

1 **MISSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones**

5 House Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill expands the mission statement of public education.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ adds a vision statement for the public education system;
- 13 ▶ adds language to broaden and update the mission statement of public education; and
- 14 ▶ makes technical changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **53A-1a-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 47

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

24 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-103** is amended to read:

25 **53A-1a-103. Public education's vision and mission.**

26 (1) The Legislature envisions ~~Ĥ→~~ [a public education system established in] an educated  
27a citizenry that encompasses ~~←Ĥ~~ the following

27 foundational principles:

27a ~~Ĥ→~~ [\$→ (a) that parents are a child's first teachers and are responsible for the education of  
27b their children; ~~←\$~~ ~~←Ĥ~~



- 28           ~~§~~ → ~~H~~ → [f] (a) [f] [~~(b)~~] ← ~~H~~ ← ~~§~~ citizen participation in civic and political affairs;
- 29           ~~§~~ → ~~H~~ → [f] (b) [f] [~~(c)~~] ← ~~H~~ ← ~~§~~ economic prosperity for the state by graduating
- 29a1 students who are college
- 29a and career
- 30 ready;
- 31           ~~§~~ → ~~H~~ → [f] (c) [f] [~~(d)~~] ← ~~H~~ ← ~~§~~ strong moral and social values; and
- 32           ~~§~~ → ~~H~~ → [f] (d) [f] [~~(e)~~] ← ~~H~~ ← ~~§~~ loyalty and commitment to constitutional government.
- 33           The Legislature recognizes that public education's mission is to assure Utah the best
- 34 educated citizenry in the world and each individual the training to succeed in a global society[;]
- 35 by providing students with:
- 36           (a) learning and occupational skills[;];
- 37           (b) character development[;];
- 38           (c) literacy[, and basic knowledge] and numeracy;
- 39           (d) high quality instruction;
- 40           (e) curriculum with high standards and relevance; and
- 41           (f) effective assessment to inform high quality instruction and accountability.
- 42           (3) The Legislature:
- 43           (a) ~~§~~ → [~~§~~ →] ~~H~~ → [f] recognizes that parents ~~H~~ → or guardians ← ~~H~~ are a child's first
- 43a2 teachers and are
- 43a1 responsible for the
- 43a education of their children; [f]
- 43b           [f] (b) [f] ← ~~H~~ [~~←~~ ~~§~~] ← ~~§~~ encourages family engagement and adequate preparation
- 43c1 so that students enter
- 43c the
- 44 public education system ready to learn; and
- 45           ~~§~~ → [f] ← ~~§~~ ~~H~~ → [~~(b)~~] ← ~~H~~ ~~§~~ → [f] ~~H~~ → [f] (c) [f] ← ~~H~~ ← ~~§~~ intends that the mission
- 45a1 detailed in Subsection (2) be
- 45a carried out through a
- 46 responsive educational system that guarantees local school communities autonomy, flexibility,
- 47 and client choice, while holding them accountable for results.
- 47a           ~~H~~ → **(4) This section will be applied consistent with Section 53A-13-109. ← ~~H~~**