

1 **Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Katy Hall

Senate Sponsor:

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill creates the Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ defines terms;
- 9 ▶ makes technical changes;
- 10 ▶ creates a three-year pilot program to promote healthy lifestyle choices in schools;
- 11 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to administer the program; and
- 12 ▶ creates a reporting requirement.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 This bill provides a special effective date.

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 AMENDS:

19 **53E-1-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 3, 460 and 525

20 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

21 ENACTS:

22 **53F-5-224**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

25 Section 1. Section **53E-1-201** is amended to read:

26 **53E-1-201 . Reports to and action required of the Education Interim Committee.**

27 (1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following recurring
28 reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:

29 (a) the report described in Section 9-22-109 by the STEM Action Center Board,

30 including the information described in Section 9-22-113 on the status of the computer

- 31 science initiative and Section 9-22-114 on the Computing Partnerships Grants
32 Program;
- 33 (b) the prioritized list of data research described in Section 53B-33-302 and the report on
34 research and activities described in Section 53B-33-304 by the Utah Data Research
35 Center;
- 36 (c) the report described in Section 53B-1-402 by the Utah Board of Higher Education on
37 career and technical education issues and addressing workforce needs;
- 38 (d) the annual report of the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section
39 53B-1-402;
- 40 (e) the reports described in Section 53B-28-401 by the Utah Board of Higher Education
41 regarding activities related to campus safety;
- 42 (f) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section
43 53E-1-203;
- 44 (g) the annual report described in Section 53E-2-202 by the state board on the strategic
45 plan to improve student outcomes;
- 46 (h) the report described in Section 53E-8-204 by the state board on the Utah Schools for
47 the Deaf and the Blind;
- 48 (i) the report described in Section 53E-10-703 by the Utah Leading through Effective,
49 Actionable, and Dynamic Education director on research and other activities;
- 50 (j) the report described in Section 53F-2-522 regarding mental health screening
51 programs;
- 52 (k) the report described in Section 53F-4-203 by the state board and the independent
53 evaluator on an evaluation of early interactive reading software;
- 54 (l) the report described in Section 63N-20-107 by the Governor's Office of Economic
55 Opportunity on UPSTART;
- 56 (m) the reports described in Sections 53F-5-214 and 53F-5-215 by the state board
57 related to grants for professional learning and grants for an elementary teacher
58 preparation assessment;
- 59 (n) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-219 by the state board on the
60 Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program;
- 61 (o) the report described in Section 53F-5-405 by the state board regarding an evaluation
62 of a partnership that receives a grant to improve educational outcomes for students
63 who are low income;
- 64 (p) the report described in Section 53B-35-202 regarding the Higher Education and

- 65 Corrections Council;
- 66 (q) the report described in Section 53G-7-221 by the state board regarding innovation
67 plans; and
- 68 (r) the reports described in Section 53F-6-412 regarding the Utah Fits All Scholarship
69 Program.
- 70 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following occasional
71 reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:
- 72 (a) in 2027, 2030, 2033, and 2035, the reports described in Sections 53B-1-116,
73 53B-1-117, and 53B-1-118;
- 74 (b) if required, the report described in Section 53E-4-309 by the state board explaining
75 the reasons for changing the grade level specification for the administration of
76 specific assessments;
- 77 (c) if required, the report described in Section 53E-5-210 by the state board of an
78 adjustment to the minimum level that demonstrates proficiency for each statewide
79 assessment;
- 80 (d) the report described in Section 53E-10-702 by Utah Leading through Effective,
81 Actionable, and Dynamic Education;
- 82 (e) if required, the report described in Section 53F-2-513 by the state board evaluating
83 the effects of salary bonuses on the recruitment and retention of effective teachers in
84 high poverty schools;
- 85 (f) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-224 by the state board regarding
86 implementation, progress, and health outcomes of the Gold Medal Schools Pilot
87 Program;
- 88 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) upon request, a report described in Section 53G-7-222 by an LEA regarding
89 expenditure of a percentage of state restricted funds to support an innovative
90 education program;
- 91 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) the reports described in Section 53G-11-304 by the state board regarding
92 proposed rules and results related to educator exit surveys; and
- 93 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) the report described in Section 26B-5-113 by the Office of Substance Use and
94 Mental Health, the state board, and the Department of Health and Human Services
95 regarding recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based
96 health services.

