

SENATE BILL 238 (2017 GENERAL SESSION)
UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNANCE AMENDMENTS
SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

March 10, 2017

(link to SB 238: <http://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/SB0238.html>)

Effective Date: Except as noted, all provisions are effective **July 1, 2017** (Lines 5344-5347).

1. Name Changes:

- a. Renames the Utah College of Applied Technology to the Utah System of Technical Colleges, beginning July 1, 2017 (53B-2a-115(1) and throughout statute).
- b. Renames the applied technology colleges to technical colleges, as in “Uintah Basin Technical College” (53B-2a-115).

2. Institutional Designations:

- a. Designates the Board of Trustees and the technical colleges as institutions of the Utah System of Technical Colleges within the state system of higher education (53B-1-102(1)), and defines them as state institutions of higher education (53B-3-102).
- b. Designates each of the technical colleges as bodies politic and corporate (53B-2-101(1)).

3. State and Local Board Membership and Coordination:

- a. Removes nonvoting members from Utah System of Technical Colleges (53B-2a-103(2)). Removes non-voting representatives of UCAT Board from Board of Regents, effective May 10, 2017 (53B-1-104(1)).
- b. Prohibits an individual from serving simultaneously on the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees and a technical college board of directors (53B-2a-103(3)(d)).
- c. Requires meetings at least quarterly between state entities involved in education, to include the Commissioner and the Board Chair (53B-1-112).

4. Other – Commissioner Qualifications, Tuition Waivers, USHE Institutional Roles:

- a. Requires the Commissioner of Technical Education to have at least a master’s degree (53B-2a-102(1)(b)).
- b. Authorizes a technical college president, upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees, to grant additional tuition waivers to encourage students to enroll in programs for shortage occupations critical to the state (53B-8-101(3)). Requires the Board of Trustees to include coverage of estimated tuition waivers in its annual request for technical college appropriations (53B-8-101(5)).
- c. Describes the primary institutional role for each institution of higher education under the Board of Regents, including career and technical education (53B-16-101).