

**PRIME PILOT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the PRIME Pilot Program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ changes the PRIME Pilot Program to an ongoing program;
- ▶ clarifies the types of courses required for a student to earn the LAUNCH certificate or TRANSFORM certificate;
- ▶ requires the Utah Board of Higher Education to award a scholarship to a student who earns the TRANSFORM certificate;
- ▶ requires the state board to create a funding formula for LEAs that participate in the program; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53E-10-309**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 321

**63I-2-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 208, 229, 274, 354, 370,  
and 409

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

Section 1. Section **53E-10-309** is amended to read:

**53E-10-309. LAUNCH certificate -- TRANSFORM certificate -- Utah PRIME Program.**

(1) As used in this section:

~~[(a) "DISCOVER breadth certificate" means a certificate of completion awarded by the state board to an eligible student who meets the criteria described in this section.]~~

(a) "Eligible institution" means:

(i) a degree-granting institution of higher education or a technical college within the state system of higher education, as identified in Section [53B-2-101\(1\)](#); or

(ii) a private, nonprofit college or university in the state that is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

(b) "Industry certification" means a career and technical education certification awarded through validation of skills in cooperation with a business, trade association, or other industry group, in accordance with rules adopted by the state board under Section [53F-2-311](#).

(c) "Institutional certificate" means a career and technical education program completion certificate awarded by the state board, an institution of higher education, or a technical college.

(d) "LAUNCH certificate" means a certificate of completion awarded by the state board to an eligible student who meets the criteria described in this section.

(e) "Participating LEA" means an LEA that participates in the ~~[pilot]~~ program.

(f) ~~["Pilot program"]~~ "Program" means the Utah PRIME ~~[pilot]~~ program described in Subsection (7).

(g) "Plan for college and career readiness" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53E-2-304](#).

(h) "Qualifying student" means an eligible student who meets the criteria for a

56 LAUNCH certificate~~[, a DISCOVER breadth certificate,]~~ or a TRANSFORM [~~general~~  
 57 ~~education]~~ certificate~~[, or a TRANSFORM CTE institutional credential]~~ as described in this  
 58 section.

59 (i) "Technical college" means the same as that term is defined in [53B-1-101.5](#).

60 ~~[(j) "TRANSFORM CTE institutional credential" means an institutional credential~~  
 61 ~~awarded to an eligible student who meets the criteria described in this section.]~~

62 ~~[(k) (j) "TRANSFORM [~~general education]~~ certificate" means a certificate of~~  
 63 completion established by the Utah Board of Higher Education in accordance with Section  
 64 [53B-16-105](#).

65 (2) The state board shall award a LAUNCH certificate to an eligible student who:

- 66 (a) completes six concurrent enrollment credits;
- 67 (b) is awarded an industry certification or institutional certificate; and
- 68 (c) has on file a plan for college and career readiness.

69 ~~[(3) The state board shall award a DISCOVER breadth certificate to an eligible student~~  
 70 ~~who completes one 3-credit course in each of the following categories through concurrent~~  
 71 ~~enrollment at an institution of higher education:]~~

- 72 ~~[(a) arts;]~~
- 73 ~~[(b) humanities;]~~
- 74 ~~[(c) life sciences;]~~
- 75 ~~[(d) social and behavioral sciences; and]~~
- 76 ~~[(e) physical sciences.]~~

77 ~~[(4) (3) [An institution of higher education] The state board shall award a~~  
 78 TRANSFORM [~~general education]~~ certificate to an eligible student who:

- 79 (a) completes:
  - 80 (i) the requirements established by the Utah Board of Higher Education in accordance
  - 81 with Section [53B-16-105](#)~~[-]~~ and in coordination with the state board; and
  - 82 (ii) completes five general education courses, each from a different general education

83 category, as designated for concurrent enrollment by the Utah Board of Higher Education; or  
84 (b) completes a career and technical education program that is at least 300 hours or 6  
85 courses.

86 (c) (i) Subject to appropriations by the Legislature, the Utah Board of Higher Education  
87 shall award to each student who earns a TRANSFORM certificate a \$500 scholarship to be  
88 used at an eligible institution.

89 (ii) A student may earn the scholarship described in Subsection (4)(c) regardless of  
90 whether the student receives an Opportunity Scholarship award described in Section  
91 [53B-8-201](#).

92 ~~[(5) The state board, an institution of higher education, or a technical college through~~  
93 ~~which an eligible student takes career and technical education courses, shall award a~~  
94 ~~TRANSFORM CTE institutional credential to an eligible student who completes a career and~~  
95 ~~technical education program that is at least 900 hours or 30 credit hours.]~~

96 ~~[(6) (4) The Utah Board of Higher Education shall make rules in accordance with Title~~  
97 ~~63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to ensure that credits described in~~  
98 ~~Subsections (2)[, (3), and (4)] and (3) earned by a qualifying student are transferable to~~  
99 ~~institutions of higher education.~~

100 ~~[(7) (5) (a)]~~ In accordance with this section, and subject to appropriations by the  
101 Legislature for this purpose, the state board shall:

102 (a) administer [a two-year] the Utah PRIME [pilot] program[~~, beginning in the~~  
103 2021-2022 school year,] to expand access to concurrent enrollment courses and career and  
104 technical education certificates by expanding digital delivery models for distance learning  
105 programs or funding enrollment in participating LEAs[~~;~~]; and

106 ~~[(b) The state board shall:]~~

107 ~~[(i) (b) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative~~  
108 ~~Rulemaking Act, to:~~

