

Angela Romero proposes the following substitute bill:

School Reintegration Plan Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero

Senate Sponsor: Daniel McCay

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to reintegration plans.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- extends the timeline for developing a reintegration plan;
- provides additional time during summer months for developing reintegration plans;
- allows schools flexibility to tailor reintegration plan components based on student need and risk level; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53G-8-213, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 348

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

Section 1. Section **53G-8-213** is amended to read:

53G-8-213 . Reintegration plan for student alleged to have committed violent felony or weapon offense.

(1) As used in this section, "multidisciplinary team" means:

- (a) the local education agency or designee;
- (b) the juvenile court or designee;
- (c) the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services or designee;

- 29 (d) a school safety and security specialist designated under Section 53G-8-701.6 or
 30 designee if applicable;
- 31 (e) a school safety and security director designated under Section 53G-8-701.8 or
 32 designee if applicable;
- 33 (f) a school resource officer if applicable; ~~[and]~~ or
- 34 (g) any other relevant party that should be involved in a reintegration plan.
- 35 (2)(a) If a school district receives a notification from the juvenile court or a law
 36 enforcement agency that a student was arrested for, charged with, or adjudicated in
 37 the juvenile court for a serious offense, the school shall develop a reintegration plan
 38 for the student with a multidisciplinary team, the student, and the student's parent or
 39 guardian, within ~~[five]~~ seven school days after the day on which the school receives a
 40 notification while school is in session.
- 41 (b) If a school district receives a notification when school is not in session from the
 42 juvenile court or a law enforcement agency that a student was arrested for, charged
 43 with, or adjudicated in the juvenile court for a serious offense, the school shall
 44 develop a reintegration plan for the student with a multidisciplinary team, the
 45 student, and the student's parent or guardian, before school is back in session.
- 46 (3) The school may deny admission to the student until the school completes the
 47 reintegration plan under Subsection (2).
- 48 (4)(a) The reintegration plan under Subsection (2) shall ~~[address]~~ include:
- 49 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) a behavioral intervention for the student;
- 50 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) a short-term mental health or counseling service for the student;
- 51 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) an academic intervention for the student; and
- 52 (iv) any other interventions that the multidisciplinary team, the student, and the
 53 student's parent or guardian determine are necessary.
- 54 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) ~~[if]~~ If the serious offense was directed at a school employee or another student
 55 within the school, notification of the reintegration plan to that school employee or
 56 student and the student's parent.
- 57 (5) A school district may not reintegrate a student into a school where:
- 58 (a) a student or staff member has a protective order against the student being
 59 reintegrated; or
- 60 (b) a student or staff member is the victim ~~[of a sexual crime or forcible felony~~
 61 ~~committed by the student being reintegrated]~~ of an offense listed in Section 76-3-203.5
 62 where the student is seeking reintegration or continued enrollment.

63 (6) A reintegration plan under this section will remain in effect for an entire school year or
64 180 days from the plan's implementation, or as long as the multidisciplinary team deems
65 the reintegration plan necessary.

66 [~~(6)~~] (7)(a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a school district may elect to not integrate a
67 student into a school if the student has committed, or allegedly committed, a forcible
68 felony.

69 (b) If a school district elects to not integrate a student under Subsection [~~(6)(a)~~] (7)(a),
70 the school district shall provide alternative education options for the student.

71 [~~(7)~~] (8) A reintegration plan under this section is classified as a protected record under
72 Section 63G-2-305.

73 [~~(8)~~] (9) All other records of disclosures under this section are governed by Title 63G,
74 Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, and the Family
75 Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g.

76 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

77 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.