

Representative Elizabeth Weight proposes the following substitute bill:

UTAH CHARTER SCHOOL PROFILE WEBSITE

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Elizabeth Weight

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires a charter school to maintain certain profile information on the charter school's website.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the State Board of Education to provide information about charter profile websites;

▶ requires a charter school to include profile information on the charter school's website, including:

- charter school employee benefits;
- charter school finances;
- a charter management organization affiliated with the charter school;
- the charter school's mission statement;
- whether the charter school's governing board has requested to place the charter school in a voluntary school improvement process; and
- other information; and

▶ requires a charter school to include information about the profile website on an enrollment application.



26 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

27 None

28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 ENACTS:

32 **53A-1a-525**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

35 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-525** is enacted to read:

36 **53A-1a-525. Utah charter school profile website.**

37 (1) As used in this section:

38 (a) "Charter management organization" means a person with which a charter school
39 contracts to provide management or oversight services regarding the charter school's
40 expenditures, administration, personnel, or instructional materials or methods.

41 (b) "Charter school profile information" means the information described in Subsection

42 (3) that a charter school is required to publish on the charter school's profile website in
43 accordance with this section.

44 (c) "Profile website" means a website maintained and published by a charter school
45 displaying the charter school profile information required under this section.

46 (2) A charter school shall, in accordance with Subsection (4), maintain a profile
47 website.

48 (3) A profile website shall permit an individual to review or access the following
49 profile information for a charter school:

50 (a) the charter school's charter school application described in Section **53A-1a-504**;

51 (b) the charter school's charter agreement described in Section **53A-1a-508**;

52 (c) (i) the number of teachers employed by the charter school who are licensed; and

53 (ii) the number of teachers employed by the charter school on the basis of
54 demonstrated competency, qualified to teach under alternative certification or authorization
55 programs;

56 (d) whether the charter school has elected in accordance with Section **53A-1a-512** to

57 participate as an employer for the following retirement programs:

58 (i) Title 49, Chapter 12, Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Act;

59 (ii) Title 49, Chapter 13, Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement Act; or

60 (iii) Title 49, Chapter 22, New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act;

61 (e) (i) whether under Section [53A-1a-512](#) the governing board of the charter has

62 offered employee benefit plans for the charter school employees under Title 49, Chapter 20,

63 Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act, or under any other program; and

64 (ii) if the governing board offers employee benefits in a program that is not described

65 in Title 49, Chapter 20, Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act, a statement that

66 the charter school as an employer does not offer those benefits;

67 (f) if the charter school receives a school grade under Chapter 1, Part 11, School

68 Grading Act, the charter school's grade and a link to school grading information on the State

69 Board of Education website;

70 (g) the number of students in the last five years or, if the charter has been open for

71 enrollment for fewer than five years, since the charter school opened for enrollment, who

72 transferred to another public or private school after attending the charter school for:

73 (i) less than one year;

74 (ii) one year;

75 (iii) two years; and

76 (iv) three years;

77 (h) (i) the charter school's mission statement; and

78 (ii) specific information on how the charter school implements the mission statement

79 and accomplishes mission statement objectives;

80 (i) (i) the name of a charter management organization, if any, that the charter school

81 contracts with and a reasonable description of the services that the charter management

82 organization provides; and

83 (ii) the percentage of the charter school's annual budget that is paid to the charter

84 management organization;

85 (j) (i) each time, if at all, the charter school's governing board has requested the charter

86 school's authorizer to place the charter school in a voluntary school improvement process

87 described in Section [53A-1a-509.5](#); and

88 (ii) if the charter school's governing board has made a request described in Subsection
89 (3)(j)(i), each year in which the governing board made the request and each time that the
90 charter school's authorizer granted the request;

91 (k) a link to the Utah Public Finance Website created in Section 63A-3-402 with an
92 explanation that information on charter school expenditures is available on the Utah Public
93 Finance Website;

94 (l) a copy of the charter school's most recent financial audit report as described in
95 Section 53A-1a-507; and

96 (m) whether the charter school requires a student's parent or guardian to volunteer time
97 in the classroom or otherwise for the parent or guardian's student to attend the charter school.

98 (4) No later than January 1, 2018, each charter school profile website shall:

99 (a) be operational;

100 (b) permit public access to the information described in Subsection (3); and

101 (c) be readily available via a hyperlink on a charter school's website homepage.

102 (5) No later than January 1, 2018, the State Board of Education shall publish and
103 maintain on the State Board of Education's website a page that:

104 (a) informs individuals that a charter school is required to maintain a profile website
105 that is available to the public; and

106 (b) lists in general the charter school profile information described in Subsection (3)
107 that an individual should be able to access on an individual charter school's profile website.

108 (6) (a) A charter school shall include on an enrollment application to the charter school
109 the following statement in easy-to-read font type and size: "The [name of charter school]
110 profile website provides profile information about this charter school, including information
111 about teachers employed by the charter school, charter school expenditures, charter school
112 agreements, and charter school student transfer rates to other schools."

113 (b) If the enrollment application is an electronic application, the charter school shall
114 include on the electronic application a hyperlink to the charter school's profile website.