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RETIREMENT SYSTEM AMENDMENTS				
2022 GENERAL SESSION				
STATE OF UTAH				
Chief Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan				
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LONG TITLE				
General Description:				
This bill amends provisions relating to the Utah Retirement System.				
Highlighted Provisions:				
This bill:				
 permits a public employees' association to withdraw from the Utah Retirement 				
System;				
 describes the options and procedures for withdrawing from the Utah Retirement 				
System;				
 exempts a withdrawing public employees' association from Public Finance Website 				
disclosure requirements; and				
 modifies the definition of a URS-participating employer in relation to the Utah 				
Public Finance Website.				
Money Appropriated in this Bill:				
None				
Other Special Clauses:				
None				
Utah Code Sections Affected:				
AMENDS:				
49-12-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 193 and 382				
49-13-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 64 and 193				
49-22-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 193				
67-3-12, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 398 and renumbered and				

30	amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 84 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws
31	of Utah 2021, Chapter 398
32	ENACTS:
33	49-11-626 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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35	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
36	Section 1. Section 49-11-626 is enacted to read:
37	49-11-626. Withdrawing entity Participation election date Withdrawal costs
38	Rulemaking.
39	(1) As used in this section, "withdrawing entity" means an entity that:
40	(a) participates in a system or plan under this title before January 1, 2022; and
41	(b) (i) is a public employees' association; or
42	(ii) is an insurer that is subject to the disclosure requirements of Section 31A-4-113.
43	(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a withdrawing entity may provide
44	for the participation of the withdrawing entity's employees with that system or plan as follows:
45	(a) the withdrawing entity shall determine a date that is no later than July 1, 2024, on
46	which the withdrawing entity shall make an election and complete withdrawal under
47	Subsection (3);
48	(b) the withdrawing entity shall provide to the office notice of the withdrawing entity's
49	intent to enter into an agreement described in Subsection (2)(c);
50	(c) the withdrawing entity and the office may enter into an intent to withdraw
51	agreement to document a good faith arrangement to complete a withdrawal under this section;
52	<u>and</u>
53	(d) subject to Subsection (6), the withdrawing entity shall pay to the office any
54	reasonable actuarial and administrative costs determined by the office to have arisen out of an
55	election made under this section.
56	(3) The withdrawing entity may elect to:
57	(a) (i) continue the withdrawing entity's participation for all current employees of the

58	withdrawing entity, who are covered by a system or plan on the date set under Subsection
59	(2)(a); and
60	(ii) withdraw from participation in all systems and plans for all persons initially
61	entering employment with the withdrawing entity, beginning on the date set under Subsection
62	(2)(a); or
63	(b) withdraw from participation in all systems or plans for all current and future
64	employees of the withdrawing entity, beginning on the date set under Subsection (2)(a).
65	(4) (a) An election made under Subsection (3):
66	(i) shall be made on or before the date specified under Subsection (2)(a);
67	(ii) shall be documented by a resolution adopted by the governing body of the
68	withdrawing entity;
69	(iii) remains in effect unless and until the withdrawing entity again becomes a
70	participating employer with the office in accordance with Subsection (5); and
71	(iv) applies to the withdrawing entity as the employer and to all employees of the
72	withdrawing entity.
73	(b) Notwithstanding an election made under Subsection (3), any eligibility for service
74	credit earned by an employee under this title before the date specified under Subsection (2)(a)
75	is not affected by this section.
76	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a withdrawing entity that makes
77	an election under Subsection (3) may provide or participate in any type of public or private
78	retirement for the withdrawing entity's employees after the withdrawal.
79	(5) After the withdrawal and subject to the laws and rules governing participating
80	employer admission, the withdrawing entity may elect, by resolution of the withdrawing
81	entity's governing body, to resume participation with the office and apply for admission as a
82	participating employer in a system or plan under this title.
83	(6) Before a withdrawing entity may withdraw under this section, the withdrawing
84	entity and the office shall enter into an agreement on:
85	(a) the costs described under Subsection (2)(d); and

