

COMMUNICATION CREDITS REQUIREMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends certain graduation requirements.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ adds a communications graduation requirement; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-4-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 186, 226

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

Section 1. Section **53E-4-204** is amended to read:

53E-4-204. Standards and graduation requirements.

(1) The state board shall establish rigorous core standards for Utah public schools and graduation requirements under Section **53E-3-501** for grades 9 through 12 that:

- (a) are consistent with state law and federal regulations;
- (b) use competency-based standards and assessments;

29 (c) include instruction that stresses general financial literacy from basic budgeting to
30 financial investments, including bankruptcy education and a general financial literacy test-out
31 option; and

32 (d) include graduation requirements in language arts, mathematics, and science that
33 exceed;

34 (i) 3.0 units in language arts[;] including up to 0.5 units emphasizing verbal
35 communication completed in a course or a school sponsored activity;

36 (ii) 2.0 units in mathematics[;]; and

37 (iii) 2.0 units in science.

38 (2) The state board shall establish competency-based standards and assessments for
39 elective courses.