in Section 53G-8-701.8; and

(iii) local law enforcement agency within the county;

(c) administer with the corresponding police chiefs whose jurisdiction includes a public school, the trainings described in Sections 53-22-105 and 53G-8-704, including:

(i) assessing if an individual is capable of the duties and responsibilities that the trainings cover; and

(ii) denying an individual the ability to be a school safety personnel described in Section 53G-8-701.5 if the county security chief finds the individual is not capable of the duties and responsibilities that the trainings cover; and

- (d) in conjunction with the state security chief, administer the school guardian program established in Section 53-22-105 at any school participating in the program in the county security chief's county.

Section 3. Section **53-22-104.1** is amended to read:

53-22-104.1 . School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem -- Report -- Expiration.

(1) There is created a School Security Task Force composed of the following members:

- (a) the House chair and vice chair of the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standing Committee during the 2024 General Session, with the House chair serving as the co-chair of the task force;
- (b) two members from the Senate, whom the president of the Senate selects and one of whom the president of the Senate appoints as co-chair of the task force;
- (c) the state security chief;
- (d) one member of the State Board of Education, whom the chair of State Board of Education selects;
- (e) a member of the School Safety Center or designee, whom the state security chief selects;
- (f) the director of the Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Youth Services or the director's designee;
- (g) a member of the Utah School Superintendents Association, whom the chairs select;
- (h) the Commissioner of Higher Education or the commissioner's designee;
- (i) a school security expert, whom the state security chief selects;
- (j) the chief information security officer described in Section 63A-16-210 or the chief's designee;
- (k) the director of a school safety foundation established under Section 53-22-108 or the director's designee;
- ~~(h)~~ (l) one member of the Chiefs of Police Association from a county of the first or second class;
- ~~(i)~~ (m) one member of the Sheriff's Association from a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class, whom the president of the association selects;
- ~~(j)~~ (n) one county security chief, whom the state security chief selects;
- ~~(k)~~ (o) a school safety and security director, whom the chairs select;
- ~~(l)~~ (p) a school resource officer, whom the state security chief selects; and
- ~~(m)~~ (q) a member of the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, whom the chairs

199 select.

200 (2) The task force shall:

201 (a) review school safety updates;

202 (b) study possible recommendations for minimum cybersecurity standards for local

203 education agencies;

204 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) consult with the Education Advisory Board created in Section 53-22-104.2; and

205 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) develop legislation recommendations as necessary.

206 (3)(a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

207 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.

208 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff for the task

209 force.

210 (5)(a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be

211 paid in accordance with:

212 (i) Section 36-2-2;

213 (ii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 2, Lodging, Meal, and Transportation

214 Expenses; and

215 (iii) Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

216 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for

217 the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem and

218 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates

219 established by the Division of Finance under:

220 (i) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and

221 (ii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106

222 and 63A-3-107.

223 Section 4. Section **53-22-104.2** is amended to read:

224 **53-22-104.2 . The School Security Task Force -- Public Education Advisory**

225 **Board.**

226 (1) There is created an advisory board to the task force called the Public Education

227 Advisory Board.

228 (2) The advisory board shall consist of the following members:

229 (a) the state security chief, who acts as chair of the advisory board;

230 (b) the construction and facility specialist at the State Board of Education;

231 (c) the director of school safety and student services at the State Board of Education or

232 the director's designee;

- (d) a school nurse, whom the state security chief selects;
- (e) a school district technology director, whom the director of school safety and student services selects;
- [(e)] (f) a superintendent from a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(d)] (g) a superintendent from a county of the first, second, or third class, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(e)] (h) a charter school director ~~[from]~~ who is employed in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(f)] (i) a charter school director from a county of the first, second, or third class, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(g)] (j) the president of the Utah School Boards Association or the president's designee;
- [(h)] (k) a parent representative from a school community council or parent teacher organization, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(i)] (l) a facilities manager from an LEA in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(j)] (m) a facilities manager from an LEA in county of the first, second, or third class, whom the state security chief selects;
- [(k)] (n) a representative of private schools, whom the state security chief selects; and
- [(l)] (o) a member of the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, whom the state security chief selects.

(3) The advisory board's purpose is to:

- (a) review and provide input on official business of the task force;
- (b) provide recommendations and suggestions for the task force's consideration; and
- (c) study and evaluate the policies, procedures, and programs implemented for school safety and provide proactive information regarding the implementation.

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

- (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the advisory board.

(5)(a) The advisory board shall select two members to serve as co-chairs.

- (b) The co-chairs are responsible for the call and conduct of meetings.

(6) The staff of the state security chief shall provide staff for the advisory board.

(7) A member of the advisory board who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for the member's work associated with the task force but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates

established by the Division of Finance under:

(a) Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107; and

(b) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Section 5. Section **53-22-105** is amended to read:

53-22-105 . School guardian program.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Annual training" means an annual four-hour training that:

(i) a county security chief or a designee administers in coordination with personnel from local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section 53-25-601(2)(b);

(ii) the state security chief approves;

(iii) can be tailored to local needs;

(iv) allows an individual to practice and demonstrate firearms proficiency at a firearms range using the firearm the individual carries for self defense and defense of others;

(v) includes the following components:

(A) firearm safety, including safe storage of a firearm;

(B) de-escalation tactics;

(C) the role of mental health in incidents; and

(D) disability awareness and interactions; and

(vi) contains other training needs as determined by the state security chief.

(b) "Biannual training" means a twice-yearly training that:

(i) is at least four hours, unless otherwise approved by the state security chief;

(ii) a county security chief or a designee administers in coordination with personnel from local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section 53-25-601(2)(b);

(iii) the state security chief approves;

(iv) can be tailored to local needs; and

(v) through which a school guardian at a school or simulated school environment:

(A) receives training on the specifics of the building or buildings of the school, including the location of emergency supplies and security infrastructure; and

(B) participates in a live-action practice plan with school administrators in responding to active threats at the school; and

(vi) shall be taken with at least three months in between the two trainings.

(c) "Firearm" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-501.

(d) "Initial training" means an in-person training that:

(i) a county security chief or a designee administers in coordination with personnel from local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described in Section 53-25-601(2)(b);

(ii) the state security chief approves;

(iii) can be tailored to local needs; and

(iv) provides:

(A) training on general familiarity with the types of firearms that can be concealed for self-defense and defense of others;

(B) training on the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a school setting;

(C) training at a firearms range with instruction regarding firearms fundamentals, marksmanship, the demonstration and explanation of the difference between sight picture, sight alignment, and trigger control, and a recognized pistol course;

(D) current laws dealing with the lawful use of a firearm by a private citizen, including laws on self-defense, defense of others, transportation of firearms, and concealment of firearms;

(E) coordination with law enforcement officers in the event of an active threat;

(F) basic trauma first aid;

(G) the appropriate use of force, emphasizing the de-escalation of force and alternatives to using force;

(H) situational response evaluations, including:

(I) protecting and securing a crime or accident scene;

(II) notifying law enforcement;

(III) controlling information; and

(IV) other training that the county sheriff, designee, or department deems appropriate.

(e) "Program" means the school guardian program created in this section.

(f)(i) "School employee" means an employee of a school whose duties and responsibilities require the employee to be physically present at a school's campus while school is in session.

(ii) "School employee" does not include a principal, teacher, or individual whose primary responsibilities require the employee to be primarily present in a classroom to teach, care for, or interact with students, unless:

(A) the principal, teacher, or individual is employed at a school with ~~[100]~~ 350 or fewer students;

(B) the principal, teacher, or individual is employed at a school with adjacent campuses as determined by the state security chief; or

(C) as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3).

(g) "School guardian" means a school employee who meets the requirements of Subsection (3).

(2)(a)(i) There is created within the department the school guardian program[;] .

(ii) ~~[the]~~ The state security chief shall oversee the school guardian program[;] .

(iii) ~~[the]~~ The applicable county security chief shall administer the school guardian program in each county.

(b) The state security chief shall ensure that the school guardian program includes:

(i) initial training;

(ii) biannual training; and

(iii) annual training.

(c) A county sheriff may partner or contract with:

(i) another county sheriff to support the respective county security chiefs in jointly administering the school guardian program in the relevant counties; and

(ii) a local law enforcement agency of relevant jurisdiction to provide the:

(A) initial training;

(B) biannual training; and

(C) annual training.