86	(b) arrangements for the payment of the costs described under Subsection (2)(d).
87	Section 2. Section 49-12-203 is amended to read:
88	49-12-203. Exclusions from membership in system.
89	(1) The following employees are not eligible for service credit in this system:
90	(a) subject to the requirements of Subsection (2), an employee whose employment
91	status is temporary in nature due to the nature or the type of work to be performed;
92	(b) except as provided under Subsection (3)(a), an employee of an institution of higher
93	education who participates in a retirement system with a public or private retirement system,
94	organization, or company designated by the Utah Board of Higher Education, or the technical
95	college board of trustees for an employee of each technical college, during any period in which
96	required contributions based on compensation have been paid on behalf of the employee by the
97	employer;
98	(c) an employee serving as an exchange employee from outside the state for an
99	employer who has not elected to make all of the employer's exchange employees eligible for
100	service credit in this system;
101	(d) an executive department head of the state, a member of the State Tax Commission,
102	the Public Service Commission, and a member of a full-time or part-time board or commission
103	who files a formal request for exemption;
104	(e) an employee of the Department of Workforce Services who is covered under
105	another retirement system allowed under Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act;
106	(f) an employee who is employed on or after July 1, 2009, with an employer that has
107	elected, prior to July 1, 2009, to be excluded from participation in this system under Subsection
108	49-12-202(2)(c);
109	(g) an employee who is employed on or after July 1, 2014, with an employer that has
110	elected, prior to July 1, 2014, to be excluded from participation in this system under Subsection
111	49-12-202(2)(d);
112	(h) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that has elected under

Section 49-11-623, prior to January 1, 2017, to exclude:

114	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-623(3)(a);
115	or
116	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-623(3)(b);
117	(i) an employee described in Subsection (1)(i)(i) or (ii) who is employed with a
118	withdrawing entity that has elected under Section 49-11-624, before January 1, 2018, to
119	exclude:
120	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-624(3)(a)
121	or
122	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-624(3)(b);
123	[or]
124	(j) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that has elected under
125	Section 49-11-625, before July 1, 2022, to exclude all employees from participation in this
126	system[- - - -]; or
127	(k) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that, before July 1, 2024,
128	elects under Section 49-11-626 to exclude:
129	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-626(3)(a)
130	<u>or</u>
131	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-626(3)(b).
132	(2) If an employee whose status is temporary in nature due to the nature of type of
133	work to be performed:
134	(a) is employed for a term that exceeds six months and the employee otherwise
135	qualifies for service credit in this system, the participating employer shall report and certify to
136	the office that the employee is a regular full-time employee effective the beginning of the
137	seventh month of employment; or
138	(b) was previously terminated prior to being eligible for service credit in this system
139	and is reemployed within three months of termination by the same participating employer, the
140	participating employer shall report and certify that the member is a regular full-time employee
141	when the total of the periods of employment equals six months and the employee otherwise

142	qualifies for service credits in this system.
143	(3) (a) Upon cessation of the participating employer contributions, an employee under
144	Subsection (1)(b) is eligible for service credit in this system.
145	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1)(f), any eligibility for service
146	credit earned by an employee under this chapter before July 1, 2009 is not affected under
147	Subsection (1)(f).
148	(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1)(g), any eligibility for service
149	credit earned by an employee under this chapter before July 1, 2014, is not affected under
150	Subsection (1)(g).
151	(4) Upon filing a written request for exemption with the office, the following
152	employees shall be exempt from coverage under this system:
153	(a) a full-time student or the spouse of a full-time student and individuals employed in
154	a trainee relationship;
155	(b) an elected official;
156	(c) an executive department head of the state, a member of the State Tax Commission,
157	a member of the Public Service Commission, and a member of a full-time or part-time board or
158	commission;
159	(d) an employee of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget;
160	(e) an employee of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity;
161	(f) an employee of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
162	(g) an employee of the Governor's Office;
163	(h) an employee of the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, created in Section
164	63L-11-201;
165	(i) an employee of the State Auditor's Office;
166	(j) an employee of the State Treasurer's Office;
167	(k) any other member who is permitted to make an election under Section 49-11-406;

(l) a person appointed as a city manager or chief city administrator or another person

employed by a municipality, county, or other political subdivision, who is an at-will employee;

