

EDUCATIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICES AMENDMENTS

HB 302

2022 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dan N. Johnson

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1.0 General Description:

This bill enacts provisions relating to services for students learning English.

2.0 Highlighted Provisions: This bill amends provisions related to parent engagement and establishes the Educational Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council (EITS Advisory Council with a sunset provision of July 1, 2025) to provide advice to the purchasing director regarding the language-access needs of LEAs, students learning English, and the families of students learning English.

3.0 The Bill requires: An LEA to adopt a policy facilitating assistance to students learning English and their parents.

4.0 Family participation in educational process -- Family engagement policy.

4.1 The Legislature recognizes the importance of parental participation in the educational process in order for students to achieve and maintain high levels of performance. It is, therefore, the policy of the state to expect employers to recognize the need for parents and members of the community to participate in the public education system in order to help students achieve and maintain excellence.

4.2 Each local school board shall adopt a policy supporting students learning English, parents, and families addressing the LEA's communication and assistance to students learning English, their parents, and their families. [L] [SEP]

4.3 The state board shall provide to an LEA notification of LEA requirements and a model of the policy described in HB302, and guidance and technical assistance regarding existing requirements in relevant statute, administrative rule, and federal law. [L] [SEP]