(3)(a) A school employee that volunteers to participate is eligible to join the program as a school guardian if:

(i) the school administrator approves the volunteer school employee to be designated as a school guardian;

(ii) the school employee satisfactorily completes initial training within six months before the day on which the school employee joins the program;

(iii) the school employee holds a valid concealed carry permit issued under ~~[Title 53,]~~ Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act;

(iv) the school employee certifies to the sheriff of the county where the school is

- 369 located that the school employee has undergone the training in accordance with
370 Subsection (3)(a)(ii) and intends to serve as a school guardian; and
- 371 (v) the school employee~~[- successfully completes a mental health screening selected~~
372 ~~by the state security chief in collaboration with the Office of Substance Abuse and~~
373 ~~Mental Health established in Section 26B-5-102.] :~~
- 374 (A) completes an initial "fit to carry" assessment the Department of Health and
375 Human Services approves and a provider administers; and
- 376 (B) maintains compliance with mental health screening requirements consistent
377 with law enforcement standards.
- 378 (b) After joining the program a school guardian shall complete annual training and
379 biannual training to retain the designation of a school guardian in the program.
- 380 (4) The state security chief shall:
- 381 (a) for each school that participates in the program, track each school guardian at the
382 school by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each
383 guardian;
- 384 (b) make the information described in Subsection (4)(a) readily available to each law
385 enforcement agency in the state categorized by school; and
- 386 (c) provide each school guardian with a one-time stipend of \$500.
- 387 (5) A school guardian:
- 388 (a) may store the school guardian's firearm on the grounds of a school only if:
- 389 (i) the firearm is stored in a biometric gun safe;
- 390 (ii) the biometric gun safe is located in the school guardian's office; and
- 391 (iii) the school guardian is physically present on the grounds of the school while the
392 firearm is stored in the safe;
- 393 (b) shall carry the school guardian's firearm in a concealed manner; and
- 394 (c) may not, unless during an active threat, display or open carry a firearm while on
395 school grounds.
- 396 (6) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), this section does not prohibit an individual who
397 has a valid concealed carry permit but is not participating in the program from carrying a
398 firearm on the grounds of a public school or charter school under Subsection 76-10-505.5
- 399 (4).
- 400 (7) A school guardian:
- 401 (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and
- 402 (b) may, at the school where the school guardian is employed:

- (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat; and
- (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school guardian has reasonable cause to believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a forcible felony, as that term is defined in Section 76-2-402.

(8) A school may designate a single volunteer or multiple volunteers to participate in the school guardian program to satisfy the school safety personnel requirements of Section 53G-8-701.5.

(9) The department may adopt, according to Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, rules to administer this section.

(10) A school guardian who has active status in the guardian program is not liable for any civil damages or penalties if the school guardian:

(a) when carrying or storing a firearm:

- (i) is acting in good faith; and
- (ii) is not grossly negligent; or

(b) threatens, draws, or otherwise uses a firearm reasonably believing the action to be necessary in compliance with Section 76-2-402.

(11) A school guardian shall file a report described in Subsection (12) if, during the performance of the school guardian's duties, the school guardian points a firearm at an individual.

(12)(a) A report described in Subsection (11) shall include:

- (i) a description of the incident;
- (ii) the identification of the individuals involved in the incident; and
- (iii) any other information required by the state security chief.

(b) A school guardian shall submit a report required under Subsection (11) to the school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief within 48 hours after the incident.

(c) The school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief shall consult and review the report submitted under Subsection (12)(b).

(13) The requirements of Subsections (11) and (12) do not apply to a training exercise.

(14) A school guardian may have the designation of school guardian revoked at any time by the school principal, county sheriff, or state security chief.

(15)(a) Any information or record created detailing a school guardian's participation in the program is:

- (i) a private, controlled, or protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government

Records Access and Management Act; and

(ii) available only to:

(A) the state security chief;

(B) administrators at the school guardian's school;

(C) if applicable, other school safety personnel described in Section 53G-8-701.5;

(D) a local law enforcement agency that would respond to the school in case of an emergency; and

(E) the individual designated by the county sheriff in accordance with Section 53-22-103 of the county of the school where the school guardian in the program is located.

(b) The information or record described in Subsection (15)(a) includes information related to the school guardian's identity and activity within the program as described in this section and any personal identifying information of a school guardian participating in the program collected or obtained during initial training, annual training, and biannual training.

(c) An individual who intentionally or knowingly provides the information described in Subsection (15)(a) to an individual or entity not listed in Subsection (15)(a)(ii) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

Section 6. Section **53-22-106** is amended to read:

53-22-106 . Substantial threats against a school reporting requirements --

Exceptions.

(1) As used in this section, "substantial threat" means a threat made with serious intent to cause harm.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), if a state employee or person in a position of special trust as defined in Section 76-5-404.1, including an individual licensed under Title 58, Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, has reason to believe a substantial threat against a school, school employee, or student attending a school or is aware of circumstances that would reasonably result in a substantial threat against a school, school employee, or student attending a school, the state employee or person in a position of special trust shall immediately report the suspected substantial threat to:

~~[(a) the state security chief;]~~

~~[(b)]~~ (a) the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact; ~~[or]~~

~~[(c)]~~ (b) ~~[to]~~the nearest peace officer or law enforcement agency~~[-]~~ ; and

471 (c) the state security chief.

472 (3)(a)(i) If the state security chief, a peace officer, or law enforcement agency
473 receives a report under Subsection (2), the state security chief, peace officer, or
474 law enforcement agency shall immediately notify the local education agency that
475 the substantial threat would impact.

476 (ii) If the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact receives a
477 report under Subsection (2), the local education agency that the substantial threat
478 would impact shall immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement
479 agency and the state security chief.

480 (b)(i) A local education agency that the substantial threat would impact shall
481 coordinate with the law enforcement agency on the law enforcement agency's
482 investigation of the report described in Subsection (1).

483 (ii) If a law enforcement agency undertakes an investigation of a report under
484 Subsection (2), the law enforcement agency shall provide a final investigatory
485 report to the local education agency that the substantial threat would impact upon
486 request.

487 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), the reporting requirement described in Subsection (2) does
488 not apply to:

489 (a) a member of the clergy with regard to any confession an individual makes to the
490 member of the clergy while functioning in the ministerial capacity of the member of
491 the clergy if:

492 (i) the individual made the confession directly to the member of the clergy;

493 (ii) the member of the clergy is, under canon law or church doctrine or practice,
494 bound to maintain the confidentiality of the confession; and

495 (iii) the member of the clergy does not have the consent of the individual making the
496 confession to disclose the content of the confession; or

497 (b) an attorney, or an individual whom the attorney employs, if:

498 (i) the knowledge or belief of the substantial threat arises from the representation of a
499 client; and

500 (ii) if disclosure of the substantial threat would not reveal the substantial threat to
501 prevent reasonably certain death or substantial bodily harm in accordance with
502 Utah Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.6.

503 (5)(a) When a member of the clergy receives information about the substantial threat
504 from any source other than a confession, the member of the clergy shall report the

information even if the member of the clergy also received information about the substantial threat from the confession of the perpetrator.

(b) Exemption of the reporting requirement for an individual described in Subsection (4) does not exempt the individual from any other actions required by law to prevent further substantial threats or actual harm related to the substantial threat.

(6) The physician-patient privilege does not:

(a) excuse an individual who is licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, from reporting under this section; or

(b) constitute grounds for excluding evidence in a judicial or administrative proceeding resulting from a report under this section.

Section 7. Section **53-22-108** is enacted to read:

53-22-108 . School safety foundation.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Authorized foundation" means a nonprofit foundation that:

(i) meets the requirements of this section; and

(ii) the state security chief authorizes in consultation with the School Safety Center created in Section 53G-8-802.

(b) "School safety product" means equipment, technology, service, or material that enhances school safety and security.

(2) The state security chief may approve a nonprofit foundation to be an authorized foundation if the foundation:

(a) maintains status as a nonprofit organization under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3);

(b) has operated continuously in the state for three or more years;

(c) maintains a primary mission focused on school safety;

(d) operates under a board of directors that includes:

(i) a law enforcement representative;

(ii) an educator or school administrator; and

(iii) an emergency management professional;

(e) demonstrates financial stability through:

(i) an annual independent audit;

(ii) maintained reserves; and

(iii) a clean financial record; and

(f) provides evidence of:

- 539 (i) successful project management;
540 (ii) an existing relationship with an educational institution; and
541 (iii) knowledge of school safety requirements described in federal and state law.
542 (3) A foundation seeking authorization shall submit to the state security chief:
543 (a) a written application that demonstrates compliance with Subsection (2);
544 (b) a financial record for the previous three years;
545 (c) a current board member qualification;
546 (d) a proposed school safety initiative; and
547 (e) an internal procurement policy for purchases not made from a state cooperative
548 contract.
549 (4) The state security chief shall:
550 (a) review an application within 60 days;
551 (b) request additional information if needed;
552 (c) issue a written decision; and
553 (d) maintain a public record of an authorized foundation, including records related to the
554 approval process of an authorized foundation.
555 (5) An authorized foundation may:
556 (a) use a state cooperative contract in accordance with Section 63G-6a-2105;
557 (b) make a bulk purchase of a school safety product; and
558 (c) in coordination with the state security chief and the School Safety Center:
559 (i) facilitate a donation of a school safety product; and
560 (ii) distribute a product to a school.
561 (6) An authorized foundation shall:
562 (a) follow Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, when utilizing a state
563 cooperative contract;
564 (b) maintain separate accounting for a school safety purchase;
565 (c) by August 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the state security chief that
566 includes:
567 (i) any product procured through a state cooperative contract;
568 (ii) the annual independent audit required in Subsection (2)(e);
569 (iii) all schools served;
570 (iv) the total value of a donation facilitated; and
571 (v) a compliance certification; and
572 (d) renew authorization every three years.