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(m) an employee of an interlocal cooperative agency created under Title 11, Chapter
13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, who is engaged in a specialized trade customarily provided
through membership in a labor organization that provides retirement benefits to the
organization's members; and
(n) an employee serving as an exchange employee from outside the state for an
employer who has elected to make all of the employer's exchange employees eligible for
service credit in this system.
(5) (a) Each participating employer shall prepare and maintain a list designating those
positions eligible for exemption under Subsection (4).
(b) An employee may not be exempted unless the employee is employed in an
exempted position designated by the participating employer.
(6) (a) In accordance with this section, Section 49-13-203, and Section 49-22-205, a
municipality, county, or political subdivision may not exempt a total of more than 50 positions
or a number equal to 10% of the eligible employees of the municipality, county, or political
subdivision, whichever is less.
(b) A municipality, county, or political subdivision may exempt at least one regular
full-time employee.
(7) Each participating employer shall:
(a) maintain a list of employee exemptions; and
(b) update the employee exemptions in the event of any change.
(8) The office may make rules to implement this section.
(9) An employee's exclusion, exemption, participation, or election described in this
section:
(a) shall be made in accordance with this section; and
(b) is subject to requirements under federal law and rules made by the board.
Section 3. Section 49-13-203 is amended to read:
49-13-203. Exclusions from membership in system.
(1) The following employees are not eligible for service credit in this system:

(a) subject to the requirements of Subsection (2), an employee whose employment status is temporary in nature due to the nature or the type of work to be performed;

- (b) except as provided under Subsection (3)(a), an employee of an institution of higher education who participates in a retirement system with a public or private retirement system, organization, or company designated by the Utah Board of Higher Education, or the technical college board of trustees for an employee of each technical college, during any period in which required contributions based on compensation have been paid on behalf of the employee by the employer;
- (c) an employee serving as an exchange employee from outside the state for an employer who has not elected to make all of the employer's exchange employees eligible for service credit in this system;
- (d) an executive department head of the state or a legislative director, senior executive employed by the governor's office, a member of the State Tax Commission, a member of the Public Service Commission, and a member of a full-time or part-time board or commission who files a formal request for exemption;
- (e) an employee of the Department of Workforce Services who is covered under another retirement system allowed under Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act;
- (f) an employee who is employed with an employer that has elected to be excluded from participation in this system under Subsection 49-13-202(5), effective on or after the date of the employer's election under Subsection 49-13-202(5);
- (g) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that has elected under Section 49-11-623, prior to January 1, 2017, to exclude:
- 220 (i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-623(3)(a); 221 or
 - (ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-623(3)(b);
- 223 (h) an employee described in Subsection (1)(h)(i) or (ii) who is employed with a 224 withdrawing entity that has elected under Section 49-11-624, before January 1, 2018, to 225 exclude:

226	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-624(3)(a)
227	or
228	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-624(3)(b);
229	[or]
230	(i) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that has elected under
231	Section 49-11-625, before July 1, 2022, to exclude all employees from participation in this
232	system[.]; or
233	(j) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that, before July 1, 2024,
234	elects under Section 49-11-626 to exclude:
235	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-626(3)(a)
236	<u>or</u>
237	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-626(3)(b).
238	(2) If an employee whose status is temporary in nature due to the nature of type of
239	work to be performed:
240	(a) is employed for a term that exceeds six months and the employee otherwise
241	qualifies for service credit in this system, the participating employer shall report and certify to
242	the office that the employee is a regular full-time employee effective the beginning of the
243	seventh month of employment; or
244	(b) was previously terminated prior to being eligible for service credit in this system
245	and is reemployed within three months of termination by the same participating employer, the
246	participating employer shall report and certify that the member is a regular full-time employee
247	when the total of the periods of employment equals six months and the employee otherwise
248	qualifies for service credits in this system.
249	(3) (a) Upon cessation of the participating employer contributions, an employee under
250	Subsection (1)(b) is eligible for service credit in this system.
251	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (1)(f), any eligibility for service
252	credit earned by an employee under this chapter before the date of the election under
253	Subsection 49-13-202(5) is not affected under Subsection (1)(f).

