

1 **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE MODIFICATIONS**

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3 STATE OF UTAH

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill requires certain entities to provide bereavement leave for employees who are  
10 affected by a miscarriage or stillbirth.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ requires the Utah Board of Higher Education and the human resource bodies of  
15 state, county, and municipal governments to implement rules that provide  
16 bereavement leave for employees who are affected by the miscarriage or stillbirth of  
17 a child; and
- 18 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22 None

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

24 AMENDS:

- 25 **10-3-1103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1977, Chapter 48
- 26 **17-33-5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 128
- 27 **20A-1-508**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 212, 255 and last  
28 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 212
- 29 **53B-1-401**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 365

30 [53B-1-402](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 187

31 [63A-17-106](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 344

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

34 Section 1. Section **10-3-1103** is amended to read:

35 **10-3-1103. Sickness, disability, and death benefits.**

36 (1) As used in this section, "miscarriage" means the spontaneous or accidental loss of a  
37 fetus, regardless of the gestational age or the duration of the pregnancy.

38 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) The governing body of each municipality may maintain as to all elective or  
39 appointive officers and employees, including heads of departments, a system for the payment  
40 of health, dental, hospital, medical, disability and death benefits to be financed and  
41 administered in a manner and payable upon the terms and conditions as the governing body of  
42 the municipality may by ordinance or resolution prescribe.

43 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) The governing bodies of the municipalities may create and administer  
44 personnel benefit programs separately or jointly with other municipalities or other political  
45 subdivisions of the State of Utah or associations thereof.

46 (4) The governing body of each municipality shall, by ordinance or resolution, provide  
47 for at least three work days of paid bereavement leave for an employee:

48 (a) following the end of the employee's pregnancy by way of miscarriage or stillbirth;

49 or

50 (b) following the end of another individual's pregnancy by way of a miscarriage or  
51 stillbirth, if:

52 (i) the employee is the individual's spouse or partner;

53 (ii) (A) the employee is the individual's former spouse or partner; and

54 (B) the employee would have been a biological parent of a child born as a result of the  
55 pregnancy;

56 (iii) the employee provides documentation to show that the individual intended for the  
57 employee to be an adoptive parent, as that term is defined in Section [78B-6-103](#), of a child born

58 as a result of the pregnancy; or  
59 (iv) under a valid gestational agreement in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part  
60 8, Gestational Agreement, the employee would have been a parent of a child born as a result of  
61 the pregnancy.

62 Section 2. Section 17-33-5 is amended to read:

63 **17-33-5. Office of personnel management -- Director -- Appointment and**  
64 **responsibilities -- Personnel rules.**

65 (1) As used in this section, "miscarriage" means the spontaneous or accidental loss of a  
66 fetus, regardless of gestational age or the duration of the pregnancy.

67 ~~(1)~~ (2) (a) (i) Each county executive shall:

68 (A) create an office of personnel management, administered by a director of personnel  
69 management; and

70 (B) ensure that the director is a person with proven experience in personnel  
71 management.

72 (ii) Except as provided in Subsection ~~(1)~~ (2)(b), the position of director of personnel  
73 management shall be:

74 (A) a merit position; and

75 (B) filled as provided in Subsection ~~(1)~~ (2)(a)(iii).

76 (iii) Except as provided in Subsection ~~(1)~~ (2)(b), the career service council shall:

77 (A) advertise and recruit for the director position in the same manner as for merit  
78 positions;

79 (B) select three names from a register; and

80 (C) submit those names as recommendations to the county legislative body.

81 (iv) Except as provided in Subsection ~~(1)~~ (2)(b), the county legislative body shall  
82 select a person to serve as director of the office of personnel management from the names  
83 submitted to it by the career service council.

84 (b) (i) Effective for appointments made after May 1, 2006, and as an alternative to the  
85 procedure under Subsections ~~(1)~~ (2)(a)(ii), (iii), and (iv) and at the county executive's

86 discretion, the county executive may appoint a director of personnel management with the  
87 advice and consent of the county legislative body.

88 (ii) The position of each director of personnel management appointed under this  
89 Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2)(b) shall be a merit exempt position.

90 (iii) A director of personnel management appointed under this Subsection [~~(1)~~] (2)(b)  
91 may be terminated by the county executive with the consent of the county legislative body.

