

**PARENT SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROTECTION**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies Title 53A, Chapter 15, Standards and Programs, by requiring the State Board of Education and school districts to implement a parent seminar on various issues.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires school districts to offer an annual seminar to parents with information on substance abuse, bullying, mental health, and Internet safety;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
  - develop a curriculum and provide it to requesting school districts; and
  - report on the program to the Education Interim Committee; and
- ▶ requires a school district to notify charter schools located within the school district's boundaries of the parent seminar.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53A-15-1301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is enacted to read:

**Part 13. Parent Education**

**53A-15-1301. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**

(1) (a) A school district shall offer a seminar for parents of students in the school district that:

- (i) is offered at no cost to parents;
- (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;
- (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district;
- (iv) is offered once a year; and
- (v) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).

(b) A school district may:

- (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or
- (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection (2).

(c) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance boundaries of the school district of the date and time of the parent seminar, so the charter school may inform parents of the seminar.

(2) The State Board of Education shall:

(a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that includes information on:

- (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;
- (ii) bullying;
- (iii) mental health, depression, and suicide awareness; and
- (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and

(b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon request.

(3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent seminar.

- 59           (4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim  
60 Committee by the November 2014 meeting on the:  
61           (a) progress of implementation of the parent seminar;  
62           (b) estimated attendance reported by each school district; and  
63           (c) recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program.
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