

EDUCATION STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the appointment of members of a committee that reviews core standards for Utah public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the State Board of Education (state board) to notify the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate before establishing a standards review committee;

▸ permits the chair of the state board, instead of the speaker of the House of Representatives or the president of the Senate, to appoint certain members of a standards review committee if the speaker of the House of Representatives or the president of the Senate does not make the appointments within a certain time frame; and

▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



28 AMENDS:

29 **53E-4-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186



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

32 Section 1. Section **53E-4-203** is amended to read:

33 **53E-4-203. Standards review committee.**

34 (1) Subject to Subsection (4), the state board shall establish:

35 (a) a time line for the review by a standards review committee of the core standards for
36 Utah public schools for:

- 37 (i) English language arts;
- 38 (ii) mathematics;
- 39 (iii) science;
- 40 (iv) social studies;
- 41 (v) fine arts;
- 42 (vi) physical education and health; and
- 43 (vii) early childhood education; and

44 (b) a separate standards review committee for each subject area ~~specified~~ described in
45 Subsection (1)(a) to review, and recommend to the state board revisions to, the core standards
46 for Utah public schools for the subject area.

47 (2) (a) At least one year before the state board takes formal action to adopt new core
48 standards for Utah public schools, the state board shall establish a standards review committee
49 ~~[as required by Subsection (1)(b)]~~.

50 (b) The state board shall notify the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
51 president of the Senate at least 30 business days before establishing a standards review
52 committee.

53 (3) A standards review committee shall meet at least twice during the time period
54 described in Subsection (2)(a).

55 (4) In establishing a time line for the review of core standards for Utah public schools
56 by a standards review committee, the state board shall give priority to establishing a standards
57 review committee to review, and recommend revisions to, the mathematics core standards for
58 Utah public schools.

59 (5) (a) The membership of a standards review committee consists of:

60 [~~(a)~~] (i) seven individuals, with expertise in the subject of the core standards being
61 reviewed, appointed by the state board chair, including teachers, business representatives,
62 faculty of higher education institutions in Utah, and others as determined by the state board
63 chair;

64 [~~(b)~~] (ii) except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(i), five parents of public education
65 students appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and

66 [~~(c)~~] (iii) except as provided in Subsection (5)(b)(ii), five parents of public education
67 students appointed by the president of the Senate.

68 (b) The state board chair may appoint a parent of a public education student to a
69 standards review committee in place of:

70 (i) an appointment described in Subsection (5)(a)(ii), if the speaker of the House of
71 Representatives does not make the appointment within 30 days of the state board providing the
72 notification described in Subsection (2)(b); or

73 (ii) an appointment described in Subsection (5)(a)(iii), if the president of the Senate
74 does not make the appointment within 30 days of the state board providing the notification
75 described in Subsection (2)(b).

76 (6) The state board shall provide staff support to ~~[the]~~ a standards review committee.

77 (7) A member of ~~[the]~~ a standards review committee may not receive compensation or
78 benefits for the member's service on the standards review committee.

79 (8) Among the criteria a standards review committee shall consider when reviewing the
80 core standards for Utah public schools is giving students an adequate foundation to
81 successfully pursue college, technical education, a career, or other life pursuits.

82 (9) A standards review committee shall submit, to the state board, comments and
83 recommendations for revision of the core standards for Utah public schools.

84 (10) The state board shall take into consideration the comments and recommendations
85 of a standards review committee in adopting the core standards for Utah public schools.

86 (11) (a) Nothing in this section prohibits the state board from amending or adding
87 individual core standards for Utah public schools as the need arises in the state board's ongoing
88 responsibilities.

89 (b) If the state board makes changes as described in Subsection (11)(a), the state board

90 shall include the changes in the annual report the state board submits to the Education Interim
91 Committee [~~under~~] described in Section [53E-4-202](#).