92 [~~(2)~~] (3) The director of personnel management shall:

93 (a) encourage and exercise leadership in the development of expertise in personnel  
94 administration within the several departments, offices, and agencies in the county service and  
95 make available the facilities of the office of personnel management to this end;

96 (b) advise the county legislative and executive bodies on the use of human resources;

97 (c) develop and implement programs for the improvement of employee effectiveness,  
98 such as training, safety, health, counseling, and welfare;

99 (d) investigate periodically the operation and effect of this law and of the policies made  
100 under it and report findings and recommendations to the county legislative body;

101 (e) establish and maintain records of all employees in the county service, setting forth  
102 as to each employee class, title, pay or status, and other relevant data;

103 (f) make an annual report to the county legislative body and county executive regarding  
104 the work of the department; and

105 (g) apply and carry out this law and the policies under it and perform any other lawful  
106 acts that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this law.

107 [~~(3)~~] (4) (a) (i) The director shall recommend personnel rules for the county.

108 (ii) The county legislative body may:

109 (A) recommend personnel rules for the county; and

110 (B) approve, amend, or reject personnel rules before they are adopted.

111 (b) The rules shall provide for:

112 (i) recruiting efforts to be planned and carried out in a manner that assures open  
113 competition, with special emphasis to be placed on recruiting efforts to attract minorities,

114 women, persons with a disability as defined by and covered under the Americans with  
115 Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12102, or other groups that are substantially  
116 underrepresented in the county work force to help assure they will be among the candidates  
117 from whom appointments are made;

118 (ii) the establishment of job related minimum requirements wherever practical, that all  
119 successful candidates shall be required to meet in order to be eligible for consideration for  
120 appointment or promotion;

121 (iii) selection procedures that include consideration of the relative merit of each  
122 applicant for employment, a job related method of determining the eligibility or ineligibility of  
123 each applicant, and a valid, reliable, and objective system of ranking eligible applicants  
124 according to their qualifications and merit;

125 (iv) certification procedures that insure equitable consideration of an appropriate  
126 number of the most qualified eligible applicants based on the ranking system;

127 (v) appointments to positions in the career service by selection from the most qualified  
128 eligible applicants certified on eligible lists established in accordance with Subsections [~~(3)~~]  
129 (4)(b)(iii) and (iv);

130 (vi) noncompetitive appointments in the occasional instance where there is evidence  
131 that open or limited competition is not practical, such as for unskilled positions that have no  
132 minimum job requirements;

133 (vii) limitation of competitions at the discretion of the director for appropriate positions  
134 to facilitate employment of qualified applicants with a substantial physical or mental  
135 impairment, or other groups protected by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act;

136 (viii) permanent appointment for entry to the career service that shall be contingent  
137 upon satisfactory performance by the employee during a period of six months, with the  
138 probationary period extendable for a period not to exceed six months for good cause, but with  
139 the condition that the probationary employee may appeal directly to the council any undue  
140 prolongation of the period designed to thwart merit principles;

141 (ix) temporary, provisional, or other noncareer service appointments, which may not be

142 used as a way of defeating the purpose of the career service and may not exceed 270 days;

143 (x) lists of eligible applicants normally to be used, if available, for filling temporary  
144 positions, and short term emergency appointments to be made without regard to the other  
145 provisions of law to provide for maintenance of essential services in an emergency situation  
146 where normal procedures are not practical, these emergency appointments not to exceed 270  
147 days;

148 (xi) promotion and career ladder advancement of employees to higher level positions  
149 and assurance that all persons promoted are qualified for the position;

150 (xii) recognition of the equivalency of other merit processes by waiving, at the  
151 discretion of the director, the open competitive examination for placement in the career service  
152 positions of those who were originally selected through a competitive examination process in  
153 another governmental entity, the individual in those cases, to serve a probationary period;

154 (xiii) preparation, maintenance, and revision of a position classification plan for all  
155 positions in the career service, based upon similarity of duties performed and responsibilities  
156 assumed, so that the same qualifications may reasonably be required for, and the same schedule  
157 of pay may be equitably applied to, all positions in the same class, the compensation plan, in  
158 order to maintain a high quality public work force, to take into account the responsibility and  
159 difficulty of the work, the comparative pay and benefits needed to compete in the labor market  
160 and to stay in proper alignment with other similar governmental units, and other factors;

161 (xiv) keeping records of performance on all employees in the career service and  
162 requiring consideration of performance records in determining salary increases, any benefits for  
163 meritorious service, promotions, the order of layoffs and reinstatements, demotions, discharges,  
164 and transfers;

165 (xv) establishment of a plan governing layoffs resulting from lack of funds or work,  
166 abolition of positions, or material changes in duties or organization, and governing  
167 reemployment of persons so laid off, taking into account with regard to layoffs and  
168 reemployment the relative ability, seniority, and merit of each employee;

169 (xvi) establishment of a plan for resolving employee grievances and complaints with

170 final and binding decisions;

171 (xvii) establishment of disciplinary measures such as suspension, demotion in rank or  
172 grade, or discharge, measures to provide for presentation of charges, hearing rights, and appeals  
173 for all permanent employees in the career service to the career service council;

174 (xviii) establishment of a procedure for employee development and improvement of  
175 poor performance;

176 (xix) establishment of hours of work, holidays, and attendance requirements in various  
177 classes of positions in the career service;

178 (xx) establishment and publicizing of fringe benefits such as insurance, retirement, and  
179 leave programs; and

180 (xxi) any other requirements not inconsistent with this law that are proper for its  
181 enforcement.