573 (7) The state security chief:

574 (a) may revoke authorization if the authorized foundation:

575 (i) fails to maintain a requirement of this section;

576 (ii) engages in financial mismanagement; or

577 (iii) submits false information in a report required by this section; and

578 (b) shall, before revoking authorization:

579 (i) provide written notice to the foundation;

580 (ii) allow a 30-day period to remedy the violation;

581 (iii) provide an opportunity for a hearing; and

582 (iv) issue a final written decision.

583 (8) Authorization under this section does not:

584 (a) create state liability;

585 (b) imply state endorsement;

586 (c) override a local procurement requirement; and

587 (d) exempt the foundation from an applicable law.

588 Section 8. Section **53-22-109** is enacted to read:

589 **53-22-109 . School safety -- Compliance.**

590 (1) As used in this section:

591 (a) "Compliance issue" means a violation of a school safety requirement under:

592 (i) this chapter; or

593 (ii) rules established in accordance with this chapter.

594 (b) "Tiered system of support" means an escalating system of:

595 (i) technical assistance;

596 (ii) intervention; and

597 (iii) corrective action.

598 (2) The state security chief shall, in collaboration with the School Safety Center:

599 (a) establish a tiered system of support for a compliance issue;

600 (b) develop implementation procedures for the system; and

601 (c) define criteria for:

602 (i) evaluating a compliance issue;

603 (ii) assigning an appropriate tier; and

604 (iii) monitoring progress.

605 (3) In establishing the system under Subsection (2), the state security chief and School

606 Safety Center shall consider:

- (a) severity of the compliance issue;
- (b) risk to student and staff safety;
- (c) available technical assistance resources;
- (d) local education agency capacity; and
- (e) required corrective action timelines.

Section 9. Section **53-25-601** is enacted to read:

Part 6. Requirements for School Safety

53-25-601 . Requirements for school safety.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Local law enforcement agency" means the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction over a school's physical location.
- (b) "School safety needs assessment" means the assessment required under Section 53G-8-701.5.
- (c) "Security camera system" means the system described in Section 53G-8-805.

(2) Each local law enforcement agency shall:

- (a) as coordinated with the county security chief described in Section 53-22-103, allocate adequate personnel to participate in the school safety needs assessments with a school's school safety and security specialist as required by Section 53G-8-701.5 for each school within the local law enforcement's jurisdiction;
- (b) if a school within the local law enforcement agency's jurisdiction elects to satisfy the requirements described in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(2)(a)(ii) by employing school guardians, assign adequate personnel time as the county security chief determines to assist the county security chief in administering the trainings required under Section 53-22-105;
- (c) ensure the school safety and security specialist for each school has all relevant information collected by the county security chief or the local law enforcement agency to submit the completed assessments to the School Safety Center created in Section 53G-8-802 by October 15 of each year;
- (d) coordinate with each school within the local law enforcement's jurisdiction to obtain and maintain access to school security camera systems as described in Section 53G-8-805; and
- (e) coordinate with the relevant county security chiefs as specified in Sections 53-22-103 and 53-22-105.

Section 10. Section **53B-28-401** is amended to read:

53B-28-401 . Campus safety plans and training -- Institution duties -- Governing board duties.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Covered offense" means:

(i) sexual assault;

(ii) domestic violence;

(iii) dating violence; or

(iv) stalking.

(b) "Institution" means an institution of higher education described in Section 53B-1-102.

(c) "Student organization" means a club, group, sports team, fraternity or sorority, or other organization:

(i) of which the majority of members is composed of students enrolled in an institution; and

(ii)(A) that is officially recognized by the institution; or

(B) seeks to be officially recognized by the institution.

(2) An institution shall develop a campus safety plan that addresses:

(a) where an individual can locate the institution's policies and publications related to a covered offense;

(b) institution and community resources for a victim of a covered offense;

(c) the rights of a victim of a covered offense, including the measures the institution takes to ensure, unless otherwise provided by law, victim confidentiality throughout all steps in the reporting and response to a covered offense;

(d) how the institution informs the campus community of a crime that presents a threat to the campus community;

(e) availability, locations, and methods for requesting assistance of security personnel on the institution's campus;

(f) guidance on how a student may contact law enforcement for incidents that occur off campus;

(g) institution efforts related to increasing campus safety, including efforts related to the institution's increased response in providing services to victims of a covered offense, that:

(i) the institution made in the preceding 18 months; and

(ii) the institution expects to make in the upcoming 24 months;

(h) coordination and communication between institution resources and organizations,

including campus law enforcement;

(i) institution coordination with local law enforcement or community resources,
including coordination related to a student's safety at an off-campus location; and

(j) how the institution requires a student organization to provide the campus safety
training as described in Subsection (5).

(3) An institution shall:

(a) prominently post the institution's campus safety plan on the institution's website and
each of the institution's campuses; and

(b) annually update the institution's campus safety plan.

(4) An institution shall develop a campus safety training curriculum that addresses:

(a) awareness and prevention of covered offenses, including information on institution
and community resources for a victim of a covered offense;

(b) bystander intervention; and

(c) sexual consent.

(5) An institution shall require a student organization, in order for the student organization
to receive or maintain official recognition by the institution, to annually provide campus
safety training, using the curriculum described in Subsection (4), to the student
organization's members.

~~[(6) An institution shall report annually to the Education Interim Committee and the Law
Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, at or before the committees'
November meetings, on crime statistics aggregated by housing facility as described in
Subsection 53B-28-403(2).]~~

Section 11. Section **53B-28-403** is amended to read:

53B-28-403 . Student housing crime reporting.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Campus law enforcement" means an institution's police department.

(b) "Crime statistics" means the number of each of the crimes in 34 C.F.R. Sec.
668.46(c)(1) that are reported to a local police agency or campus law enforcement,
listed by type of crime.

(c) "Institution" means an institution of higher education described in Section 53B-2-101.

(d)(i) "Institution noncampus housing facility" means a building or property that:

(A) is used for housing students;

(B) is not part of the institution's campus; and

(C) the institution owns, manages, controls, or leases;

- 709 (ii) "Institution noncampus housing facility" includes real property that is adjacent to,
710 and is used in direct support of, the building or property described in Subsection
711 (1)(d)(i).
- 712 (e) "Local law enforcement agency" means a state or local law enforcement agency
713 other than campus law enforcement.
- 714 (f)(i) "On-campus housing facility" means a building or property that is:
715 (A) used for housing students; and
716 (B) part of the institution's campus.
- 717 (ii) "On-campus housing facility" includes real property that is:
718 (A) adjacent to the on-campus housing facility; and
719 (B) used in direct support of the on-campus housing facility.
- 720 (g) "Student housing" means:
721 (i) an institution noncampus housing facility;
722 (ii) an on-campus housing facility; or
723 (iii) a student organization noncampus housing facility.
- 724 (h) "Student organization" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53B-28-401.
- 725 (i) "Student organization noncampus housing facility" means a building or property that:
726 (i) is used for housing students;
727 (ii) is not part of the institution's campus; and
728 (iii)(A) a student organization owns, manages, controls, or leases; or
729 (B) is real property that is adjacent to the student organization noncampus housing
730 facility and is used in direct support of the noncampus housing facility.
- 731 (2) An institution with the types of housing facilities described in this Subsection (2) shall:
732 (a) create a report of crime statistics aggregated by:
733 (i) on-campus housing facility, identified and listed individually using the institution's
734 system for inventorying institution facilities;
735 (ii) institution noncampus housing facility, identified and listed individually using the
736 institution's system for inventorying institution facilities; and
737 (iii) student organization noncampus housing facilities, identified and listed
738 individually using the institution's system for identifying student organization
739 noncampus housing facilities; and
740 (b) ~~[include the report described in Subsection (2)(a) in the report described in~~
741 ~~Subsection 53B-28-401(6).]~~ report annually to the Education Interim Committee and
742 the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, at or before the

committee's November meetings, on crime statistics aggregated by housing facility as described in Subsection(2)(a).

(3) An institution that does not have the types of housing described in Subsection (2) shall report the crime statistics as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1092(f), the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, to the entities specified in Subsection (2).

(4) Upon request from an institution, a local law enforcement agency shall provide to the institution crime statistics for each student housing facility over which the local law enforcement agency has jurisdiction.

~~[(4)]~~ (5) Except as provided in Section 53B-28-303, when campus law enforcement receives a complaint or report of a crime that campus law enforcement reasonably determines occurred outside of campus law enforcement's jurisdiction, campus law enforcement shall share any record of the complaint or report with the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

Section 12. Section **53E-1-201** is amended to read:

53E-1-201 . Reports to and action required of the Education Interim Committee.

