

**DIGITAL WELLNESS, CITIZENSHIP, AND SAFE  
TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton**

Senate Sponsor: Daniel Hemmert

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission to advance the goal of training every student in healthy behavior related to technology use.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission (commission); and
- ▶ requires the commission to:
  - identify best practices and compile resources for training students in healthy behavior related to technology use; and
  - report to the Education Interim Committee and the State Board of Education on efforts related to delivering training in healthy behavior related to technology use.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

29 [63I-2-263](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 182, 240, 246, 325, 370,  
30 and 483

31 ENACTS:

32 [63C-21-101](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 [63C-21-102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 [63C-21-201](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 [63C-21-202](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

38 Section 1. Section [63C-21-101](#) is enacted to read:

39 **CHAPTER 21. DIGITAL WELLNESS, CITIZENSHIP, AND**  
40 **SAFE TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

41 **Part 1. General Provisions**

42 **[63C-21-101](#). Title.**

43 (1) This chapter is known as the "Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology  
44 Commission."

45 (2) This part is known as "General Provisions."

46 Section 2. Section [63C-21-102](#) is enacted to read:

47 **[63C-21-102](#). Definitions.**

48 As used in this chapter:

49 (1) "Commission" means the Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology  
50 Commission created in Section [63C-21-201](#).

51 (2) "Cyber-bullying" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-9-601](#).

52 (3) "Digital citizenship" means the norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy  
53 behavior related to technology use, including digital literacy, ethics, etiquette, and security.

54 (4) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district, a charter school, or the  
55 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

56 (5) "State board" means the State Board of Education.

57 (6) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction  
58 appointed under Section 53E-3-301.

59 (7) "Student" means a child who is under the age of 18.

60 Section 3. Section 63C-21-201 is enacted to read:

61 **Part 2. Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission**

62 **63C-21-201. Commission established -- Members.**

63 (1) There is created the Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology  
64 Commission to advance the goal of reaching every student, parent, and student's support  
65 network with training and ongoing support in digital citizenship, composed of the following 11  
66 members:

67 (a) one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate who shall serve  
68 as co-chair of the commission;

69 (b) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
70 House of Representatives who shall serve as co-chair of the commission;

71 (c) two members appointed by the state superintendent, that may include:

72 (i) a current or former classroom teacher; and

73 (ii) a parent of a student;

74 (d) the governor or the governor's designee;

75 (e) the attorney general or the attorney general's designee; and

76 (f) five members with experience and expertise related to digital citizenship training  
77 and education, recommended by the co-chairs of the commission and jointly approved by the  
78 president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives, that may include:

79 (i) a mental health professional;

80 (ii) a facilitator of a school community council;

81 (iii) a media literacy librarian; and

82 (iv) a representative of the Utah Education and Telehealth Network created in Section

83 [53B-17-105](#).

84 (2) (a) A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum of the  
85 commission.

86 (b) The action by a majority of the members of a quorum constitutes the action of the  
87 commission.

88 (3) (a) The salary and expenses of a commission member who is a legislator shall be  
89 paid in accordance with Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,  
90 Legislator Compensation.

91 (b) A commission member who is not a legislator may not receive compensation or  
92 benefits for the member's service on the commission, but may receive per diem and  
93 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a commission member at the rates established by  
94 the Division of Finance under:

95 (i) Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#); and

96 (ii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
97 [63A-3-107](#).

98 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support  
99 to the commission.

100 (5) The commission shall meet up to seven times per year.

101 Section 4. Section **63C-21-202** is enacted to read:

102 **63C-21-202. Commission duties -- Reporting requirements.**

103 (1) To ensure students are digital media-literate, and able to use technology safely and  
104 ethically, the commission shall:

105 (a) identify best practices for reaching every student with training in digital citizenship;

106 (b) identify, compile, and publish resources that an LEA or a parent may use to educate  
107 students, parents, or a student's support network in digital citizenship;

108 (c) identify and compile emerging research on digital citizenship and educating  
109 students, parents, or a student's support network in digital citizenship;

110 (d) collaborate and coordinate efforts with programs related to cyber-bullying, suicide  
111 prevention, anti-pornography, and social and emotional learning to provide resources for  
112 promoting digital citizenship to LEAs, students, teachers, and parents; and

113 (e) administer funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes described in this  
114 part, in accordance with the intent of the Legislature for the appropriation.

115 (2) The commission shall annually report to the Education Interim Committee and the  
116 state board on:

117 (a) objectives for training students in digital citizenship;

118 (b) a template for a plan that an LEA may use to achieve the objectives described in  
119 Subsection (2)(a);

120 (c) involving parents in promoting digital citizenship, including resources for educating  
121 students and parents at home;

122 (d) approved providers to deliver training in digital citizenship to teachers and students  
123 in LEAs; and

124 (e) the expenditure of the funds described in Subsection (1)(e).

125 Section 5. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

126 **63I-2-263. Repeal dates, Title 63A to Title 63N.**

127 (1) On July 1, 2020:

128 (a) Subsection **63A-1-203(5)(a)(i)** is repealed; and

129 (b) in Subsection **63A-1-203(5)(a)(ii)**, the language that states "appointed on or after  
130 May 8, 2018," is repealed.

131 [~~(2) Sections **63C-4a-307** and **63C-4a-309** are repealed January 1, 2020.~~]

132 [~~(3)~~ (2) Title 63C, Chapter 19, Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission is  
133 repealed July 1, 2020.

134 (3) Title 63C, Chapter 21, Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology  
135 Commission is repealed July 1, 2023.

136 (4) The following sections regarding the World War II Memorial Commission are

137 repealed on July 1, 2020:

138 (a) Section 63G-1-801;

139 (b) Section 63G-1-802;

140 (c) Section 63G-1-803; and

141 (d) Section 63G-1-804.

142 (5) In relation to the State Fair Park Committee, on January 1, 2021:

143 (a) Section 63H-6-104.5 is repealed; and

144 (b) Subsections 63H-6-104(8) and (9) are repealed.

145 (6) Section 63H-7a-303 is repealed on July 1, 2022.

146 (7) In relation to the Employability to Careers Program Board, on July 1, 2022:

147 (a) Subsection 63J-1-602.1[~~(52)~~](56) is repealed;

148 (b) Subsection 63J-4-301(1)(h), related to the review of data and metrics, is repealed;

149 and

150 (c) Title 63J, Chapter 4, Part 7, Employability to Careers Program, is repealed.

151 (8) Section 63J-4-708 is repealed January 1, 2023.