

2018 General Session – Utah Legislature

Selected Education-related Bills by Issue Area

A bill may be listed in more than one issue area.

For more detailed information on bills and appropriations, see the 2018 Public Education Summary: <https://schools.utah.gov/policy/legislativeession>

Recodification

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 10	Rep. V. Peterson	Public Education Recodification – State System	
HB 11	Rep. V. Peterson	Public Education Recodification – Funding	
* HB 442	Rep. V. Peterson	Public Education Code Repeals	
SB 11	Sen. Millner	Public Education Recodification – Local Administration	
SB 12	Sen. Millner	Public Education Recodification – Cross References and Repeals	
SB 179	Sen. Millner	Education Code Modifications	

*Did not pass

Appropriations

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 1	Rep. McCay	Public Education Base Budget Amendments	Base budget
HB 2	Rep. Last	New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Acts	New funding items
HB 3	Rep. Last	Appropriations Adjustments	New funding items; “Bill of bills”
HB 8	Rep. Schultz	State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations	
SB 2	Sen. Hillyard	Public Education Budget Amendments	New funding MSP; sets WPU value
SB 8	Sen. Van Tassell	State Agency and Higher Education Compensation Appropriations	2.5% general salary increase

Funding

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 132	Rep. Snow	Juvenile Justice Modifications	Allows additional uses of EARS funding
HB 231	Rep. Last	Charter School Funding Amendments	Provisions related to funding enrollment above the school’s enrollment cap
HB 293	Rep. Last	Tax Rebalancing Revisions	Multiple tax and funding changes; reported as the “Our Schools Now compromise” bill
HB 336	Rep. McCay	Fine Amendments	May reduce some fee on fines revenues
HB 360	Rep. J. Moss	State Board of Education Finance Amendments	Affects year-end closing procedures

HB 368	Rep. Edwards	Autism License Plate Amendments	Funding to eligible organizations
*HB 388	Rep. Christensen	K-12 Public Education Funding Allocation Assurance	Allocating certain percentages to k-12 and higher education
HB 475	Rep. Last	Dedicated Credits and Nonlapsing Authority	
HCR 19	Rep. Ivory	Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Impact of Federal Lands on the State Education System	Regarding PILT payments
HJR 20	Rep. Edwards	Joint Resolution Submitting a Question to Voters	Opinion question to voters on increasing gas tax
SB 16	Sen. Thatcher	Public Safety Fee Revisions	Reduces budgets due to reduction in cost of background check
SB 122	Sen. Stephenson	Bond Election Amendments	Establishes a cap on an amount related to a bond proposition
SB 124	Sen. Fillmore	Budget Deadline Amendments	Changes budget adoption deadline From June 22 to June 30
SB 144	Sen. Adams	Local Funding of Education Technology	Allows revenues from debt service or capital local levy to be used for technology programs or projects
SB 145	Sen. Fillmore	School Funding Revisions	May affect EARS funding distribution formula
SB 153	Sen. Zehnder	Carson Smith Scholarship Amendments	Multiple changes and new rule required
SB 194	Sen. Millner	Early Literacy Program	Removes loss of funding as a consequence for not meeting goals, and instead provides support
SB 232	Sen. Hinkins	School Transportation Amendments	Provides reimbursements to certain LEAs for certain costs
SB 234	Sen. Stevenson	Utah Inland Port Authority	May impact education funding

*Did not pass

Superintendent

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 151	Rep. Spendlove	Utah Population Estimates Production	Supt or designee is a member of Utah Population Committee
HB 179	Rep. Ivory	State Training and Certification Requirements	Requires certain training to be delivered online
HB 285	Rep. V. Peterson	Rate Committee Amendments	Allows a member on DAS rate committee to represent USBE
HB 300	Rep. V. Peterson	Higher Education Modifications	Supt or designee is a member of Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission
HB 408	Rep. J. Moss	Public Education Amendments	Appoints a member to serve on the ULEAD Director Selection Committee and serves on the ULEAD Steering Committee
SB 131	Sen. Fillmore	Talent Ready Utah Amendments	Supt or designee is a member of Talent Ready Utah Board