254	(4) Upon filing a written request for exemption with the office, the following
255	employees shall be exempt from coverage under this system:
256	(a) a full-time student or the spouse of a full-time student and individuals employed in
257	a trainee relationship;
258	(b) an elected official;
259	(c) an executive department head of the state, a member of the State Tax Commission,
260	a member of the Public Service Commission, and a member of a full-time or part-time board or
261	commission;
262	(d) an employee of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget;
263	(e) an employee of the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity;
264	(f) an employee of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
265	(g) an employee of the Governor's Office;
266	(h) an employee of the State Auditor's Office;
267	(i) an employee of the State Treasurer's Office;
268	(j) any other member who is permitted to make an election under Section 49-11-406;
269	(k) a person appointed as a city manager or chief city administrator or another person
270	employed by a municipality, county, or other political subdivision, who is an at-will employee;
271	(l) an employee of an interlocal cooperative agency created under Title 11, Chapter 13,
272	Interlocal Cooperation Act, who is engaged in a specialized trade customarily provided through
273	membership in a labor organization that provides retirement benefits to its members; and
274	(m) an employee serving as an exchange employee from outside the state for an
275	employer who has elected to make all of the employer's exchange employees eligible for
276	service credit in this system.
277	(5) (a) Each participating employer shall prepare and maintain a list designating those
278	positions eligible for exemption under Subsection (4).
279	(b) An employee may not be exempted unless the employee is employed in a position
280	designated by the participating employer.

(6) (a) In accordance with this section, Section 49-12-203, and Section 49-22-205, a

municipality, county, or political subdivision may not exempt a total of more than 50 positions or a number equal to 10% of the eligible employees of the municipality, county, or political subdivision, whichever is less.

- (b) A municipality, county, or political subdivision may exempt at least one regular full-time employee.
 - (7) Each participating employer shall:

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- (a) maintain a list of employee exemptions; and
- (b) update the employee exemptions in the event of any change.
- 290 (8) The office may make rules to implement this section.
- 291 (9) An employee's exclusion, exemption, participation, or election described in this section:
 - (a) shall be made in accordance with this section; and
 - (b) is subject to requirements under federal law and rules made by the board.
- Section 4. Section **49-22-203** is amended to read:
- 296 **49-22-203.** Exclusions from membership in system.
 - (1) The following employees are not eligible for service credit in this system:
 - (a) subject to the requirements of Subsection (2), an employee whose employment status is temporary in nature due to the nature or the type of work to be performed;
 - (b) except as provided under Subsection (3), an employee of an institution of higher education who participates in a retirement system with a public or private retirement system, organization, or company designated by the Utah Board of Higher Education, or the technical college board of trustees for an employee of each technical college, during any period in which required contributions based on compensation have been paid on behalf of the employee by the employer;
 - (c) an employee serving as an exchange employee from outside the state for an employer who has not elected to make all of the employer's exchange employees eligible for service credit in this system;
 - (d) an employee of the Department of Workforce Services who is covered under

310	another retirement system allowed under Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act;
311	(e) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that has elected under
312	Section 49-11-623, prior to January 1, 2017, to exclude:
313	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-623(3)(a)
314	or
315	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-623(3)(b);
316	(f) a person who files a written request for exemption with the office under Section
317	49-22-205;
318	(g) an employee described in Subsection (1)(g)(i) or (ii) who is employed with a
319	withdrawing entity that has elected under Section 49-11-624, before January 1, 2018, to
320	exclude:
321	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-624(3)(a)
322	or
323	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-624(3)(b);
324	[or]
325	(h) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that has elected under
326	Section 49-11-625, before July 1, 2022, to exclude all employees from participation in this
327	system[-]; or
328	(i) an employee who is employed with a withdrawing entity that, before July 1, 2024,
329	elects under Section 49-11-626 to exclude:
330	(i) new employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-626(3)(a)
331	<u>or</u>
332	(ii) all employees from participation in this system under Subsection 49-11-626(3)(b).
333	(2) If an employee whose status is temporary in nature due to the nature of type of
334	work to be performed:
335	(a) is employed for a term that exceeds six months and the employee otherwise
336	qualifies for service credit in this system, the participating employer shall report and certify to
337	the office that the employee is a regular full-time employee effective the beginning of the