97 Section 2. Section **53F-5-224** is enacted to read:

98 **53F-5-224 . Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program.**

- 99 (1) As used in this section:
- 100 (a) "Gold medal recognition award" means recognition through a certificate the state
101 board awards to an elementary school that meets the physical education criteria the
102 state board establishes under this section.
- 103 (b) "Program" means the Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program created in Subsection (2).
- 104 (2) There is created a three-year pilot program, known as the Gold Medal Schools Pilot
105 Program, to provide funding to an LEA to promote healthy physical lifestyle choices by
106 students in schools and improve the physical education, physical activity, and nutrition
107 of a student by:
- 108 (a) encouraging a student to engage in regular physical activity;
109 (b) promoting healthy eating habits and food choices in schools; and
110 (c) creating school policies that support lifelong health and wellness for students.
- 111 (3) The state board shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
112 Rulemaking Act, make rules to:
- 113 (a) establish physical education criteria for a participating school, including criteria for
114 earning a gold medal recognition award, that:
- 115 (i) achieve the purpose of the program as described in Subsection (2); and
116 (ii) apply alternate criteria to students with a physical limitation;
- 117 (b) select 50 elementary schools, including both urban and rural elementary schools, to
118 participate in the program for three years;
- 119 (c) subject to legislative appropriations, award \$1,000 in program funds to an elementary
120 school:
- 121 (i) that meets the physical education criteria the state board establishes; and
122 (ii) in accordance with the requirements of this section;
- 123 (d) create an application process for an LEA or individual school to participate in the
124 program;
- 125 (e) establish limitations on LEA or school use of funds the LEA or school receives
126 through the program that emphasize physical activity and healthy eating habits;
- 127 (f) begin program implementation for the 2026-27 school year;
- 128 (g) grant a participating LEA or school autonomy to implement the program in
129 accordance with local needs and resources; and
- 130 (h) establish a system to distribute program funds to the participating LEAs, including a
131 percentage cap for an LEA's administration of the program.
- 132 (4)(a) An LEA may submit an application to participate in the program.

- 133 (b) In the LEA's application, the LEA shall:
- 134 (i) identify an elementary school within the LEA that wishes to participate in the
- 135 program;
- 136 (ii) describe how a participating elementary school will implement the program's
- 137 objectives; and
- 138 (iii) outline measurable goals aligned with the program's purpose.
- 139 (c) An LEA that the state board accepts to participate in the program shall, at the
- 140 conclusion of each school year, submit a report to the state board demonstrating
- 141 whether the school has met the physical education criteria the state board establishes
- 142 for the program.
- 143 (5) An LEA that participates in the program may only use program funds to achieve the
- 144 purposes described in Subsection (2).
- 145 (6) The state board may use up to 6.25% of the money appropriated for the purposes
- 146 described in this section for administrative costs of the state board.
- 147 (7) Upon request of the Education Interim Committee, the state board shall report to the
- 148 Education Interim Committee on:
- 149 (a) the implementation of the program; and
- 150 (b) the program's progress and health outcomes.
- 151 Section 3. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:
- 152 **63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 153 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is
- 154 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 155 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --
- 156 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 157 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,
- 158 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 159 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is
- 160 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 161 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 162 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --
- 163 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 164 (7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance
- 165 Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking --
- 166 Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.

- 167 (8) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed
168 July 1, 2029.
- 169 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 170 (10) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem
171 -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.
- 172 (11) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is
173 repealed December 31, 2025.
- 174 (12) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council,
175 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 176 (13) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 177 (14) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed July 1,
178 2028.
- 179 (15) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 180 (16) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established -- Members,
181 is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 182 (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 183 (18) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 184 (19) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
185 Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 186 (20) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed July 1,
187 2027.
- 188 (21) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the Land
189 Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
190 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 191 (22) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council,
192 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 193 (23) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or waiver of
194 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 195 (24) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
196 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 197 (25) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
198 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 199 (26) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed
200 January 1, 2028.

- 201 (27) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 202 (28) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is
203 repealed July 1, 2033.
- 204 (29) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of governmental
205 immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 206 (30) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is repealed
207 July 1, 2024.
- 208 (31) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 209 (32) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 210 (33) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed July
211 1, 2025.
- 212 (34) Section 53F-5-224, Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 213 [~~34~~] (35) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July
214 1, 2027.
- 215 [~~35~~] (36) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
216 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 217 [~~36~~] (37) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
218 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 219 [~~37~~] (38) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 220 Section 4. **Effective Date.**
- 221 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.