State Board of Education

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 20	Rep. J. Peterson	Political Activities and Elections	Addresses USBE midterm vacancies; report filing requirements/penalties for USBE
HB 72	Rep. Fawson	Personal Communications of Governmental Entity Employees and Officers	Deals with public entity emails and GRAMA

HB 306	Rep. V. Peterson	State Board of Education Revisions	Timing of electing chair and vice chairs
HB 313	Rep. McCay	Public School Revisions	Relating to USBE's and SCSB's powers and duties
HB 408	Rep. J. Moss	Public Education Amendments	Chair appoints a member to serve on the ULEAD Director Selection Committee and on the ULEAD Steering Committee
SB 137	Sen. Bramble	Amendments Related to Government Records	Provisions relating to closed meetings
*SJR 16	Sen. Dabakis	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Public Education Governance	

*Did not pass

Charter Board or Charter Schools

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 72	Rep. Fawson	Personal Communications of Governmental Entity Employees and Officers	Deals with public entity emails and GRAMA
HB 231	Rep. Last	Charter School Funding Amendments	Provisions related to funding enrollment above the school's enrollment cap
HB 245	Rep. Fawson	Charter School Proximity Amendments	Affects enrollment preferences based on geographic proximity
HB 313	Rep. McCay	Public School Revisions	Relating to USBE's and SCSB's powers and duties
HB 408	Rep. J. Moss	Public School Amendments	SCSB member serves on ULEAD Director Selection Committee and Staff Director on ULEAD Steering Committee
SB 70	Sen. Mayne	Human Resource Requirements	Requires HR personnel and training
SB 137	Sen. Bramble	Amendments Related to Government Records	Provisions relating to closed meetings
SB 173	Sen. Stephenson	State Charter School Board Amendments	Amends State Charter School Board membership
SB 232	Sen. Hinkins	School Transportation Amendments	Provides reimbursements to certain LEAs for certain costs

Local Boards of Education

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 16	Rep. Arent	Candidate Replacement Amendments	Replacement candidates in local elections
HB 72	Rep. Fawson	Personal Communications of Governmental Entity Employees and Officers	Deals with public entity emails and GRAMA
SB 122	Sen. Stephenson	Bond Election Amendments	Establishes a cap on an amount related to a bond proposition
SB 137	Sen. Bramble	Amendments Related to Government Records	Provisions relating to closed meetings
SB 144	Sen. Adams	Local Funding of Education Technology	Allows debt service or capital local levy revenue to be used for technology

School Districts and Charter Schools

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 48	Rep. Snow	Parenting Plan Amendments	Related to judicial parenting plans
HB 132	Rep. Snow	Juvenile Justice Modifications	Responses to school-based behavior
HB 179	Rep. Ivory	State Training and Certification Requirements	Requires certain training be delivered/available online
HB 228	Rep. Romero	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Amendments	Requires training to be provided every other year
HB 236	Rep. J. Moss	Public Education Reference Check Amendments	Requires certain reference check requests
HB 264	Rep. Eliason	Elementary School Counselor Program	New grant program for LEAs
HB 317	Rep. Pulsipher	Special Education Amendments	Extends enrollment for students with disabilities through the end of the school year after age 22
HB 326	Rep. Redd	Intergenerational Poverty Initiative	Pilot program through DWS for partnerships that can include public education and counties
HB 327	Rep. Noel	Rural Online Initiative	Pilot program through USU
HB 370	Rep. Eliason	Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions	Modifies youth suicide prevention program
HB 408	Rep. J. Moss	Public Education Amendments	Creates new ULEAD Program at USBE
HB 456	Rep. Wilson	Alcohol Amendments	Affects grade levels for Underage Drinking Prevention Program
SB 28	Sen. Henderson	Local Government and Limited Purpose Entity	Potential registration required
SB 87	Sen. Weiler	School Security Locks	Allows certain locks for doors in schools
SB 148	Sen. Hemmert	Public Education Enrollment Applications	Accepting or rejecting an application for enrollment
SB 176	Sen. Stephenson	High School Internships Liability	Addresses interns covered by State Risk Fund
SB 198	Sen. Anderegg	Public School Disciplinary Action Amendments	New reporting required
SB 202	Sen. Eliason	After School Program Amendments	New Grant Program
SB 232	Sen. Millner	School Transportation Amendments	Provides reimbursements to certain LEAs for certain costs

