

Representative Steve R. Christiansen proposes the following substitute bill:

CIVICS AND HISTORY EDUCATION STUDY GROUP

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Elizabeth Weight

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Civics and History Education Study Group to study and make recommendations for strengthening civics and history education in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Civics and History Education Study Group to study methods for strengthening civics and history education in public schools; and
- requires the Civics and History Education Study Group to present a report, including legislative recommendations, to the Education Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 193 and 246

ENACTS:



26 [36-29-107](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **36-29-107** is enacted to read:

30 **36-29-107. Civics and History Education Study Group.**

31 (1) As used in this section:

32 (a) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction
33 appointed under Section [53E-3-301](#).

34 (b) "Study group" means the Civics and History Education Study Group created in
35 Subsection (2).

36 (2) (a) There is created the Civics and History Education Study Group consisting of the
37 following members:

- 38 (i) three members appointed by the state superintendent;
39 (ii) two members appointed by the president of the Senate;
40 (iii) two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; and
41 (iv) two classroom teachers with knowledge and experience in civics and history
42 education, appointed by the chair of the study group.

43 (b) One or both of the appointees of the president of the Senate described in Subsection
44 (2)(a)(ii), and one or both of the appointees of the speaker of the House of Representatives
45 described in Subsection (2)(a)(iii), may be individuals who are not legislators.

46 (c) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall
47 jointly designate a member of the study group as chair of the study group.

48 (3) (a) The salary and expenses of each member of the study group who is a legislator
49 shall be paid in accordance with Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,
50 Legislator Compensation.

51 (b) A member of the study group who is not a legislator may not receive compensation
52 for the member's work associated with the study group, but may receive per diem and
53 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the study group at the rates
54 established by the Division of Finance under Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#).

55 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
56 to the study group.

57 (5) A vacancy shall be filled by appointing a replacement in the same manner as the
58 member creating the vacancy under Subsection (2).

59 (6) The study group shall:

60 (a) review and study methods for strengthening civics and history education in public
61 schools in the state, including:

62 (i) civics and history curriculum development;

63 (ii) the effectiveness of civics and history curriculum delivery and testing methods; and

64 (iii) best practices for meeting the goals of civics and character education, established
65 by the Legislature as described in Section [53G-10-204](#); and

66 (b) present a report to the Education Interim Committee on or before the Education
67 Interim Committee's October 2020 meeting, on the items described in Subsection (6)(a),
68 including any legislative recommendations.

69 Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

70 **63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.**

71 (1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2023.

72 (2) Section [36-12-20](#) is repealed June 30, 2023.

73 (3) Title 36, Chapter 22, Native American Legislative Liaison Committee, is repealed
74 July 1, 2022.

75 (4) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed
76 January 1, 2025.

77 (5) Section [36-29-105](#) is repealed on December 31, 2020.

78 (6) Section [36-29-106](#) is repealed June 1, 2021.

79 (7) Section [36-29-107](#) is repealed June 1, 2021.

80 [(7)] (8) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight
81 Committee, is repealed January 1, 2021.