182 (5) Rules adopted pursuant to Subsection (4)(b)(xx) shall provide for at least three  
183 work days of paid bereavement leave for an employee:

184 (a) following the end of the employee's pregnancy by way of miscarriage or stillbirth;

185 or

186 (b) following the end of another individual's pregnancy by way of a miscarriage or  
187 stillbirth, if:

188 (i) the employee is the individual's spouse or partner;

189 (ii) (A) the employee is the individual's former spouse or partner; and

190 (B) the employee would have been a biological parent of a child born as a result of the  
191 pregnancy;

192 (iii) the employee provides documentation to show that the individual intended for the  
193 employee to be an adoptive parent, as that term is defined in Section 78B-6-103, of a child born  
194 as a result of the pregnancy; or

195 (iv) under a valid gestational agreement in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part  
196 8, Gestational Agreement, the employee would have been a parent of a child born as a result of  
197 the pregnancy.

198 Section 3. Section **20A-1-508** is amended to read:

199 **20A-1-508. Midterm vacancies in county elected offices -- Temporary manager --**  
200 **Interim replacement.**

201 (1) As used in this section:

202 (a) (i) "County offices" includes the county executive, members of the county  
203 legislative body, the county treasurer, the county sheriff, the county clerk, the county auditor,  
204 the county recorder, the county surveyor, and the county assessor.

205 (ii) "County offices" does not include the office of county attorney, district attorney, or  
206 judge.

207 (b) "Party liaison" means the political party officer designated to serve as a liaison with  
208 each county legislative body on all matters relating to the political party's relationship with a  
209 county as required by Section [20A-8-401](#).

210 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), until a county legislative body appoints  
211 an interim replacement to fill a vacant county office under Subsection (3), the following shall  
212 temporarily discharge the duties of the county office as a temporary manager:

213 (i) for a county office with one chief deputy, the chief deputy;

214 (ii) for a county office with more than one chief deputy:

215 (A) the chief deputy with the most cumulative time served as a chief deputy for the  
216 county office; or

217 (B) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(ii)(A), if, before the vacating county officer  
218 vacates the office, the county officer files with the county clerk a written statement designating  
219 one of the county officer's chief deputies to discharge the duties of the county office in the  
220 event the county officer vacates the office, the designated chief deputy; or

221 (iii) for a county office without a chief deputy:

222 (A) if one management-level employee serving under the county office has a  
223 higher-seniority management level than any other employee serving under the county office,  
224 that management-level employee;

225 (B) if two or more management-level employees serving under the county office have



226 the same and highest-seniority management level, the highest-seniority management-level  
227 employee with the most cumulative time served in the employee's current position; or

228 (C) notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(iii)(A) or (B), if, before the vacating county  
229 officer vacates the office, the county officer files with the county clerk a written statement  
230 designating one of the county officer's employees to discharge the county officer's duties in the  
231 event the county officer vacates the office, the designated employee.

232 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), a temporary manager described in  
233 Subsection (2)(a) who temporarily discharges the duties of a county office holds the powers  
234 and duties of the county office until the county legislative body appoints an interim  
235 replacement under Subsection (3).

236 (c) The temporary manager described in Subsection (2)(a) who temporarily discharges  
237 the duties of a county office:

238 (i) may not take an oath of office for the county office as a temporary manager;

239 (ii) shall comply with Title 17, Chapter 36, Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act for  
240 Counties, and the county's budget ordinances and policies;

241 (iii) unless approved by the county legislative body, may not change the compensation  
242 of an employee;

243 (iv) unless approved by the county legislative body, may not promote or demote an  
244 employee or change an employee's job title;

245 (v) may terminate an employee only if the termination is conducted in accordance with:

246 (A) personnel rules described in Subsection ~~17-33-5[(3)]~~(4) that are approved by the  
247 county legislative body; and

248 (B) applicable law;

249 (vi) unless approved by the county legislative body, may not exceed by more than 5%  
250 an expenditure that was planned before the county office for which the temporary manager  
251 discharges duties was vacated;

252 (vii) except as provided in Subsection (2)(c)(viii), may not receive a change in title or  
253 compensation; and

254 (viii) if approved by the county legislative body, may receive a performance award

255 after:

256 (A) the county legislative body appoints an interim replacement under Subsection (3);

257 and

258 (B) the interim replacement is sworn into office.