Rules

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
Recod Bills	Multiple	Public Education Recodification	Technical renumbering on all Rules
HB 46	Rep. V. Peterson	Educator Licensing Modifications	New Rules and amend existing Rules
HB 132	Rep. Snow	Juvenile Justice Modifications	Amend existing Rule R277-609
HB 264	Rep. Eliason	Elementary School Counselor Program	New Rule
HB 286	Rep. Fawson	Reproductive Education Amendments	Amend existing Rule R277-474
HB 313	Rep. McCay	Public School Revisions	Amend existing Rule R277-481 and others
HB 317	Rep. Pulsipher	Special Education Amendments	Amend existing Rule/Manual R277-750
HB 370	Rep. Eliason	Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions	Amend existing Rule R277-620
HB 404	Rep. Last	Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Act	Amend existing Rule R277-477, R277-491

SB 117	Sen. Stephenson	Language Immersion Program Amendments	Amend existing Rule R277-488
SB 127	Sen. Stephenson	Reading Software Program Amendments	Amend existing Rule R277-496
SB 144	Sen. Adams	Local Funding of Education Technology	New Rule
SB 145	Sen. Fillmore	School Funding Revisions	Amend existing Rule R277-708
SB 153	Sen. Zehnder	Carson Smith Scholarship Amendments	Amend existing Rule R277-
SB 194	Sen. Millner	Early Literacy Program	Amend existing Rule R277-406
SB 198	Sen. Anderegg	Public School Disciplinary Action Amendments	Amend existing Rule R277-609
SB 202	Sen. Escamilla	After School Program Amendments	Amend R277-715 or create new Rule
SB 207	Sen. Anderegg	Student Data Protection Amendments	Amend existing Rule R277-487
SB 232	Sen. Hinkins	School Transportation Amendments	Amend existing Rule

Reporting

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 227	Rep. Pulsipher	Minimum School Program Reporting Modifications	Repeals Class Size Reduction report
HB 228	Rep. Romero	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Amendments	Interim report is completed
HB 230	Rep. Fawson	Related to Basic School Programs Review	Public Ed Appropriations reviewing each program in Related to Basic School Programs
HB 264	Rep. Eliason	Elementary School Counselor Program	Requires LEAs receiving grants to report to USBE
HB 408	Rep. J. Moss	Public Education Amendments	ULEAD reports to Ed Interim and Public Ed Approps before Sept. 30 each year
SB 117	Sen. Stephenson	Language Immersion Program Amendments	Report to Ed Interim and Public Ed Approps before Nov. 1, 2019 on results of evaluation
SB 194	Sen. Millner	Early Literacy Program	Prepare a digital reporting platform
SB 198	Sen. Anderegg	Public School Disciplinary Action Amendments	Annual report for incidents on school grounds, beginning 2020
SB 202	Sen. Escamilla	After School Program Amendments	Report to Ed Interim before Nov. 30, 2019

Data

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
*HB 282	Rep. Ivory	State Student Information System Amendments	
HB 370	Rep. Eliason	Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions	Requires certain data sharing
SB 198	Sen. Anderegg	Public School Disciplinary Action Amendments	Develop an annual report related to law enforcement and disciplinary actions data
SB 207	Sen. Anderegg	Student Data Protection Amendments	Updates provisions of Student Data Protection statute