(1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following recurring reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:

- (a) the report described in Section 9-22-109 by the STEM Action Center Board, including the information described in Section 9-22-113 on the status of the computer science initiative and Section 9-22-114 on the Computing Partnerships Grants Program;
- (b) the prioritized list of data research described in Section 53B-33-302 and the report on research and activities described in Section 53B-33-304 by the Utah Data Research Center;
- (c) the report described in Section 53B-1-402 by the Utah Board of Higher Education on career and technical education issues and addressing workforce needs;
- (d) the annual report of the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section 53B-1-402;
- (e) the reports described in Section ~~[53B-28-401]~~ 53B-28-403 by the Utah Board of Higher Education regarding activities related to campus safety;
- (f) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section 53E-1-203;
- (g) the annual report described in Section 53E-2-202 by the state board on the strategic

- 777 plan to improve student outcomes;
- 778 (h) the report described in Section 53E-8-204 by the state board on the Utah Schools for
779 the Deaf and the Blind;
- 780 (i) the report described in Section 53E-10-703 by the Utah Leading through Effective,
781 Actionable, and Dynamic Education director on research and other activities;
- 782 (j) the report described in Section 53F-2-522 regarding mental health screening
783 programs;
- 784 (k) the report described in Section 53F-4-203 by the state board and the independent
785 evaluator on an evaluation of early interactive reading software;
- 786 (l) the report described in Section 63N-20-107 by the Governor's Office of Economic
787 Opportunity on UPSTART;
- 788 (m) the reports described in Sections 53F-5-214 and 53F-5-215 by the state board
789 related to grants for professional learning and grants for an elementary teacher
790 preparation assessment;
- 791 (n) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-219 by the state board on the
792 Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program;
- 793 (o) the report described in Section 53F-5-405 by the state board regarding an evaluation
794 of a partnership that receives a grant to improve educational outcomes for students
795 who are low income;
- 796 (p) the report described in Section 53B-35-202 regarding the Higher Education and
797 Corrections Council;
- 798 (q) the report described in Section 53G-7-221 by the state board regarding innovation
799 plans;
- 800 (r) the reports described in Section 53F-6-412 regarding the Utah Fits All Scholarship
801 Program.
- 802 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following occasional
803 reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:
- 804 (a) in 2027, 2030, 2033, and 2035, the reports described in Sections 53B-1-116,
805 53B-1-117, and 53B-1-118;
- 806 (b) if required, the report described in Section 53E-4-309 by the state board explaining
807 the reasons for changing the grade level specification for the administration of
808 specific assessments;
- 809 (c) if required, the report described in Section 53E-5-210 by the state board of an
810 adjustment to the minimum level that demonstrates proficiency for each statewide

assessment;

(d) the report described in Section 53E-10-702 by Utah Leading through Effective, Actionable, and Dynamic Education;

(e) if required, the report described in Section 53F-2-513 by the state board evaluating the effects of salary bonuses on the recruitment and retention of effective teachers in high poverty schools;

(f) upon request, a report described in Section 53G-7-222 by an LEA regarding expenditure of a percentage of state restricted funds to support an innovative education program;

(g) the reports described in Section 53G-11-304 by the state board regarding proposed rules and results related to educator exit surveys; and

(h) the report described in Section 26B-5-113 by the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, the state board, and the Department of Health and Human Services regarding recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health services.

Section 13. Section **53G-8-102** is amended to read:

53G-8-102 . Definitions.

[Reserved] As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Climate" means the perceptions and experiences of students, staff, parents, and the community regarding the school's environment and the resources that support the experiences.
- (2) "Culture" means the beliefs, values, and practices that shape how a school functions and influences student learning and well-being through policies, procedures, and safety protocols.
- (3) "K-12 School Campus" means an LEA governed property or building where K-12 students gather daily for instructional purposes and has an assigned administrator.
- (4) "Physical Space" means the way in which a building is designed and structured to promote safety including the minimum safety and security standards as described in Section 53-22-102.
- (5) "School safety means" the physical space, culture, and climate of a school.

Section 14. Section **53G-8-701** is amended to read:

53G-8-701 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Armed school security guard" means the same as that term is defined in Section [

845 ~~53G-8-804]~~ 53G-8-704.

846 (2) "County security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-101.

847 (3) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-1-102.

848 (4) "Public school" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-205.1.

849 (5) "School guardian" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-106.

850 (6) "School is in session" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-3-516.

851 (7) "School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section
852 53-13-103, who contracts with or whose law enforcement agency contracts with an LEA
853 to provide law enforcement services for the LEA.

854 (8) "School safety and security director" means an individual whom an LEA designates in
855 accordance with Section 53G-8-701.8.

856 (9) "School safety and security specialist" means a school employee designated under
857 Section 53G-8-701.6 who is responsible for supporting school safety initiatives.

858 (10) "School [~~safety center~~]" Safety Center" means the same as that term is defined in
859 Section 53G-8-801.

860 (11) "State security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-101.

861 Section 15. Section **53G-8-701.5** is amended to read:

862 **53G-8-701.5 . School safety needs assessment -- School safety personnel --**

863 **Alternative requirements.**

864 (1)(a) In accordance with Subsections (1)(c) through (e), [No] no later than [December
865 31, 2024] October 15 of an applicable year, an LEA shall:

866 (i) ensure a school safety needs assessment the state security chief selects in
867 collaboration with the school safety center is conducted in accordance with
868 Subsection (1)(b) for each school or K-12 campus within the LEA to determine
869 the needs and deficiencies regarding:

870 (A) appropriate school safety personnel, including necessary supports, training,
871 and policy creation for the personnel;

872 (B) physical building security and safety, including required upgrades to facilities
873 and safety technology~~;~~ and , and a list of current deferred maintenance;

874 (C) a school's current threat and emergency response protocols, including any
875 emergency response agreements with local law enforcement;

876 (D) cardiac emergency preparedness, including an inventory of whether
877 automated external defibrillators are present and accessible, maintenance
878 status, and current staff training offerings; and

- 879 (E) compliance with universal access key box requirements under Section
880 53G-8-805; and
- 881 (ii) report the results of the school safety needs assessment for each school within the
882 LEA to the state security chief and the School Safety Center.
- 883 (b)(i) The school safety specialist described in Section 53G-8-701.6, in collaboration
884 with the county security chief[~~or designee described in Section 53-22-103~~] , and
885 with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction over the school as
886 described in Section 53-25-601, shall conduct the school safety needs assessment
887 for each school.
- 888 (ii) A school safety and security director may fulfill the role of a school safety and
889 security specialist in conducting the school safety needs assessment.
- 890 ~~[(e) In collaboration with the School Safety Center described in Section 53G-8-802, the~~
891 ~~state security chief described in Section 53-22-102 shall create a school safety needs~~
892 ~~assessment that an LEA shall use to ensure compliance with this Subsection (1).]~~
- 893 (c) The school safety needs assessment required under Subsection (1)(a)(i) shall be
894 conducted at least once every three years for each school or K-12 campus.
- 895 (d) An LEA may implement a rotating or staggered schedule for conducting school
896 safety needs assessments among the buildings within the LEA, provided that:
- 897 (i) each school within a K-12 campus is assessed at least once every three years; and
898 (ii) the LEA documents the rotating or staggered assessment schedule and shares this
899 schedule with the state security chief, the School Safety Center, the county
900 security chief, and the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction as described
901 in Section 53-25-601.
- 902 (e) The LEA shall update the assessment schedule as necessary to ensure compliance
903 with the three-year assessment requirement under Subsection (1)(c).
- 904 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) The state board shall use the results of the school safety needs assessment for
905 each school within an LEA to award a grant to an LEA in accordance with Section
906 53F-5-220.
- 907 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) Any information or record detailing a school's needs assessment results is:
- 908 (i) a private, controlled, or protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
909 Records Access and Management Act; and
- 910 (ii) available only to:
- 911 (A) the state security chief;
- 912 (B) the School Safety Center;

- 913 (C) members of an LEA governing board;
- 914 (D) administrators of the LEA and school the needs assessment concerns;
- 915 (E) only to the extent necessary to award a grant under Section 53F-5-220, the
- 916 state board;
- 917 (F) the applicable school safety personnel described in Subsection (2);
- 918 (G) a local law enforcement agency that would respond to the school in case of an
- 919 emergency; and
- 920 (H) the county security chief.
- 921 [(f)] (h) An individual who intentionally or knowingly provides the information
- 922 described in Subsection [(1)(e)] (1)(g) to an individual or entity not listed in
- 923 Subsection [(1)(e)(ii)] (1)(g)(ii) is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.
- 924 (2)(a) An LEA shall ensure each school within the LEA has the following school safety
- 925 personnel:
- 926 (i) a school safety and security specialist described in Section 53G-8-701.6; and
- 927 (ii) based on the results of the needs assessment described in Subsection (1), at least
- 928 one of the following:
- 929 (A) a school resource officer;
- 930 (B) a school guardian; or
- 931 (C) an armed school security guard.
- 932 (b) In addition to the school safety personnel described in Subsection (2)(a), an LEA
- 933 shall designate a school safety and security director described in Section 53G-8-701.8.
- 934 (c) [~~If a school has more than 350 students enrolled at the school, the~~] The same
- 935 individual may [~~not~~] serve in more than one of the roles listed in Subsections (2)(a)
- 936 and (b) if the school notifies the School Safety Center and the state security chief of
- 937 the decision to have the same individual serve in multiple roles as described in this
- 938 Subsection (2).
- 939 (d) An LEA may implement the requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(ii) before the LEA
- 940 has completed the school safety needs assessment described in Subsection (1).
- 941 (e) The state security chief in consultation with the School Safety Center shall establish
- 942 a timeline for an LEA to comply with the school safety personnel requirements of
- 943 this Subsection (2).
- 944 (3)(a) An LEA, school administrator, or private school may apply to the state security
- 945 chief for an approved alternative to the requirements described in:
- 946 (i) Section 53-22-105;

(ii) this section;

(iii) Section 53G-8-701.6;

(iv) Section 53G-8-701.8; and

(v) Section 53G-8-704.

