

Ariel Defay proposes the following substitute bill:

**School District Contracting Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ariel Defay**

Senate Sponsor: John D. Johnson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to federal contracts and settlement agreements with a local education agency.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- prohibits a local education agency from contracting with the United States Department of Justice unless the attorney general's office reviews the contract or settlement agreement;
- requires the attorney general's office to review each proposed contract or settlement agreement; and
- allows the Utah State Board of Education and the attorney general's office to make recommendations regarding the contract or settlement agreement.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53G-7-226**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53G-7-226** is enacted to read:

**53G-7-226 . Review of contracts and settlement agreements between local education agencies and the United States Department of Justice.**

(1) An LEA or LEA governing board may not enter into a contract or settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice unless the attorney general's office first reviews the contract or settlement agreement.

- 30 (2) The attorney general's office shall:  
31 (a) review each proposed contract or settlement agreement between the United States  
32 Department of Justice and an LEA or LEA governing board; and  
33 (b) disclose the content of the settlement agreement or contract to the state board.  
34 (3) The attorney general's office and the state board may make recommendations regarding  
35 the contract or settlement agreement.  
36 (4) This section does not require the attorney general's office or the state board to enforce  
37 the terms or conditions of any contract or settlement agreement reviewed under this  
38 section.  
39 Section 2. **Effective date.**  
40 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.