

2024 General Session Requests for Statutory Changes

Utah State Board of Education

1. Amend [Title 53G, Chapter 7, Part 5](#) School Fees, including amendments to the definition of “fee” ([53G-7-501\(6\)\(b\)](#)) not to include revenue raised through fundraisers.
2. Amend Section [53G-9-703](#) to allow local education agencies to offer a seminar for parents related to student mental health, bullying, and safety (safety seminar) on a Saturday; and permit the school district or charter school to offer a safety seminar through a virtual platform.
3. Amend Section [53G-10-503](#) to increase the Drivers Education Reimbursement cap from \$100 to \$150 and remove language that would prevent LEAs from using surplus funding to subsidize drivers education.
4. Amend Sections [53G-8-403](#), [53E-3-516](#), [80-6-103](#), [53F-2-410](#) to clarify and provide suggested language modification to the legislation enacted by the [2023 HB 304](#) in regards to the reintegration plan, Superintendent’s designee and reporting dates to allow for reporting with lag data rather than current data.
5. Amend Section [53E-3-503](#) to change the terminology from Youth in Custody to Youth in Care to better align with partnering state agency’s terminology.
6. Amend Section [53F-2-506](#) to remove language that requires the Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS) Arts funding to be supplantative.
7. Amend Section [53G-7-1206](#) to remove Charter School Authorizers from the approval process and add the LEA business administrator to the approval process for a charter trust land council’s LAND trust plan.
8. Amend Section [53G-7-1202](#) to codify the current exemptions for staffing a school community council outlined in [R277-491-3\(5\)\(a-b\)](#). These exemptions allow for the creation of School LAND Trust Community Councils in areas where the school district is the largest employer or where students are transient and meeting current code requirements are not possible. This would be a refile of [2023 HB 306](#).
9. Amend [Title 53F, Chapter 4, Part 5](#), Statewide Online Education Program, to allow the Board to make rules to determine the percentage of total SOEP funds to allocate to the various SOEP programs, including establishing a guaranteed or minimum amount of funds to support K-12 public high schools and to sustain the flow of funding in the SOEP program for students in Utah public schools during fluctuations in the economy and higher demands for SOEP courses.

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10. Combine the [Carson Smith Scholarship Program](#) and the [Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program](#) (SNOPS) by rolling the SNOPS program into the Carson Smith Scholarship Program.
11. Amend Subsection [53E-9-302\(3\)](#) to consolidate the student data policy advisory groups into one student data policy advisory group.
12. Amend Section [53G-10-205](#) to be consistent with the provisions of Sections [53G-6-801](#) and [53G-6-803](#), including renumbering [53G-10-205](#) to be moved into [Title 53G, Chapter 6, Part 8, Parental Rights](#).
13. Amend Subsection [53E-4-314\(2\)](#) to remove a requirement that the USBE develop an assessment that aligns with the KEEP, which the USBE will no longer require of LEAs beginning with the 2024-25 school year.
14. Amend provisions to ensure that required Legislative reports have due dates that are set after the data required for the report is collected and certified.
15. Amend provisions in [Title 53G, Chapter 11, Part 5](#), to substantially remove language from statute regarding educator evaluations, with the intent that educator evaluations would be regulated through Board Rule.
16. Codify the following in Utah Code: “The Board shall establish an Oversight Framework, including a framework of oversight categories that the state board may use to designate the level of oversight provided by the state board for certain public education programs and requirements.”

Policy Requests related to Funding Requests:

1. **Pupil Transportation:** Amend Section [53F-2-402 \(4\)\(b\)](#) to allow the USBE to set aside a percentage of the to and from school transportation funding to be distributed to those LEAs that demonstrate efficiency.
2. **RESA Service and Support Enhancements for Rural Education:** Amend Section [53F-2-405](#) to add RESA as an eligible recipient of the educator salary adjustments.