

# Utah Safe Schools Commission Report Summary

## The top priorities include:

*Ideas with strong consensus that action should be taken.*

1. Quick availability of mental health professionals to respond to a report of a student in crisis. (Virginia Threat Assessment)

*A bill file would need to be opened and funding assigned.*

2. Mandated mental health reporting in criminal background checks.

*A bill file would need to be opened and passed to implement this.*

3. Extreme risk restraining orders that allow people to petition the courts to remove weapons if someone is severely mentally ill and at risk of harming themselves and others.

*A bill file to this effect is already opened by Rep. Handy, but final language needs to be reached.*

## The second tier of recommendations include:

*Group 1: Ideas with majority support and some neutral*

1. An emergency alert app that teachers can use to report a dangerous situation.
2. Trauma informed practices, which include more mental health counselors in schools.
3. Safe gun storage initiatives.

*Group 2: Ideas with majority support but some actively opposes*

1. Waiting periods to obtain firearms.
2. Universal background checks in gun purchases.

## The third tier of recommendations include:

*These are ideas the commission discussed but did not reach majority support for new State action. In some cases these may already be in the process of being implemented.*

1. Lockdown drills in schools.
2. Controlled campus access.
3. "Hope squads" that focus on suicide prevention.