*Did not pass

Programs

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
*HB 235	Rep. Cutler	Family School Partnership	
HB 264	Rep. Eliason	Elementary School Counselor Program	New grant program for LEAs
HB 404	Rep. Last	Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Act	Removes program director from USBE and creates new Office in State Treasurer
HB 408	Rep. J. Moss	Public Education Amendments	New ULEAD Program at USBE
SB 117	Sen. Stephenson	Language Immersion Program Amendments	Amends existing program
SB 132	Sen. Stephenson	Competency-based Education Amendments	Amends existing program
SB 194	Sen. Millner	Early Literacy Program	Changes the K-3 Reading Improvement Program
SB 202	Sen. Escamilla	After School Program Amendments	New Grant Program
SB 232	Sen. Hinkins	School Transportation Amendments	New transportation reimbursement program

*Did not pass

Educators

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 46	Rep. V. Peterson	Educator Licensing Modifications	Removes licensing details from statute and requires USBE to write Rules related to licensing.
HB 233	Rep. Potter	Teacher Salary Supplement Revisions	Salary supplement for certain Special Education teachers
HB 237	Rep. Winder	Concurrent Enrollment Enhancements	Eligibility of instructors
HB 264	Rep. Eliason	Elementary School Counselor Program	New grant program for school counselors or social workers
HB 270	Rep. Peterson	Teacher Employment Amendments	Ensure CACTUS database performs in certain manner
*HB 289	Rep. C. Moss	Public Education Exit Survey	
HB 439	Rep. Christensen	Coordinated Penalties for Sexual Abuse	Penalty enhancements when a teacher commits offense

*Did not pass

Curriculum

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 286	Rep. Fawson	Reproductive Education Amendments	Modifies instruction in health
HB 331	Rep. Kennedy	Air Pollution Mitigation Education Program	Air quality improvement in the driver education program
HB 370	Rep. Eliason	Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions	Modifies youth suicide prevention program
HB 456	Rep. Wilson	Alcohol Amendments	Affects Underage Drinking Prevention Program

Behavioral Support/Mental Health

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 132	Rep. Snow	Juvenile Justice Modifications	Responses to school-based behavior
HB 234	Rep. J. Moss	Compulsory Education Revisions	Valid excuse may be physical or mental illness
HB 264	Rep. Eliason	Elementary School Counselor Program	Grant program to provide school-based mental health support
HB 308	Rep. Ivory	Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program	Div. of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to create a 2-year pilot project for public school students
HB 370	Rep. Eliason	Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions	Multiple measures to address student mental health
HCR 22	Rep. Ray	Concurrent Resolution Designating April as #MSDkindness Month	Participate in random acts of kindness
HR 1	Rep. Hollins	House Resolution Urging Restorative Justice in Utah's Education System	Encourages USBE and schools to implement
SB 145	Sen. Fillmore	School Funding Revisions	Adds chronic absenteeism and homelessness to list of criteria for EARS funding formula
SB 198	Sen. Anderegg	Public School Disciplinary Action Amendments	Data collection and reporting requirements
SCR 12	Sen. Mayne	Concurrent Resolution on Reducing Gang Activity	

Special Education

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 100	Rep. Redd	Medically Complex Children with Disabilities	Funding related to Medicaid waiver
HB 233	Rep. Potter	Teacher Salary Supplement Revisions	Salary supplement for certain Special Education teachers
HB 317	Rep. Pulsipher	Special Education Amendments	Extends enrollment for students with disabilities through the end of the school year after age 22
SB 153	Sen. Zehnder	Carson Smith Scholarship Amendments	Modifies several provisions
SJR 1	Sen. Iwamoto	Joint Resolution Recognizing Educators of the Deaf and American Sign Language Instructors	Recognizes and highlights contributions