259 (d) This Subsection (2) does not apply to a vacancy in the office of county legislative  
260 body member.

261 (3) (a) Until a replacement is selected as provided in this section and has qualified, the  
262 county legislative body shall appoint an interim replacement to fill the vacant office by  
263 following the procedures and requirements of this Subsection (3).

264 (b) (i) To appoint an interim replacement, the county legislative body shall, within 10  
265 days after the day on which the vacancy occurs, give notice of the vacancy to the party liaison  
266 of the same political party of the prior office holder and invite that party liaison to submit the  
267 name of an individual to fill the vacancy.

268 (ii) That party liaison shall, before 5 p.m. within 30 days after the day on which the  
269 liaison receives the notice described in Subsection (3)(b)(i), or if the party liaison does not  
270 receive the notice, before 5 p.m. within 40 days after the day on which the vacancy occurs,  
271 submit to the county legislative body the name of an individual the party selects in accordance  
272 with the party's constitution or bylaws to serve as the interim replacement.

273 (iii) The county legislative body shall, no later than five days after the day on which a  
274 party liaison submits the name of the individual to serve as the interim replacement, appoint the  
275 individual to serve out the unexpired term.

276 (c) (i) If the county legislative body fails to appoint an interim replacement to fill the  
277 vacancy in accordance with Subsection (3)(b)(iii), the county clerk shall, no later than five days  
278 after the day of the deadline described in Subsection (3)(b)(iii), send to the governor a letter  
279 that:

280 (A) informs the governor that the county legislative body has failed to appoint a  
281 replacement within the statutory time period; and

282 (B) contains the name of the individual submitted by the party liaison to fill the  
283 vacancy.

284 (ii) The governor shall, within 10 days after the day on which the governor receives the  
285 letter described in Subsection (3)(c)(i), appoint the individual named by the party liaison as an  
286 interim replacement to fill the vacancy.

287 (d) An individual appointed as interim replacement under this Subsection (3) shall hold  
288 office until a successor is elected and has qualified.

289 (4) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (4) apply to all county offices that become  
290 vacant if:

291 (i) the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and

292 (ii) the vacancy occurs after the election at which the officeholder was elected but  
293 before the second Friday in March of the next even-numbered year.

294 (b) (i) When the conditions described in Subsection (4)(a) are met, the county clerk  
295 shall as soon as practicable, but no later than 180 days before the next regular general election,  
296 notify the public and each registered political party that the vacancy exists.

297 (ii) An individual intending to become a party candidate for the vacant office shall file  
298 a declaration of candidacy in accordance with:

299 (A) Chapter 9, Part 2, Candidate Qualifications and Declarations of Candidacy; and

300 (B) for a county commission office, Subsection 17-52a-201(6) or 17-52a-202(6), if  
301 applicable.

302 (iii) An individual who is nominated as a party candidate, who qualifies as an  
303 unaffiliated candidate for the vacant office under Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated  
304 with a Party, or who qualifies as a write-in candidate for the vacant office under Chapter 9, Part  
305 6, Write-in Candidates, shall run in the regular general election.

306 (5) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (5) apply to all county offices that become  
307 vacant if:

308 (i) the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and

309 (ii) the vacancy occurs on or after the second Friday in March of the next

310 even-numbered year but more than 75 days before the regular primary election.

311 (b) When the conditions described in Subsection (5)(a) are met, the county clerk shall  
312 as soon as practicable, but no later than 70 days before the next regular primary election, notify  
313 the public and each registered political party:

314 (i) that the vacancy exists; and

315 (ii) of the deadlines described in Subsection (5)(c)(i) and the deadlines established  
316 under Subsection (5)(d)(ii).

317 (c) (i) An individual intending to become a party candidate for a vacant office shall,  
318 within five days after the day on which the notice is given, ending at the close of normal office  
319 hours on the fifth day, file a declaration of candidacy for the vacant office in accordance with:

320 (A) Chapter 9, Part 2, Candidate Qualifications and Declarations of Candidacy; and

321 (B) for a county commission office, Subsection 17-52a-201(6) or 17-52a-202(6), if  
322 applicable.