(b) In approving or denying an application described in Subsection (3)(a), the state security chief may consider factors that impact a school or LEA's ability to adhere to the requirements of this section, including the school or LEA's:

(i) population size;

(ii) staffing needs or capacity;

(iii) geographic location;

(iv) available funding; or

(v) general demonstration of need for an alternative to the requirements of this section.

(4) A private school shall identify an individual at the private school to serve as the safety liaison with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction and the state security chief.

Section 16. Section **53G-8-701.6** is amended to read:

53G-8-701.6 . School safety and security specialist.

(1) As used in this section, "principal" means the chief administrator at a public school, including:

(a) a school principal;

(b) a charter school director; or

(c) the superintendent of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

(2)(a) Subject to Subsection (2)(b) and except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5

(3), every campus within an LEA shall designate a school safety and security specialist from the employees of the relevant campus.

(b) The school safety and security specialist:

(i) may not be a principal; and

(ii) may be the school safety and security director at one campus within the LEA.

(3) The school safety and security specialist shall:

(a) report directly to the principal;

(b) oversee school safety and security practices to ensure a safe and secure school environment for students and staff;

(c) ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating to school safety and security through collaborating and maintaining effective

- 981 communications with the following as applicable:
- 982 (i) the principal;
- 983 (ii) school staff;
- 984 (iii) the school resource officer;
- 985 (iv) the armed school security guard;
- 986 (v) the school guardian;
- 987 (vi) local law enforcement;
- 988 (vii) the county security chief;
- 989 (viii) the school safety and security director;
- 990 (ix) the LEA; and
- 991 (x) school-based behavioral and mental health professionals;
- 992 (d) in collaboration with the county security chief ~~[or designee described in Section~~
993 ~~53-22-103]~~ and with the local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction over the school
994 as described in Section 53-25-601:
- 995 (i) conduct the school safety needs assessment described in Section 53G-8-701.5;
- 996 (ii) in accordance with Sections 53-25-601 and 53G-8-701.5, submit the completed
997 assessments to the School Safety Center created in Section 53G-8-802 by October
998 15 of each year; and
- 999 ~~[(ii)]~~ (iii) ~~[conduct a building safety evaluation at least annually using-]~~ review the
1000 results of the school safety needs assessment to recommend and implement
1001 improvements to school facilities, policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and
1002 regulations relating to school safety and security;
- 1003 (e) ~~[if the specialist is also an employee of an LEA,]~~ participate on the multidisciplinary
1004 team that the ~~[LEA]~~ school establishes;
- 1005 (f) conduct a behavioral threat assessment when the school safety and security specialist
1006 deems necessary using an evidence-based tool the state security chief recommends in
1007 consultation with the school safety center and the Office of Substance ~~[Abuse]~~ Use
1008 and Mental Health;
- 1009 (g) regularly monitor and report to the principal, local law enforcement, and, if
1010 applicable, the LEA superintendent or designee, security risks for the school resulting
1011 from:
- 1012 (i) issues with school facilities; or
- 1013 (ii) the implementation of practices, policies, procedures, and protocols relating to
1014 school safety and security;

- 1015 (h) coordinate with local first responder agencies to implement and monitor safety and
- 1016 security drills in accordance with policy and applicable procedures and protocols;
- 1017 (i) ensure that school staff, and, when appropriate, students, receive training on and
- 1018 remain current on the school's safety and security procedures and protocols;
- 1019 (j) following an event where security of the school has been significantly compromised,
- 1020 organize a debriefing with the individuals listed in Subsection (3)(c) following the
- 1021 recommendations from the state security chief, in collaboration with the School
- 1022 Safety Center, regarding strengthening school safety and security practices, policies,
- 1023 procedures, and protocols;
- 1024 (k) abide by any LEA, school, or law enforcement agency policy outlining the chain of
- 1025 command;
- 1026 (l) during an emergency, coordinate with the following individuals as applicable, the:
- 1027 (i) school resource officer;
- 1028 (ii) school guardians;
- 1029 (iii) armed school security guards;
- 1030 (iv) school administrators; and
- 1031 (v) responding law enforcement officers;
- 1032 (m) follow any LEA, school, or law enforcement agency student privacy policies,
- 1033 including state and federal privacy laws;
- 1034 (n) participate in an annual training the state security chief selects in consultation with
- 1035 the School Safety Center; and
- 1036 (o) remain current on:
- 1037 (i) a comprehensive school guideline the state security chief selects;
- 1038 (ii) the duties of a school safety and security specialist described in this Subsection
- 1039 (3); and
- 1040 (iii) the school's emergency response plan.

- 1041 (4) During an active emergency at the school, the school safety and security specialist is
- 1042 subordinate to any responding law enforcement officers.

1043 Section 17. Section **53G-8-701.8** is amended to read:

1044 **53G-8-701.8 . School safety and security director.**

- 1045 (1) Except as provided in Subsection 53G-8-701.5(3), an LEA shall designate a school
- 1046 safety and security director as the LEA point of contact for the county security chief,
- 1047 local law enforcement, and the state security chief.
- 1048 (2) A school safety and security director shall:

- (a) participate in and satisfy the training requirements~~[-including the annual and biannual requirements, described in]~~ as follows:
- (i) only once, the training requirements described in Section 53-22-105 for school guardians;
- (ii) ~~[Section 53G-8-702 for]~~ the school resource [officers] officer and administrator training the state security chief approves in consultation with the School Safety Center; and
- ~~[(iii) Section 53G-8-704 for armed school security guards;]~~
- ~~[(b) have a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act;]~~
- ~~[(e)]~~ (b) if serving as a backup school guardian, satisfy all requirements described in 53-22-105;
- (c) if the designee is an employee of an LEA, participate on the multidisciplinary team the LEA establishes;
- (d) coordinate security responses among, if applicable, the following individuals in the LEA that employs the school safety and security director:
- (i) school safety and security specialists;
- (ii) school resource officers;
- (iii) armed school security guards; and
- (iv) school guardians; and
- (e) collaborate and maintain effective communications with local law enforcement, a county security chief, the LEA, and school-based behavioral and mental health professionals to ensure adherence with all policies, procedures, protocols, rules, and regulations relating to school safety and security.
- (3) A school safety and security director:
- (a) does not have authority to act in a law enforcement capacity; and
- (b) may, at the LEA that employs the director:
- (i) take actions necessary to prevent or abate an active threat; and
- (ii) temporarily detain an individual when the school safety and security director has reasonable cause to believe the individual has committed or is about to commit a forcible felony, as that term is defined in Section 76-2-402~~[-]~~ .
- (4) Notwithstanding Subsection 76-10-505.5(4), if a school safety and security director is carrying a firearm, the school safety and security director shall carry the school safety and security director's firearm in a concealed manner and may not, unless during an

- 1083 active threat, display or open carry a firearm while on school grounds.
- 1084 (5) A school may use the services of the school safety and security director on a temporary
1085 basis to satisfy the school safety personnel requirement of Subsection 53G-8-701.5(2).
- 1086 (6) The state security chief shall:
- 1087 (a) for each school safety and security director, track each school safety and security
1088 director by collecting the photograph and the name and contact information for each
1089 school safety and security director; and
- 1090 (b) make the information described in Subsection (6)(a) readily available to each law
1091 enforcement agency in the state categorized by LEA.
- 1092 Section 18. Section **53G-8-704** is amended to read:
- 1093 **53G-8-704 . Contracts between an LEA and a contract security company for**
1094 **armed school security guards.**
- 1095 (1) As used in this section;
- 1096 (a) "Armed private security officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1097 58-63-102.
- 1098 (b) "Armed school security guard" means an armed private security officer who[-is]:
1099 (i) is licensed as an armed private security officer under Title 58, Chapter 63,
1100 Security Personnel Licensing Act; and
1101 (ii) has met the requirements described in Subsection (4)(a).
- 1102 (c) "Contract security company" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1103 58-63-102.
- 1104 (d) "State security chief" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-22-102.
- 1105 (2)(a) An LEA may use an armed school security guard to satisfy the school safety
1106 personnel requirements of Section 53G-8-701.5.
- 1107 (b) An LEA that uses an armed school security guard under Subsection (2)(a) shall
1108 contract with a contract security company to provide armed school security guards at
1109 each school within the LEA.
- 1110 (3) The contract described in Subsection (2)(b) shall include a detailed description of:
- 1111 (a) the rights of a student under state and federal law with regard to:
- 1112 (i) searches;
- 1113 (ii) questioning;
- 1114 (iii) arrests; and
- 1115 (iv) information privacy;
- 1116 (b) job assignment and duties of an armed school security guard, including:

