

Representative Val L. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill distinguishes an early college high school from a regularly authorized charter school.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- exempts an early college high school from certain rules established by the State Board of Education.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

[53A-1a-1101](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

[53A-1a-1102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

[53A-1a-1103](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

27 Section 1. Section **53A-1a-1101** is enacted to read:

28 **Part 11. Early College High Schools**

29 **53A-1a-1101. Title.**

30 This part is known as "Early College High Schools."

31 Section 2. Section **53A-1a-1102** is enacted to read:

32 **53A-1a-1102. Definitions.**

33 (1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

34 (2) "Early college high school" means an authorized charter school that:

35 (a) has a mission to provide an early college education to a diverse student population

36 emphasizing advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

37 (b) provides students with the opportunity to earn:

38 (i) a high school diploma; and

39 (ii) (A) up to two years of ~~high~~ transferable college credit; or

40 (B) ~~high~~ a transferable associate's degree; and

41 (c) contracts with an institution of higher education for instruction offered through the

42 charter school.

43 (3) "Institution of higher education" means:

44 (a) the University of Utah;

45 (b) Utah State University;

46 (c) Weber State University;

47 (d) Southern Utah University;

48 (e) Snow College;

49 (f) Dixie State University;

50 (g) Utah Valley University; or

51 (h) Salt Lake Community College.

52 Section 3. Section **53A-1a-1103** is enacted to read:

53 **53A-1a-1103. Exemptions from board rule.**

54 (1) An early college high school is:

55 (a) subject to Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 5, The Utah Charter Schools Act; and

56 (b) exempt from the 180 school day requirement established by board rule.

57 (2) Up to three of the subject-specific credit hour graduation requirements established
58 by board rule may be changed to elective credit for a student at an early college high school if:
59 (a) the modification is consistent with the student's:
60 (i) individualized education program; or
61 (ii) student education occupation plan; and
62 (b) the elective credit is earned in a science, technology, engineering, mathematics,
63 advanced placement, concurrent enrollment, or early college course.