Early Learning

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
* HB 319	Rep. Chavez-Houck	Early Care and Learning Coordination Amendments	
HB 380	Rep. Last	Utah School Readiness Initiative Amendments	Requires new school readiness assessment
SB 115	Sen. Adams	UPSTART Program Amendments	Allows an RFP for 2-year pilot
SB 127	Sen. Stephenson	Reading Software Program Amendments	Allows purchasing tools for monitoring and analyzing
SB 194	Sen. Millner	Early Literacy Program	Changes the K-3 Reading Improvement Program

*Did not pass

CTE/Workforce

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 300	Rep. V. Peterson	Higher Education Modifications	Modifications to UTech; Creates Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission
HB 327	Rep. Noel	Rural Online Initiative	Pilot program through USU
HB 437	Rep. Grover	Career and Technical Education Scholarships	Creates student scholarships at UTech
SB 103	Sen. Millner	Strategic Workforce Investments	Affects eligibility for workforce partnerships
SB 104	Sen. Millner	Talent Development and Retention Strategy	Creates incentive loan program for qualifying degrees and jobs
SB 131	Sen. Millner	Talent Ready Utah Amendments	Creates Talent Ready Utah Center and Board in GOED
SB 176	Sen. Stephenson	High School Internships Liability	Addresses interns covered by State Risk Fund

Students

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 48	Rep. Snow	Parenting Plan Amendments	Related to judicial parenting plans
HB 132	Rep. Snow	Juvenile Justice Modifications	Responses to school-based behavior
HB 178	Rep. Stratton	Power of Attorney Amendments	School district of residence for students
HB 234	Rep. J. Moss	Compulsory Education Revisions	Valid excuse may be physical or mental illness
SB 125	Sen. Harper	Child Welfare Amendments	Reporting child abuse or neglect, including educational neglect
SB 162	Sen. Vickers	Intergenerational Poverty Matching – Education Savings Plan	Modifies definition related to Student Prosperity Savings Program

Taxes

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 293	Rep. Last	Tax Rebalancing Revisions	Modifies several tax and funding provisions
HJR 20	Rep. Edwards	Joint Resolution Submitting a Question to Voters	Opinion question to voters on increasing gas tax
SB 76	Sen. Hemmert	Commercial Property Tax Amendments	Addresses tax exemptions on leased property
SB 144	Sen. Adams	Local Funding of Education Technology	Allowance for using certain levies for technology
SJR 2	Sen. Hemmert	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution – Property Tax Exemptions	Addresses leased property

Procurement

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 368	Rep. Edwards	Autism License Plate Amendments	Funding to eligible organizations
SB 115	Sen. Adams	UPSTART Program Amendments	Allows an RFP for 2-year pilot
SB 117	Sen. Stephenson	Language Immersion	Allows 3 rd party contracting for evaluation
SB 139	Sen. Harper	Public-private Partnership Amendments	Process for unsolicited proposals

Retirement/Benefits/Employees

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 28	Rep. J. Moss	Retirement Systems Amendments	Employers providing certain records to URS
HB 29	Rep. J. Moss	Public Employees Long-term Disability Act Amendments	Multiple provisions related to disability benefits
HB 34	Rep. Thurston	State Employee Leave Policy Amendments	Related to volunteer disaster relief services
HB 72	Rep. Fawson	Personal Communications of Governmental Entity Employees and Officers	Deals with public entity emails and GRAMA
HB 147	Rep. Hall	Retirement Forfeiture for Employment Related Offenses	Notification and reporting of employment-related offenses

Human Resources

Bill	Sponsor	Title	Notes
HB 19	Rep. Thurston	Health Insurance Right to Shop	Savings reward program in PEHP
HB 133	Rep. Hall	Employment Amendments	Expands nepotism provisions to include a dating partner
HB 134	Rep. Potter	Conflict of Interest Disclosure Requirements	Filing disclosures under the Election Code
HB 383	Rep. Christensen	Work Environment and Grievance Procedure Amendments	Addresses abusive conduct
SB 73	Sen. Hemmert	Public Employees' Benefit and insurance Program Amendments	Affects HSAs
SB 143	Sen. Harper	Employment Background Checks	Address entities authorized to conduct checks