- 1117 (i) the school to which an armed school security guard will be assigned;
1118 (ii) the hours an armed school security guard is present at the school;
1119 (iii) the point of contact at the school that an armed school security guard will contact
1120 in case of an emergency;
1121 (iv) specific responsibilities for providing and receiving information;
1122 (v) types of records to be kept, and by whom; and
1123 (vi) training requirements; and
1124 (c) other expectations of the contract security company in relation to school security at
1125 the LEA.
- 1126 (4)(a) In addition to the requirements for licensure under Title 58, Chapter 63, Security
1127 Personnel Licensing Act, an armed private security officer may only serve as an
1128 armed school security guard under a contract described in Subsection (2)(b) if the
1129 armed private security officer:
- 1130 (i) has a valid concealed carry permit issued under Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7,
1131 Concealed Firearm Act; ~~and~~
1132 (ii) has undergone training from a county security chief or local law enforcement
1133 agency regarding:
1134 (A) the safe loading, unloading, storage, and carrying of firearms in a school
1135 setting;
1136 (B) the role of armed security guards in a school setting; and
1137 (C) coordination with law enforcement and school officials during an active threat~~[-]~~ ;
1138 (iii) completes an initial "fit to carry" assessment the Department of Health and
1139 Human Services approves and a provider administers; and
1140 (iv) maintains compliance with mental health screening requirements consistent with
1141 law enforcement standards.
- 1142 (b) An armed school security guard that meets the requirements of Subsection (4)(a)
1143 shall, in order to remain eligible to be assigned as an armed school security guard at
1144 any school under a contract described in Subsection (2)(b), participate in and satisfy
1145 the training requirements of the initial, annual, and biannual trainings as defined in
1146 Section 53-22-105.
- 1147 (5) An armed school security guard may conceal or openly carry a firearm at the school at
1148 which the armed school security guard is employed under the contract described in
1149 Subsection (2)(b).
- 1150 (6) An LEA that enters a contract under this section shall inform the state security chief and

the relevant county security chief of the contract and provide the contact information of the contract security company employing the armed security guard for use during an emergency.

(7) The state security chief shall:

(a) for each LEA that contracts with a contract security company under this section, track each contract security company providing armed school security guards by name and the contact information for use in case of an emergency; and

(b) make the information described in Subsection (7)(a) readily available to each law enforcement agency in the state by school.

(8) An armed school security guard shall file a report described in Subsection (9) if, during the performance of the armed school security guard's duties, the armed school security guard:

(a) points a firearm at an individual; or

(b) aims a conductive energy device at an individual and displays the electrical current.

(9)(a) A report described in Subsection (8) shall include:

(i) a description of the incident;

(ii) the identification of the individuals involved in the incident; and

(iii) any other information required by the state security chief.

(b) An armed school security guard shall submit a report required under Subsection (8) to the school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief within 48 hours after the incident.

(c) The school administrator, school safety and security director, and the state security chief shall consult and review the report submitted under Subsection (9)(b).

Section 19. Section **53G-8-802** is amended to read:

53G-8-802 . State Safety and Support Program -- State board duties -- LEA duties.

(1) There is created the School Safety Center.

(2) The School Safety Center shall:

(a) develop in conjunction with the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health and the state security chief model student safety and support policies for an LEA, including:

(i) requiring an evidence-based behavior threat assessment that includes[:]

[~~(A)~~] _recommended interventions with an individual whose behavior poses a threat to school safety; [~~and~~]

[~~(B)~~ establishes defined roles for a multidisciplinary team and school safety

- 1185 ~~personnel described in Title 53G, Chapter 8, Part 7, School Safety Personnel,~~
1186 ~~including:]~~
- 1187 (ii) procedures for referrals to law enforcement; and
1188 (iii) procedures for referrals to a community services entity, a family support
1189 organization, or a health care provider for evaluation or treatment;
- 1190 (b) provide training in consultation with the state security chief:
- 1191 (i) in school safety;
1192 (ii) in evidence-based approaches to improve school climate and address and correct
1193 bullying behavior;
1194 (iii) in evidence-based approaches in identifying an individual who may pose a threat
1195 to the school community;
1196 (iv) in evidence-based approaches in identifying an individual who may be showing
1197 signs or symptoms of mental illness;
1198 (v) on permitted disclosures of student data to law enforcement and other support
1199 services under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec.
1200 1232g;
1201 (vi) on permitted collection of student data under 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232h and Sections
1202 53E-9-203 and 53E-9-305; and
1203 (vii) for administrators on rights and prohibited acts under:
- 1204 (A) Chapter 9, Part 6, Bullying and Hazing;
1205 (B) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000d et seq.;
1206 (C) Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 et seq.;
1207 (D) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq.; and
1208 (E) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.;
- 1209 (c) conduct and disseminate evidence-based research on school safety concerns;
1210 (d) disseminate information on effective school safety initiatives;
1211 (e) encourage partnerships between public and private sectors to promote school safety;
1212 (f) provide technical assistance to an LEA in the development and implementation of
1213 school safety initiatives;
1214 (g) in conjunction with the state security chief, make available to an LEA the model
1215 critical incident response training program a school and law enforcement agency
1216 shall use during a threat;
1217 (h) provide space for the public safety liaison described in Section 53-1-106 and the
1218 school-based mental health specialist described in Section 26B-5-102;

- 1219 (i) collaborate with the state security chief to determine appropriate application of school
 1220 safety requirements in Utah Code to an online school;
- 1221 (j) create a model school climate survey that may be used by an LEA to assess
 1222 stakeholder perception of a school environment;
- 1223 (k) establish a charter school liaison including defined responsibilities for charter school
 1224 communication and coordination with the School Safety Center; and
- 1225 (l) assist a foundation described in Section 53-22-108 in distributing school safety
 1226 products if a foundation seeks assistance;
- 1227 (m) establishes defined roles for a multidisciplinary team and school safety personnel
 1228 described in Title 53G, Chapter 8, Part 7, School Safety Personnel; [and]
- 1229 ~~[(k)]~~ (n) assist LEAs in implementing and maintaining universal access key box requirements under
Section 53G-8-805;
- 1230 (o) in consultation with the state security chief, select a system to track relevant data,
 1231 including the tracking required in Sections 53-22-105, 53G-8-701.5, 53G-8-701.8,
 1232 and 53G-8-704; and
- 1233 (p) collect aggregate data and school climate survey results from an LEA that
 1234 administers the model school climate survey described in Subsection [(2)(i)] (2)(j).
- 1235 (3) Nothing in this section requires:
- 1236 (a) an individual to respond to a school climate survey; or
- 1237 (b) an LEA to use the model school climate survey or any specified questions in the
 1238 model school climate survey described in Subsection ~~[(2)(i)]~~ (2)(j).
- 1239 (4) The state board shall require an LEA to:
- 1240 (a)(i) if an LEA administers a school climate survey, review school climate data for
 1241 each school within the LEA; and
- 1242 (ii) based on the review described in Subsection (4)(a)(i):
- 1243 (A) revise practices, policies, and training to eliminate harassment and
 1244 discrimination in each school within the LEA;
- 1245 (B) adopt a plan for harassment- and discrimination-free learning; and
- 1246 (C) host outreach events or assemblies to inform students and parents of the plan
 1247 adopted under Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B);
- 1248 (b) no later than September 1 of each school year, send a notice to each student, parent,
 1249 and LEA staff member stating the LEA's commitment to maintaining a school
 1250 climate that is free of harassment and discrimination; and
- 1251 (c) report to the state board annually on the LEA's implementation of the plan under

1252 Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(B) and progress.

1253 (5) A charter school authorizer as that term is defined in Section 53G-5-102, shall pay a
1254 portion of the salary of the charter liaison described in Subsection (2)(k) in an amount
1255 proportionate to the number of charter schools the authorizer has authorized.

1256 Section 20. Section **53G-8-803** is amended to read:

1257 **53G-8-803 . Standard response protocol to active threats in schools.**

1258 The state security chief described in Section 53-22-102, in consultation with the School
1259 Safety Center, shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
1260 Rulemaking Act, to:

1261 (1) in accordance with the standard response protocol established by the state security chief,
1262 require an LEA or school to develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency
1263 response plans for use during an emergency that include developmentally appropriate
1264 training for students and adults regarding:

1265 (a) active threats;

1266 (b) emergency preparedness;

1267 (c) cardiac emergency preparedness;

1268 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) drills as required under Subsection 15A-5-202.5 and by the state security chief;
1269 and

1270 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders; and

1271 (2) identify the necessary components of emergency preparedness and response plans,
1272 including underlying standard response protocols and emerging best practices for an
1273 emergency.

1274 Section 21. Section **53G-8-805** is amended to read:

1275 **53G-8-805 . Panic alert device -- Security cameras -- Key box.**

1276 (1) As used in this section:

1277 (a) "Universal access key box" means a UL Standard 1037 compliant secure container
1278 designed to store and protect emergency access keys and devices.

1279 (b) "Emergency responder" means law enforcement, fire service, or emergency medical
1280 personnel authorized by local authorities to respond to school emergencies.