323 (ii) The county central committee of each party shall:

324 (A) select a candidate or candidates from among those qualified candidates who have  
325 filed declarations of candidacy; and

326 (B) certify the name of the candidate or candidates to the county clerk as soon as  
327 practicable, but before 5 p.m. no later than 60 days before the day of the regular primary  
328 election.

329 (d) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(d)(ii), an individual intending to become a  
330 candidate for a vacant office who does not wish to affiliate with a registered political party  
331 shall file a verified certificate of nomination described in Section 20A-9-502 with the county  
332 clerk in accordance with Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party.

333 (ii) (A) The county clerk shall establish, in the clerk's reasonable discretion, a deadline  
334 that is before 5 p.m. no later than 65 days before the day of the next regular general election by  
335 which an individual who is not affiliated with a registered political party is required to submit a  
336 certificate of nomination under Subsection (5)(d)(i).

337 (B) The county clerk shall establish the deadline described in Subsection (5)(d)(ii)(A)

338 in a manner that gives an unaffiliated candidate an equal opportunity to access the regular  
339 general election ballot.

340 (e) An individual who is nominated as a party candidate for the vacant office, who  
341 qualifies as an unaffiliated candidate for the vacant office under Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates  
342 not Affiliated with a Party, or who qualifies as a write-in candidate for the vacant office under  
343 Chapter 9, Part 6, Write-in Candidates, shall run in the regular general election.

344 (6) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (6) apply to all county offices that become  
345 vacant:

346 (i) if the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more; and

347 (ii) when 75 days or less remain before the day of the regular primary election but more  
348 than 65 days remain before the day of the regular general election.

349 (b) When the conditions described in Subsection (6)(a) are met, the county clerk shall,  
350 as soon as practicable, notify the public and each registered political party:

351 (i) that the vacancy exists; and

352 (ii) of the deadlines established under Subsection (6)(d).

353 (c) (i) Before the deadline that the county clerk establishes under Subsection  
354 (6)(d)(i)(A), the county central committee of each registered political party that wishes to  
355 submit a candidate for the office shall certify the name of one candidate to the county clerk for  
356 placement on the regular general election ballot.

357 (ii) Before the deadline that the county clerk establishes under Subsection (6)(d)(i)(B),  
358 a candidate who does not wish to affiliate with a registered political party shall file a verified  
359 certificate of nomination described in Section 20A-9-502 with the county clerk in accordance  
360 with Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates not Affiliated with a Party.

361 (iii) Before the deadline that the county clerk establishes under Subsection (6)(d)(i)(C),  
362 a write-in candidate shall submit to the county clerk a declaration of candidacy described in  
363 Section 20A-9-601.

364 (d) (i) The county clerk shall establish, in the clerk's reasonable discretion, deadlines  
365 that are before 5 p.m. no later than 65 days before the day of the next regular general election

366 by which:

367 (A) a registered political party is required to certify a name under Subsection (6)(c)(i);

368 (B) an individual who does not wish to affiliate with a registered political party is  
369 required to submit a certificate of nomination under Subsection (6)(c)(ii); and

370 (C) a write-in candidate is required to submit a declaration of candidacy under  
371 Subsection (6)(c)(iii).

372 (ii) The county clerk shall establish deadlines under Subsection (6)(d)(i) in a manner  
373 that gives an unaffiliated candidate or a write-in candidate an equal opportunity to access the  
374 regular general election ballot.

375 (e) An individual who is certified as a party candidate for the vacant office, who  
376 qualifies as an unaffiliated candidate for the vacant office under Chapter 9, Part 5, Candidates  
377 not Affiliated with a Party, or who qualifies as a write-in candidate for the vacant office under  
378 Chapter 9, Part 6, Write-in Candidates, shall run in the regular general election.

379 (7) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (7) apply to all county offices that become  
380 vacant:

381 (i) if the vacant office has an unexpired term of less than two years; or

382 (ii) if the vacant office has an unexpired term of two years or more but 65 days or less  
383 remain before the day of the next regular general election.

384 (b) (i) When the conditions described in Subsection (7)(a) are met, the county  
385 legislative body shall as soon as practicable, but no later than 10 days after the day on which  
386 the vacancy occurs, give notice of the vacancy to the party liaison of the same political party as  
387 the prior office holder and invite that party liaison to submit the name of an individual to fill  
388 the vacancy.

389 (ii) That party liaison shall, before 5 p.m. within 30 days after the day on which the  
390 party liaison receives the notice described in Subsection (7)(b)(i), or if the party liaison does  
391 not receive the notice, before 5 p.m. no later than 40 days after the day on which the vacancy  
392 occurs, submit to the county legislative body the name of an individual to fill the vacancy.