109 ~~[(A) (i) establish eligibility requirements for a participating LEA; [and]~~

110           ~~[(B) (ii) create an application process for LEAs to apply for the [pilot] program; and~~  
111           ~~(iii) create a funding formula for participating LEAs.~~  
112           ~~[(ii) select up to eight LEAs to be participating LEAs for the pilot program; and]~~  
113           ~~[(iii) distribute up to \$100,000 in each year of the pilot program to a participating LEA~~  
114 ~~to carry out the purposes of the pilot program.]~~

115           (c) A participating LEA shall offer concurrent enrollment courses, including career and  
116 technical education courses, that meet the requirements for the LAUNCH certificate[;  
117 ~~DISCOVER breadth certificate;]~~ and TRANSFORM [~~general education certificate, and~~  
118 ~~TRANSFORM CTE institutional credential]~~ certificate.

119           ~~[(d) In 2022 and in 2023, on or before November 30, the state board shall deliver a~~  
120 ~~report, in accordance with Section 53E-1-201, to the Education Interim Committee that:]~~

121           ~~[(i) identifies the participating LEAs;]~~  
122           ~~[(ii) describes how pilot program appropriation money is used;]~~  
123           ~~[(iii) describes the effectiveness of the pilot program;]~~  
124           ~~[(iv) compares the demographics of students enrolled in the pilot program with the~~  
125 ~~demographics of all students enrolled in participating LEAs; and]~~

126           ~~[(v) includes the number of:]~~  
127           ~~[(A) concurrent enrollment courses offered by participating LEAs;]~~  
128           ~~[(B) students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses at participating LEAs; and]~~  
129           ~~[(C) LAUNCH certificates, DISCOVER breadth certificates, TRANSFORM general~~  
130 ~~education certificates, and TRANSFORM CTE institutional credentials awarded to students in~~  
131 ~~participating LEAs.]~~

132           Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

133           **63I-2-253. Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

134           (1) (a) Subsection **53B-2a-108(5)**, regarding exceptions to the composition of a  
135 technical college board of trustees, is repealed July 1, 2022.

136           (b) When repealing Subsection **53B-2a-108(5)**, the Office of Legislative Research and

137 General Counsel shall, in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), make  
138 necessary changes to subsection numbering and cross references.

139 (2) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024.

140 (3) Section 53B-7-707 regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is repealed  
141 July 1, 2023.

142 (4) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024.

143 (5) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are repealed  
144 on July 1, 2023:

145 (a) in Subsection 53B-8-105(12), the language that states, "or any scholarship  
146 established under Sections 53B-8-202 through 53B-8-205";

147 (b) Section 53B-8-202;

148 (c) Section 53B-8-203;

149 (d) Section 53B-8-204; and

150 (e) Section 53B-8-205.

151 (6) Section 53B-10-101 is repealed on July 1, 2027.

152 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 14, Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project, is  
153 repealed July 1, 2023.

154 (8) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(s) regarding the report by the Educational Interpretation  
155 and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024.

156 (9) Section 53E-1-202.2, regarding a Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee  
157 evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024.

158 [~~(10) Subsection 53E-10-309(7), related to the PRIME pilot program, is repealed July~~  
159 ~~1, 2024.~~]

160 [(H)] (10) In Subsections 53F-2-205(4) and (5), regarding the State Board of  
161 Education's duties if contributions from the minimum basic tax rate are overestimated or  
162 underestimated, the language that states "or 53F-2-301.5, as applicable" is repealed July 1,  
163 2023.

164           ~~[(12)]~~ (11) Section [53F-2-209](#), regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility,  
165 is repealed July 1, 2024.

166           ~~[(13)]~~ (12) Subsection [53F-2-301](#)(1), relating to the years the section is not in effect, is  
167 repealed July 1, 2023.

168           ~~[(14)]~~ (13) Section [53F-2-302.1](#), regarding the Enrollment Growth Contingency  
169 Program, is repealed July 1, 2023.

170           ~~[(15)]~~ (14) Subsection [53F-2-314](#)(4), relating to a one-time expenditure between the  
171 at-risk WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024.

172           ~~[(16)]~~ (15) Section [53F-2-524](#), regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments,  
173 is repealed July 1, 2024.

174           ~~[(17)]~~ (16) In Subsection [53F-2-515](#)(1), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as  
175 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

176           ~~[(18)]~~ (17) Subsection [53F-4-401](#)(3)(b), regarding a child enrolled or eligible for  
177 enrollment in kindergarten, is repealed July 1, 2022.

178           ~~[(19)]~~ (18) In Subsection [53F-4-404](#)(4)(c), the language that states "Except as provided  
179 in Subsection (4)(d)" is repealed July 1, 2022.

180           ~~[(20)]~~ (19) Subsection [53F-4-404](#)(4)(d) is repealed July 1, 2022.

181           ~~[(21)]~~ (20) In Subsection [53F-9-302](#)(3), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as  
182 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

183           ~~[(22)]~~ (21) In Subsection [53F-9-305](#)(3)(a), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as  
184 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

185           ~~[(23)]~~ (22) In Subsection [53F-9-306](#)(3)(a), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#), as  
186 applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

187           ~~[(24)]~~ (23) In Subsection [53G-3-304](#)(1)(c)(i), the language that states "or [53F-2-301.5](#),  
188 as applicable" is repealed July 1, 2023.

189           ~~[(25)]~~ (24) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of  
190 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under

191 Subsection 36-12-12(3), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections  
192 identified in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of  
193 the Legislature's intent.