1281 ~~[(4)]~~ (2) In accordance with the results of the school safety needs assessment described in
1282 Section 53G-8-701.5, an LEA shall provide ~~[a staff person]~~ the lead teacher in each
1283 classroom with a wearable panic alert device that ~~[allows for immediate contact with~~
1284 ~~emergency services or emergency services agencies, law enforcement agencies, health~~
1285 ~~departments, and fire departments]~~ shall communicate directly with public safety

- 1286 answering points.
- 1287 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) An LEA shall ensure, before the school year begins, all school building personnel
- 1288 receive training on the protocol and appropriate use of the panic alert device described in
- 1289 Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ (2).
- 1290 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) An LEA shall:
- 1291 (a) ensure all security cameras within a school building are accessible by:
- 1292 (i) a local law enforcement agency; and
- 1293 (ii) public safety answering points;
- 1294 (b) coordinate with a local law enforcement agency to establish appropriate access
- 1295 protocols~~[-]~~ ; and
- 1296 (c) physically mark all hallways and doorways consistent with the incident response
- 1297 method or system the state security chief creates.
- 1298 ~~[(4)]~~
- 1299 (5) A school building shall include universal access key boxes that:
- 1300 (a) are installed at main entry points;
- 1301 (b) contain master keys and access devices providing complete access to all areas of the
- 1302 school;
- 1303 (c) are accessible only to authorized emergency responders;
- 1304 (d) are electronically monitored for tampering; and
- 1305 (e) are weather-resistant and vandal-resistant.
- 1306 (6) An LEA shall:
- 1307 (a) maintain universal access key boxes by:
- 1308 (i) conducting quarterly inspections;
- 1309 (ii) updating contents within 24 hours of any lock or access control changes;
- 1310 (iii) maintaining current key and access device inventories;
- 1311 (iv) documenting all inspections and updates; and
- 1312 (v) immediately replacing any damaged or malfunctioning boxes;
- 1313 (b) coordinate with local emergency responders to:
- 1314 (i) determine optimal box placement;
- 1315 (ii) establish access protocols;
- 1316 (iii) maintain current emergency contact information; and
- 1317 (iv) conduct annual reviews of box usage and effectiveness;
- 1318 (c) include universal access key box locations and protocols in:
- 1319 (i) school emergency response plans;

- 1320 (ii) building schematic diagrams provided to emergency responders; and
- 1321 (iii) school safety and security training materials.
- 1322 (7) The state board shall:
- 1323 (a) establish standards for:
- 1324 (i) box installation and placement;
- 1325 (ii) access control and monitoring;
- 1326 (iii) maintenance schedules; and
- 1327 (iv) compliance verification;
- 1328 (b) in direct coordination with the state security chief, ensure new construction or major
- 1329 remodeling of a school building shall include the installation of automated external
- 1330 defibrillators in appropriate locations as the state board determines; and
- 1331 (c) provide technical assistance to LEAs implementing this section.
- 1332 (8) Nothing in this section:
- 1333 (a) affects requirements for fire department key boxes under applicable building or fire
- 1334 codes; or
- 1335 (b) restricts additional security measures implemented by LEAs that exceed these
- 1336 requirements.
- 1337 (9) This section is not subject to the restrictions in Section 41-6a-2003.
- 1338 Section 22. Section **53G-9-207** is amended to read:
- 1339 **53G-9-207 . Child sexual abuse prevention.**
- 1340 (1) As used in this section:
- 1341 (a)(i) "Age-appropriate instructional material" means materials that provide
- 1342 instruction on:
- 1343 (A) the responsibility of adults for the safety of children;
- 1344 (B) how to recognize uncomfortable inner feelings;
- 1345 (C) how to say no and leave an uncomfortable situation;
- 1346 (D) how to set clear boundaries;
- 1347 (E) the risks of sharing intimate images or personal information through electronic
- 1348 means; and
- 1349 ~~[(E)]~~ (F) the importance of discussing uncomfortable situations with parents and
- 1350 other trusted adults.
- 1351 (ii) "Age-appropriate instructional material" does not include materials that:
- 1352 (A) invites a student to share personal experiences about abuse during instruction;
- 1353 (B) gives instruction regarding consent as described in Section 76-5-406; or

- 1354 (C) includes sexually explicit language or depictions.
- 1355 (b) "Alternative provider" means a provider other than the provider selected by the state
1356 board under Subsection (8) that provides the training and instruction described in
1357 Subsection (4) with instructional materials approved under Subsection (2).
- 1358 (c) "School personnel" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-203.
- 1359 (d) "Sexual extortion" means the criminal offense described in Section 76-5b-204.
- 1360 (2) The state board shall approve, in partnership with the Department of Health and Human
1361 Services, age-appropriate instructional materials for the training and instruction
1362 described in Subsections (3)(a) and (4).
- 1363 (3)(a) An LEA shall provide, once every three years, training and instruction on child
1364 sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness to:
- 1365 (i) school personnel in elementary and secondary schools on:
- 1366 (A) responding to a disclosure of child sexual abuse in a supportive, appropriate
1367 manner;
- 1368 (B) identifying children who are victims or may be at risk of becoming victims of
1369 human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation; and
- 1370 (C) the mandatory reporting requirements described in Sections 53E-6-701 and
1371 80-2-602;
- 1372 (D) appropriate responses to incidents of sexual extortion, including connecting
1373 victims with support services; and
- 1374 (ii) parents of elementary school students on:
- 1375 (A) recognizing warning signs of a child who is being sexually abused or who is a
1376 victim or may be at risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking or
1377 commercial sexual exploitation; [and]
- 1378 (B) effective, age-appropriate methods for discussing the topic of child sexual
1379 abuse with a child[-] ; and
- 1380 (C) resources available for victims of sexual extortion.
- 1381 (b) An LEA:
- 1382 (i) shall use the instructional materials approved by the state board under Subsection
1383 (2) to provide the training and instruction under Subsections (3)(a) and (4); or
- 1384 (ii) may use instructional materials the LEA creates to provide the instruction and
1385 training described in Subsections (3)(a) and (4), if the LEA's instructional
1386 materials are approved by the state board under Subsection (2).
- 1387 (4)(a) In accordance with Subsections (4)(b) and (5), an LEA may provide instruction on

- 1388 child sexual abuse and human trafficking prevention and awareness to elementary
1389 school students using age-appropriate curriculum.
- 1390 (b) An LEA that provides the instruction described in Subsection (4)(a) shall use the
1391 instructional materials approved by the state board under Subsection (2) to provide
1392 the instruction.
- 1393 (5)(a) An elementary school student may not be given the instruction described in
1394 Subsection (4) unless the parent of the student is:
- 1395 (i) notified in advance of the:
- 1396 (A) instruction and the content of the instruction; and
1397 (B) parent's right to have the student excused from the instruction;
- 1398 (ii) given an opportunity to review the instructional materials before the instruction
1399 occurs; and
- 1400 (iii) allowed to be present when the instruction is delivered.
- 1401 (b) Upon the written request of the parent of an elementary school student, the student
1402 shall be excused from the instruction described in Subsection (4).
- 1403 (c) Participation of a student requires compliance with Sections 53E-9-202 and
1404 53E-9-203.
- 1405 (6) An LEA may determine the mode of delivery for the training and instruction described
1406 in Subsections (3) and (4).
- 1407 (7) Upon request of the state board, an LEA shall provide evidence of compliance with this
1408 section.
- 1409 (8) The state board shall select a provider to provide the training and instruction described
1410 in Subsection (4), including requiring the provider selected to:
- 1411 (a) engage in outreach efforts to support more schools to participate in the training and
1412 instruction;
- 1413 (b) provide materials for the instruction involving students in accordance with
1414 Subsection (4);
- 1415 (c) provide an outline of how many LEAs, schools, and students the provider could
1416 service; and
- 1417 (d) submit a report to the state board that includes:
- 1418 (i) information on the LEAs the provider engaged with in the outreach efforts,
1419 including:
- 1420 (A) how many schools within an LEA increased instructional offerings for
1421 training and instruction; and

- 1422 (B) the reasons why an LEA chose to participate or not in the offered training or
1423 instruction;
- 1424 (ii) the number of schools and students that received the training and instruction;
- 1425 (iii) budgetary information regarding how the provider utilized any funds the state
1426 board allocated; and
- 1427 (iv) additional information the state board requests.
- 1428 (9) Subject to legislative appropriation, there is created a grant program to support an LEA
1429 that chooses to use an alternative provider other than the provider selected by the state
1430 board under Subsection (8) to provide the training and instruction described in
1431 Subsection (4).
- 1432 (10) The state board shall:
- 1433 (a) establish a process to select alternative providers for an LEA to use, including:
- 1434 (i) an application process for a provider to become an alternative provider;
- 1435 (ii) required criteria for a provider to become an alternative provider; and
- 1436 (iii) relevant timelines;
- 1437 (b) create a process for an LEA to receive a grant award described in Subsection (9),
1438 including:
- 1439 (i) an application process;
- 1440 (ii) relevant timelines; and
- 1441 (iii) a scoring rubric and corresponding formula for determining a grant amount; and
- 1442 (c) make grant awards on a first come first served basis until the state board distributes
1443 all appropriated funds.
- 1444 (11) An LEA that receives a grant award described in Subsection (10)(b) shall:
- 1445 (a) use the grant award to cover the costs needed for implementation of the training or
1446 instruction described in Subsection (4); and
- 1447 (b) upon request of the state board, provide an itemized list of the uses of the grant
1448 award.
- 1449 Section 23. Section **53G-9-703** is amended to read:
- 1450 **53G-9-703 . Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**
- 1451 (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a school district shall offer a seminar for
1452 parents of students who attend school in the school district that:
- 1453 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;
- 1454 (ii)(A) if in person, begins at or after 6 p.m.;~~[-or]~~
- 1455 (B) if in person, takes place on a Saturday; or

1456 (C) may be conducted at anytime online and recorded if the recording is made
1457 available on the school district's website, including the parent portal created in
1458 Section 53G-6-806.