393 (iii) The county legislative body shall, no later than five days after the day on which a

394 party liaison submits the name of the individual to fill the vacancy, appoint the individual to  
395 serve out the unexpired term.

396 (c) (i) If the county legislative body fails to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy in  
397 accordance with Subsection (7)(b)(iii), the county clerk shall send to the governor a letter that:

398 (A) informs the governor that the county legislative body has failed to appoint an  
399 individual to fill the vacancy within the statutory time period; and

400 (B) contains the name of the individual submitted by the party liaison to fill the  
401 vacancy.

402 (ii) The governor shall, within 10 days after the day on which the governor receives the  
403 letter described in Subsection (7)(c)(i), appoint the individual named by the party liaison to fill  
404 the vacancy.

405 (d) An individual appointed to fill the vacancy under this Subsection (7) shall hold  
406 office until a successor is elected and has qualified.

407 (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, the county legislative body may appoint  
408 replacements to fill all vacancies that occur in those offices filled by appointment of the county  
409 legislative body.

410 (9) Nothing in this section prohibits a candidate that does not wish to affiliate with a  
411 political party from filing a certificate of nomination for a vacant office within the same time  
412 limits as a candidate that is affiliated with a political party.

413 (10) (a) Each individual elected under Subsection (4), (5), or (6) to fill a vacancy in a  
414 county office shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the individual who created  
415 the vacancy and until a successor is elected and qualified.

416 (b) Nothing in this section may be construed to contradict or alter the provisions of  
417 Section 17-16-6.

418 Section 4. Section **53B-1-401** is amended to read:

419 **53B-1-401. Definitions.**

420 As used in this part:

421 (1) "Board" means the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section

422 53B-1-402.

423 (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means an institution of higher  
424 education described in Section 53B-1-102.

425 (3) "Miscarriage" means the spontaneous or accidental loss of a fetus, regardless of  
426 gestational age or the duration of the pregnancy.

427 [~~3~~] (4) "Nominating committee" means the committee described in Section  
428 53B-1-406.

429 Section 5. Section 53B-1-402 is amended to read:

430 **53B-1-402. Establishment of board -- Powers, duties, and authority -- Reports.**

431 (1) There is established a State Board of Regents, which:

432 (a) beginning July 1, 2020, is renamed the Utah Board of Higher Education;

433 (b) is the governing board for the institutions of higher education;

434 (c) controls, manages, and supervises the Utah system of higher education; and

435 (d) is a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and with all rights,  
436 immunities, and franchises necessary to function as a body politic and corporate.

437 (2) The board shall:

438 (a) establish and promote a state-level vision and goals for higher education that  
439 emphasize system priorities, including:

440 (i) quality;

441 (ii) affordability;

442 (iii) access and equity;

443 (iv) completion;

444 (v) workforce alignment and preparation for high-quality jobs; and

445 (vi) economic growth;

446 (b) establish policies and practices that advance the vision and goals;

447 (c) establish metrics to demonstrate and monitor:

448 (i) performance related to the goals; and

449 (ii) performance on measures of operational efficiency;



- 450 (d) collect and analyze data including economic data, demographic data, and data
- 451 related to the metrics;
- 452 (e) coordinate data collection across institutions;
- 453 (f) establish, approve, and oversee each institution's mission and role in accordance
- 454 with Section [53B-16-101](#);
- 455 (g) assess an institution's performance in accomplishing the institution's mission and
- 456 role;
- 457 (h) participate in the establishment and review of programs of instruction in accordance
- 458 with Section [53B-16-102](#);
- 459 (i) perform duties related to an institution of higher education president, including:
- 460 (i) appointing an institution of higher education president in accordance with Section
- 461 [53B-2-102](#);
- 462 (ii) providing support and guidance to an institution of higher education president;
- 463 (iii) evaluating an institution of higher education president based on institution
- 464 performance and progress toward systemwide priorities; and
- 465 (iv) setting the compensation for an institution of higher education president;
- 466 (j) create and implement a strategic finance plan for higher education, including by:
- 467 (i) establishing comprehensive budget and finance priorities for academic education
- 468 and technical education;
- 469 (ii) allocating statewide resources to institutions;
- 470 (iii) setting tuition for each institution;
- 471 (iv) administering state financial aid programs;
- 472 (v) administering performance funding in accordance with Chapter 7, Part 7,
- 473 Performance Funding; and
- 474 (vi) developing a strategic capital facility plan and prioritization process in accordance
- 475 with Chapter 22, Part 2, Capital Developments, and Sections [53B-2a-117](#) and [53B-2a-118](#);
- 476 (k) create a seamless articulated education system for Utah students that responds to
- 477 changing demographics and workforce, including by:

- 478 (i) providing for statewide prior learning assessment, in accordance with Section  
479 53B-16-110;
- 480 (ii) establishing and maintaining clear pathways for articulation and transfer, in  
481 accordance with Section 53B-16-105;
- 482 (iii) establishing degree program requirement guidelines, including credit hour limits;
- 483 (iv) aligning general education requirements across degree-granting institutions;
- 484 (v) coordinating and incentivizing collaboration and partnerships between institutions  
485 in delivering programs;
- 486 (vi) coordinating distance delivery of programs; and
- 487 (vii) coordinating work-based learning;
- 488 (l) coordinate with the public education system:
- 489 (i) regarding public education programs that provide postsecondary credit or  
490 certificates; and
- 491 (ii) to ensure that an institution of higher education providing technical education  
492 serves secondary students in the public education system;
- 493 (m) delegate to an institution board of trustees certain duties related to institution  
494 governance including:
- 495 (i) guidance and support for the institution president;
- 496 (ii) effective administration;
- 497 (iii) the institution's responsibility for contributing to progress toward achieving  
498 systemwide goals; and
- 499 (iv) other responsibilities determined by the board;
- 500 (n) delegate to an institution of higher education president management of the  
501 institution of higher education;
- 502 (o) consult with an institution of higher education board of trustees or institution of  
503 higher education president before acting on matters pertaining to the institution of higher  
504 education;
- 505 (p) maximize efficiency throughout the Utah system of higher education by identifying

506 and establishing shared administrative services;

507 (q) develop strategies for providing higher education, including career and technical  
508 education, in rural areas;

509 (r) manage and facilitate a process for initiating, prioritizing, and implementing  
510 education reform initiatives; and

511 (s) provide ongoing quality review of institutions.

512 (3) The board shall submit an annual report of the board's activities and performance  
513 against the board's goals and metrics to:

514 (a) the Education Interim Committee;

515 (b) the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;

516 (c) the governor; and

517 (d) each institution of higher education.

518 (4) The board shall prepare and submit an annual report detailing the board's progress  
519 and recommendations on workforce related issues, including career and technical education, to  
520 the governor and to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee by October 31 of each year,  
521 including information detailing:

522 (a) how the career and technical education needs of secondary students are being met  
523 by institutions of higher education;

524 (b) how the emphasis on high demand, high wage, and high skill jobs in business and  
525 industry is being provided;

526 (c) performance outcomes, including:

527 (i) entered employment;

528 (ii) job retention; and

529 (iii) earnings;

530 (d) an analysis of workforce needs and efforts to meet workforce needs; and

531 (e) student tuition and fees.

532 (5) The board may modify the name of an institution of higher education to reflect the  
533 role and general course of study of the institution.

534 (6) The board may not take action relating to merging a technical college with another  
535 institution of higher education without legislative approval.

536 (7) This section does not affect the power and authority vested in the State Board of  
537 Education to apply for, accept, and manage federal appropriations for the establishment and  
538 maintenance of career and technical education.

539 (8) The board shall ensure that any training or certification that an employee of the  
540 higher education system is required to complete under this title or by board rule complies with  
541 Title 63G, Chapter 22, State Training and Certification Requirements.

542 (9) The board shall adopt a policy requiring institutions to provide at least three work  
543 days of paid bereavement leave for an employee:

544 (a) following the end of the employee's pregnancy by way of miscarriage or stillbirth;  
545 or

546 (b) following the end of another individual's pregnancy by way of a miscarriage or  
547 stillbirth, if:

548 (i) the employee is the individual's spouse or partner;

549 (ii) (A) the employee is the individual's former spouse or partner; and

550 (B) the employee would have been a biological parent of a child born as a result of the  
551 pregnancy;

552 (iii) the employee provides documentation to show that the individual intended for the  
553 employee to be an adoptive parent, as that term is defined in Section 78B-6-103, of a child born  
554 as a result of the pregnancy; or

555 (iv) under a valid gestational agreement in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part  
556 8, Gestational Agreement, the employee would have been a parent of a child born as a result of  
557 the pregnancy.

558 Section 6. Section **63A-17-106** is amended to read:

559 **63A-17-106. Responsibilities of the director.**

560 (1) As used in this section, "miscarriage" means the spontaneous or accidental loss of a  
561 fetus, regardless of gestational age or the duration of the pregnancy.

562           ~~[(1)]~~ (2) The director shall have full responsibility and accountability for the  
563 administration of the statewide human resource management system.