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- (b) was previously terminated prior to being eligible for service credit in this system and is reemployed within three months of termination by the same participating employer, the participating employer shall report and certify that the member is a regular full-time employee when the total of the periods of employment equals six months and the employee otherwise qualifies for service credits in this system.
- (3) Upon cessation of the participating employer contributions, an employee under Subsection (1)(b) is eligible for service credit in this system.
- (4) An employee's exclusion, exemption, participation, or election described in this section:
 - (a) shall be made in accordance with this section; and
- (b) is subject to requirements under federal law and rules made by the board.
- Section 5. Section **67-3-12** is amended to read:
- 351 67-3-12. Utah Public Finance Website -- Establishment and administration --
- 352 Records disclosure -- Exceptions.
- 353 (1) As used in this section:
- 354 (a) (i) Subject to Subsections (1)(a)(ii) and (iii), "independent entity" means the same 355 as that term is defined in Section 63E-1-102.
 - (ii) "Independent entity" includes an entity that is part of an independent entity described in Subsection (1)(a)(i), if the entity is considered a component unit of the independent entity under the governmental accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- 360 (iii) "Independent entity" does not include the Utah State Retirement Office created in Section 49-11-201.
 - (b) "Local education agency" means a school district or charter school.
- 363 (c) "Participating local entity" means:
- 364 (i) a county;
- 365 (ii) a municipality;

366	(iii) a local district under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities -
367	Local Districts;
368	(iv) a special service district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act;
369	(v) a housing authority under Title 35A, Chapter 8, Part 4, Housing Authorities;
370	(vi) a public transit district under Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Public Transit District
371	Act;
372	(vii) except for a taxed interlocal entity as defined in Section 11-13-602:
373	(A) an interlocal entity as defined in Section 11-13-103;
374	(B) a joint or cooperative undertaking as defined in Section 11-13-103; or
375	(C) any project, program, or undertaking entered into by interlocal agreement in
376	accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act;
377	(viii) except for a taxed interlocal entity as defined in Section 11-13-602, an entity that
378	is part of an entity described in Subsections (1)(c)(i) through (vii), if the entity is considered a
379	component unit of the entity described in Subsections (1)(c)(i) through (vii) under the
380	governmental accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board;
381	or
382	(ix) a conservation district under Title 17D, Chapter 3, Conservation District Act.
383	(d) (i) "Participating state entity" means the state of Utah, including its executive,
384	legislative, and judicial branches, its departments, divisions, agencies, boards, commissions,
385	councils, committees, and institutions.
386	(ii) "Participating state entity" includes an entity that is part of an entity described in
387	Subsection (1)(d)(i), if the entity is considered a component unit of the entity described in
388	Subsection (1)(d)(i) under the governmental accounting standards issued by the Governmental
389	Accounting Standards Board.
390	(e) "Public finance website" or "website" means the website established by the state
391	auditor in accordance with this section.
392	(f) "Public financial information" means each record that is required under this section
393	or by rule made by the Office of the State Auditor under Subsection [(8)] (9) to be made

394	available on the public finance website, a participating local entity's website, or an independent
395	entity's website.
396	(g) "Qualifying entity" means:
397	(i) an independent entity;
398	(ii) a participating local entity;
399	(iii) a participating state entity;
400	(iv) a local education agency;
401	(v) a state institution of higher education as defined in Section 53B-3-102;
402	(vi) the Utah Educational Savings Plan created in Section 58B-8a-103;
403	(vii) the Utah Housing Corporation created in Section 63H-8-201;
404	(viii) the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration created in Section
405	53C-1-201;
406	(ix) the Utah Capital Investment Corporation created in Section 63N-6-301; or
407	(x) a URS-participating employer.
408	(h) (i) "URS-participating employer" means an entity that:
409	(A) is a participating [entity] employer, as that term is defined in Section 49-11-102;
410	and
411	(B) is not required to report public financial information under this section as a
412	qualifying entity described in Subsections (1)(g)(i) through (ix).
413	(ii) "URS-participating employer" does not include:
414	(A) the Utah State Retirement Office created in Section 49-11-201; [or]
415	(B) an insurer that is subject to the disclosure requirements of Section 31A-4-113; or
416	[(B)] (C) a withdrawing entity.
417	(i) (i) "Withdrawing entity" means:
418	(A) an entity that elects to withdraw from participation in a system or plan under Title
419	49, Chapter 11, Part 6, Procedures and Records[-];
420	(B) until the date determined under Subsection 49-11-626(2)(a), a public employees'
421	association that provides the notice of intent described in Subsection 49-11-626(2)(b); and