1459 (iii)(A) is held in at least one school located in the school district; or

1460 (B) is provided through a virtual platform; and

1461 (iv) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

1462 (b)(i) A school district shall annually offer one parent seminar for each 11,000
1463 students enrolled in the school district.

1464 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(b)(i), a school district may not be required to
1465 offer more than three seminars.

1466 (c) A school district may:

1467 (i) develop the district school's own curriculum for the seminar described in
1468 Subsection (1)(a); or

1469 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the state board under Subsection (2).

1470 (d) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance boundaries
1471 of the school district of the date and time of a parent seminar, so the charter school
1472 may inform parents of the seminar.

1473 (2) The state board shall:

1474 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that includes
1475 information on:

1476 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;

1477 (ii) bullying;

1478 (iii) mental health, depression, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention, including
1479 education on limiting access to fatal means;

1480 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction;[~~and~~]

1481 (v) the SafeUT Crisis Line established in Section 53B-17-1202; and

1482 (vi) resources related to the topics described in this Subsection (2); and

1483 (b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon
1484 request.

1485 (3)(a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school
1486 board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant
1487 interest or value to families in the school district.

1488 (b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school board
1489 shall notify the state board and provide the reasons why the local school board chose

- 1490 not to offer the parent seminar.
- 1491 Section 24. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:
- 1492 **63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 1493 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is
- 1494 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1495 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --
- 1496 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1497 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,
- 1498 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1499 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is
- 1500 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1501 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1502 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --
- 1503 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1504 (7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance
- 1505 Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking --
- 1506 Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1507 (8) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed
- 1508 July 1, 2029.
- 1509 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1510 ~~[(10) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem~~
- 1511 ~~-- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.]~~
- 1512 ~~[(11) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is~~
- 1513 ~~repealed December 31, 2025.]~~
- 1514 ~~[(12)]~~ (10) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections
- 1515 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1516 ~~[(13)]~~ (11) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1517 ~~[(14)]~~ (12) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed
- 1518 July 1, 2028.
- 1519 ~~[(15)]~~ (13) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1520 ~~[(16)]~~ (14) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established --
- 1521 Members, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 1522 ~~[(17)]~~ (15) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1523 ~~[(18)]~~ (16) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

1524 ~~[(19)]~~ (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
1525 Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.

1526 ~~[(20)]~~ (18) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed
1527 July 1, 2027.

1528 ~~[(21)]~~ (19) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the
1529 Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
1530 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

1531 ~~[(22)]~~ (20) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections
1532 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

1533 ~~[(23)]~~ (21) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or
1534 waiver of governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.

1535 ~~[(24)]~~ (22) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
1536 repealed July 1, 2027.

1537 ~~[(25)]~~ (23) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
1538 repealed July 1, 2027.

1539 ~~[(26)]~~ (24) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed
1540 January 1, 2028.

1541 ~~[(27)]~~ (25) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.

1542 ~~[(28)]~~ (26) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission,
1543 is repealed July 1, 2033.

1544 ~~[(29)]~~ (27) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of
1545 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.

1546 ~~[(30)]~~ (28) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is
1547 repealed July 1, 2024.

1548 ~~[(31)]~~ (29) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.

1549 ~~[(32)]~~ (30) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1,
1550 2025.

1551 ~~[(33)]~~ (31) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is
1552 repealed July 1, 2025.

1553 ~~[(34)]~~ (32) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July
1554 1, 2027.

1555 ~~[(35)]~~ (33) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
1556 repealed January 1, 2025.

1557 ~~[(36)]~~ (34) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is

- 1558 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 1559 [(37)] (35) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1560 Section 25. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:
- 1561 **63I-2-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 1562 (1) Subsection 53-1-104(1)(b), regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed July 1,
- 1563 2024.
- 1564 (2) Section 53-1-118, Public Safety Honoring Heroes Restricted Account -- Creation --
- 1565 Funding -- Distribution of funds by the commissioner, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1566 (3) Section 53-1-120, Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account --
- 1567 Creation -- Funding -- Distribution of funds by the commissioner, is repealed July 1,
- 1568 2024.
- 1569 (4) Section 53-2a-303, Statewide mutual aid committee, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 1570 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2c, COVID-19 Health and Economic Response Act, is repealed July 1,
- 1571 2026.
- 1572 (6) Section 53-2d-101.1, Contracting authority -- Rulemaking authority, is repealed July 1,
- 1573 2024.
- 1574 (7) Section 53-2d-107, Air Ambulance Committee -- Membership -- Duties, is repealed
- 1575 July 1, 2024.
- 1576 (8) Section 53-2d-302, Trauma system advisory committee, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 1577 (9) Section 53-7-109, Firefighter Support Restricted Account, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1578 (10) Section 53-9-104, Board -- Creation-- Qualifications -- Appointments -- Terms --
- 1579 Immunity, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 1580 (11) Section 53-9-105, Powers and duties of the board, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 1581 (12) Section 53-9-106, Meetings -- Hearings, is repealed October 1, 2024.
- 1582 (13) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem
- 1583 -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, [2025] 2027.
- 1584 (14) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Public Education Advisory
- 1585 Board, is repealed December 31, [2025] 2027.
- 1586 (15) Section 53-25-103, Airport dangerous weapon possession reporting requirements, is
- 1587 repealed December 31, 2031.
- 1588 (16) Section 53B-8-114, Continuation of previously authorized scholarships, is repealed
- 1589 July 1, 2024.
- 1590 (17) Section 53B-10-101, Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans program -- Eligible
- 1591 students -- Cancellation of incentive loans -- Repayment by recipient who fails to meet

- 1592 requirements -- Duration of incentive loans, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 1593 (18) Subsection 53F-2-504(6), regarding a report on the Salary Supplement for Highly
1594 Needed Educators, is repealed July 1, 2026.
- 1595 (19) Section 53F-2-524, Teacher bonuses for extra assignments, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1596 (20) Section 53F-5-221, Management of energy and water use pilot program, is repealed
1597 July 1, 2028.
- 1598 (21) Section 53F-5-222, Mentoring and Supporting Teacher Excellence and Refinement
1599 Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 1600 (22) Section 53F-5-223, Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program, is repealed July 1,
1601 2028.
- 1602 (23) Section 53F-9-401, Autism Awareness Restricted Account, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1603 (24) Section 53F-9-403, Kiwanis Education Support Fund, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 1604 (25) Subsection 53G-11-502(1), regarding implementation of the educator evaluation
1605 process, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1606 (26) Section 53G-11-506, Establishment of educator evaluation program -- Joint
1607 committee, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1608 (27) Section 53G-11-507, Components of educator evaluation program, is repealed July 1,
1609 2029.
- 1610 (28) Section 53G-11-508, Summative evaluation timelines -- Review of summative
1611 evaluations, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1612 (29) Section 53G-11-509, Mentor for provisional educator, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1613 (30) Section 53G-11-510, State board to describe a framework for the evaluation of
1614 educators, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1615 (31) Section 53G-11-511, Rulemaking for privacy protection, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1616 (32) Subsection 53G-11-520(1), regarding optional alternative educator evaluation
1617 processes, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1618 (33) Subsection 53G-11-520(2), regarding an exception from educator evaluation process
1619 requirements, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 1620 Section 26. **Repealer.**
- 1621 This bill repeals:
- 1622 Section **53F-4-208, State board procurement for school security software.**
- 1623 Section 27. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**
- 1624 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
1625 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for

1626 fiscal year 2026.

1627 Subsection 27(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

1628 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 1629 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
 1630 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

1631 ITEM 1 To State Board of Education - Contracted Initiatives and Grants

1632 From Public Education Economic Stabilization

1633 Restricted Account, One-time 50,000,000

1634 Schedule of Programs:

1635 Contracts and Grants 50,000,000

1636 The Legislature intends:

1637 (1) \$50,000,000 for the School Safety and

1638 Support Grant Program in this item be used as follows:

1639 (a) \$25,000,000 is used for:

1640 (i) supporting general grants to local education agencies prioritized

1641 by need as the school security task force described in

1642 Section 53-22-104.1 determines in coordination with the

1643 state security chief and the school safety center; and

1644 (ii) research expenses supporting the work of the school security

1645 task force as the co-chairs of the task force authorize; and

1646 (b) \$25,000,000 for targeted grants to local

1647 education agencies for needs reported in the local

1648 education agencies' school safety needs assessments

1649 described in 53G-8-701.5.

1650 Section 28. **Effective Date.**

1651 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.