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H.B. 298

PARENT SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROTECTION

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies Title 53A, Chapter 15, Standards and Programs, by requiring the State Board of Education and school districts to implement a parent seminar on various issues.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires school districts to offer an annual seminar to parents with information on substance abuse, bullying, mental health, and Internet safety;
- requires the State Board of Education to:
  - develop a curriculum and provide it to requesting school districts; and
  - report on the program to the Education Interim Committee; Ĥ→ [~~and~~] ←Ĥ
- requires a school district to notify charter schools located within the school district's boundaries of the parent seminar Ĥ→ [~~.~~] **; and**
- **allows a school district to opt out of providing the parent seminar if the local school board determines the seminar is not needed in its district.** ←Ĥ

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-15-1301, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*
30 Section 1. Section **53A-15-1301** is enacted to read:
31 **Part 13. Parent Education**
32 **53A-15-1301. Parent education -- Mental health -- Bullying -- Safety.**
33 (1) (a) Ĥ→ [~~A~~] **Except as provided in Subsection (5), a** ←Ĥ school district shall offer a
33a seminar for parents of students in the school
34 district that:
35 (i) is offered at no cost to parents;
36 (ii) begins at or after 6 p.m.;
37 (iii) is held in at least one school located in the school district;
38 (iv) is offered once a year; and
39 (v) covers the topics described in Subsection (2).
40 (b) A school district may:
41 (i) develop its own curriculum for the seminar described in Subsection (1)(a); or
42 (ii) use the curriculum developed by the State Board of Education under Subsection
43 (2).
44 (c) A school district shall notify each charter school located in the attendance
45 boundaries of the school district of the date and time of the parent seminar, so the charter
46 school may inform parents of the seminar.
47 (2) The State Board of Education shall:
48 (a) develop a curriculum for the parent seminar described in Subsection (1) that
49 includes information on:
50 (i) substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and prevention;
51 (ii) bullying;
52 (iii) mental health, depression, and suicide awareness; and
53 (iv) Internet safety, including pornography addiction; and
54 (b) provide the curriculum, including resources and training, to school districts upon
55 request.
56 (3) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
57 Committee, by the November 2013 meeting, on the progress of implementation of the parent
58 seminar Ĥ→ **, including if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar,**
58a **as described in Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out** ←Ĥ .

59 (4) The State Board of Education shall report to the Legislature's Education Interim
60 Committee by the November 2014 meeting on Ĥ→ [~~the~~] ←Ĥ :
61 (a) Ĥ→ **the** ←Ĥ progress of implementation of the parent seminar;
62 (b) Ĥ→ **the** ←Ĥ estimated attendance reported by each school district; Ĥ→ [~~and~~] ←Ĥ
63 (c) Ĥ→ **a** ←Ĥ recommendation of whether to continue the parent seminar program Ĥ→ [~~.~~] **;**
63a **and**
63b **(d) if a local school board has opted out of providing the parent seminar, as described in**
63c **Subsection (5), and the reasons why a local school board opted out.**
63d **(5)(a) A school district is not required to offer the parent seminar if the local school**
63e **board determines that the topics described in Subsection (2) are not of significant interest or**
63f **value to families in the school district.**
63g **(b) If a local school board chooses not to offer the parent seminar, the local school**
63h **board shall notify the State Board of Education and provide the reasons why the local school**
63i **board chose not to offer the parent seminar.** ←Ĥ

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