

**LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Bradley G. Last**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes to the way the State Board of Education designates a low performing school.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▸ requires the State Board of Education (state board) to set the criteria for designating a low performing school in rules the state board makes; and

▸ defines terms.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53E-5-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 146 and 408

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

Section 1. Section **53E-5-301** is amended to read:

**53E-5-301. Definitions.**

As used in this part:



- 28 (1) "Charter school authorizer" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
29 53G-5-102.
- 30 (2) "Cohort" means all district schools and charter schools identified as low performing  
31 schools based on school ~~[accountability]~~ accountability results from the same school year.
- 32 (3) "Educator" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-6-102.
- 33 (4) "Final remedial year" means the second or third school year following the initial  
34 remedial year, as determined by the state board.
- 35 (5) "Independent school turnaround expert" or "turnaround expert" means a person  
36 identified by the state board under Section 53E-5-305.
- 37 (6) "Initial remedial year" means the school year a district school or charter school is  
38 designated as a low performing school under Section 53E-5-302.
- 39 (7) "LEA governing board" means a local school board or charter school governing  
40 board.
- 41 (8) "Low performing school" means a district school or charter school that has been  
42 designated a low performing school by the state board ~~[because the school is: (a) for two~~  
43 ~~consecutive school years in the lowest performing 3% of schools statewide according to the~~  
44 ~~percentage of possible points earned under the school accountability system; and (b) a low~~  
45 ~~performing school according to other outcome-based measures as may be defined in]~~ under  
46 rules ~~[made by]~~ the state board makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
47 Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- 48 (9) "School accountability system" means the school accountability system established  
49 in Part 2, School Accountability System.
- 50 (10) "School grade" or "grade" means the letter grade assigned to a school as the  
51 school's overall rating under the school accountability system.
- 52 (11) "School turnaround committee" means a committee established under:  
53 (a) for a district school, Section 53E-5-303; or  
54 (b) for a charter school, Section 53E-5-304.
- 55 (12) "School turnaround plan" means a plan described in:  
56 (a) for a district school, Section 53E-5-303; or  
57 (b) for a charter school, Section 53E-5-304.