422	(C) beginning on the date determined under Subsection 49-11-626(2)(a), a public
423	employees' association that makes an election described in Subsection 49-11-626(3).
424	(ii) "Withdrawing entity" includes a withdrawing entity, as that term is defined in
425	Sections 49-11-623 and 49-11-624.
426	(2) The state auditor shall establish and maintain a public finance website in
427	accordance with this section.
428	(3) The website shall:
429	(a) permit Utah taxpayers to:
430	(i) view, understand, and track the use of taxpayer dollars by making public financial
431	information available on the Internet for participating state entities, independent entities,
432	participating local entities, and URS-participating employers, using the website; and
433	(ii) link to websites administered by participating local entities, independent entities, or
434	URS-participating employers that do not use the website for the purpose of providing public
435	financial information as required by this section and by rule made under Subsection [(8)] (9);
436	(b) allow a person that has Internet access to use the website without paying a fee;
437	(c) allow the public to search public financial information on the website;
438	(d) provide access to financial reports, financial audits, budgets, or other financial
439	documents that are used to allocate, appropriate, spend, and account for government funds, as
440	may be established by rule made in accordance with Subsection (9);
441	(e) have a unique and simplified website address;
442	(f) be guided by the principles described in Subsection 63A-16-202(2);
443	(g) include other links, features, or functionality that will assist the public in obtaining
444	and reviewing public financial information, as may be established by rule made under
445	Subsection (9); and
446	(h) include a link to school report cards published on the State Board of Education's
447	website under Section 53E-5-211.
448	(4) The state auditor shall:
449	(a) establish and maintain the website, including the provision of equipment, resources,

and personnel as necessary;

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- (b) maintain an archive of all information posted to the website;
- 452 (c) coordinate and process the receipt and posting of public financial information from 453 participating state entities; and
 - (d) coordinate and regulate the posting of public financial information by participating local entities and independent entities.
 - (5) A qualifying entity shall permit the public to view the qualifying entity's public financial information by posting the public financial information to the public finance website in accordance with rules made under Subsection (9).
 - (6) The content of the public financial information posted to the public finance website is the responsibility of the qualifying entity posting the public financial information.
 - (7) A URS-participating employer shall provide employee compensation information for each fiscal year ending on or after June 30, 2022:
 - (a) to the state auditor for posting on the Utah Public Finance Website; or
 - (b) (i) through the URS-participating employer's own website; and
 - (ii) via a link to the website described in Subsection (7)(b)(i), submitted to the state auditor for posting on the Utah Public Finance Website.
 - (8) (a) A qualifying entity may not post financial information that is classified as private, controlled, or protected under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, to the public finance website.
 - (b) An individual who negligently discloses financial information that is classified as private, protected, or controlled by Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, is not criminally or civilly liable for an improper disclosure of the financial information if the financial information is disclosed solely as a result of the preparation or publication of the website.
 - (9) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the Office of the State Auditor:
 - (a) shall make rules to:

478	(i) establish which records a qualifying entity is required to post to the public finance
479	website; and
480	(ii) establish procedures for obtaining, submitting, reporting, storing, and posting
481	public financial information on the public finance website; and
482	(b) may make rules governing when a qualifying entity is required to disclose an
483	expenditure made by a person under contract with the qualifying entity, including the form and
484	content of the disclosure.
485	(10) The rules made under Subsection (9) shall only require a URS-participating
486	employer to provide employee compensation information for each fiscal year ending on or after
487	June 30, 2022:
488	(a) to the state auditor for posting on the public finance website; or
489	(b) (i) through the URS-participating employer's own website; and
490	(ii) via a link to the website described in Subsection (10)(b)(i), submitted to the state
491	auditor for posting on the public finance website.