564           ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Except as provided in Section 63A-17-201, an agency may not perform human  
565 resource functions without the consent of the director.

566           ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Statewide human resource management rules adopted by the division in  
567 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, shall take  
568 precedence if there is a conflict with agency rules, policies, or practices.

569           ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The division may operate as an internal service fund agency in accordance  
570 with Section 63J-1-410 for the human resource functions the division provides.

571           ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The director shall:

572           (a) develop, implement, and administer a statewide program of human resource  
573 management that will:

574           (i) aid in the efficient execution of public policy;

575           (ii) foster careers in public service for qualified employees; and

576           (iii) render assistance to state agencies in performing their missions;

577           (b) design and administer the state pay plan;

578           (c) design and administer the state classification system and procedures for determining  
579 schedule assignments;

580           (d) design and administer the state recruitment and selection system;

581           (e) administer agency human resource practices and ensure compliance with federal  
582 law, state law, and state human resource rules, including equal employment opportunity;

583           (f) consult with agencies on decisions concerning employee corrective action and  
584 discipline;

585           (g) maintain central personnel records;

586           (h) perform those functions necessary to implement this chapter unless otherwise  
587 assigned or prohibited;

588           (i) perform duties assigned by the governor, executive director, or statute;

589           (j) ~~[adopt]~~ make rules for human resource management ~~[according to the procedures~~

590 of], in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

591 (k) establish and maintain a management information system that will furnish the  
592 governor, the Legislature, and agencies with current information on authorized positions,  
593 payroll, and related matters concerning state human resources;

594 (l) conduct research and planning activities to:

595 (i) determine and prepare for future state human resource needs;

596 (ii) develop methods for improving public human resource management; and

597 (iii) propose needed policy changes to the governor;

598 (m) study the character, causes, and extent of discrimination in state employment and  
599 develop plans for its elimination through programs consistent with federal and state laws  
600 governing equal employment opportunity in employment;

601 (n) when requested by charter schools or counties, municipalities, and other political  
602 subdivisions of the state, provide technical service, training recommendations, or advice on  
603 human resource management at a charge determined by the director;

604 (o) establish compensation policies and procedures for early voluntary retirement;

605 (p) confer with the heads of other agencies about human resource policies and  
606 procedures;

607 (q) submit an annual report to the executive director, the governor, and the Legislature;  
608 and

609 (r) assist with the development of a vacant position report required under Subsection  
610 63J-1-201(2)(b)(vi).

611 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) (a) After consultation with the executive director, the governor, and the heads  
612 of other agencies, the director shall establish and coordinate statewide training programs,  
613 including and subject to available funding, the development of manager and supervisor  
614 training.

615 (b) The programs developed under this Subsection ~~[(6)]~~ (7) shall have application to  
616 more than one agency.

617 (c) The division may not establish training programs that train employees to perform

618 highly specialized or technical jobs and tasks.

619 (d) The division shall ensure that any training program described in this Subsection  
620 ~~[(6)] (7)~~ complies with Title 63G, Chapter 22, State Training and Certification Requirements.

621 ~~[(7)] (8)~~ (a) (i) The division may collect fees for training as authorized by this  
622 Subsection ~~[(7)] (8)~~.

623 (ii) Training funded from General Fund appropriations shall be treated as a separate  
624 program within the department budget.

625 (iii) All money received from fees under this section will be accounted for by the  
626 department as a separate user driven training program.

627 (iv) The user training program includes the costs of developing, procuring, and  
628 presenting training and development programs, and other associated costs for these programs.

629 (b) (i) Funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year in the user training program are  
630 nonlapsing.

631 (ii) Each year, as part of the appropriations process, the Legislature shall review the  
632 amount of nonlapsing funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year and may, by statute, require  
633 the department to lapse a portion of the funds.

634 (9) Rules described in Subsection (6)(j) shall provide for at least three work days of  
635 paid bereavement leave for an employee:

636 (a) following the end of the employee's pregnancy by way of miscarriage or stillbirth;

637 or

638 (b) following the end of another individual's pregnancy by way of a miscarriage or  
639 stillbirth, if:

640 (i) the employee is the individual's spouse or partner;

641 (ii) (A) the employee is the individual's former spouse or partner; and

642 (B) the employee would have been a biological parent of a child born as a result of the  
643 pregnancy;

644 (iii) the employee provides documentation to show that the individual intended for the  
645 employee to be an adoptive parent, as that term is defined in Section 78B-6-103, of a child born

646 as a result of the pregnancy; or  
647 (iv) under a valid gestational agreement in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part  
648 8, Gestational Agreement, the employee would have been a parent of a child born as a result of  
649 the pregnancy.