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Foreword

This publication represents the combined efforts of staff members at the Utah State Board of Education (USBE). It is intended to be a single-source review of education-related legislation from the 2023 Legislative Session. This publication is written for state school board members, local education agency (LEA) board members, superintendents, charter school administrators, and school business administrators. It may also be useful to other public education-related organizations and to state legislators.

The main body of the publication reviews each education-related bill that was passed and identifies action that might be taken by USBE, local school boards, and charter school governing boards to implement the requirements of the legislation. The publication also contains summary information on funding and bills not passed.

This publication is a service of USBE, but is not intended to convey any specific direction or assignments for action by local education agencies. The Utah State Board of Education will adopt administrative rules as necessary to implement new legislation. This publication is also not intended as a formal legal opinion or interpretation of legislative action.

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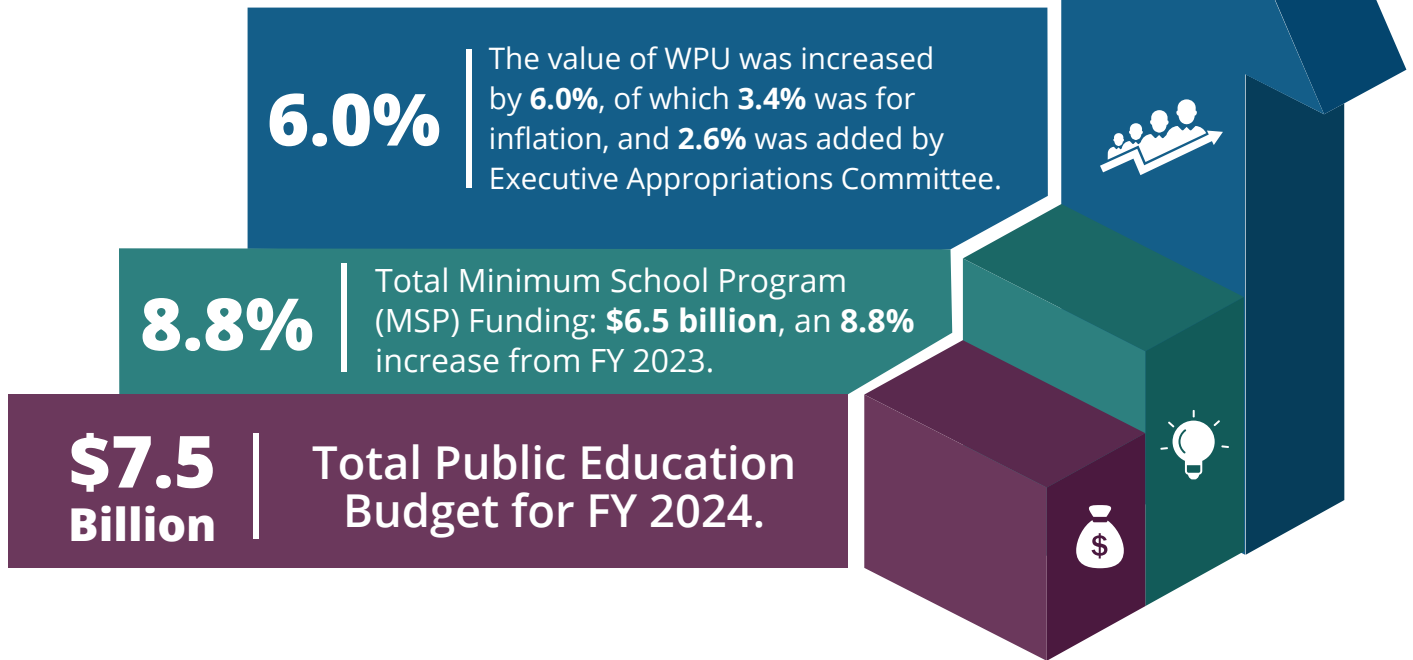
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Quick Guide

This summary is intended to be a review of selected highlights of education-related legislation from the 2023 Legislative Session. This Quick Guide is designed for teachers, parents, and public education-related organizations.



Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) Value	FY 2023	FY 2024	Increase	Percentage
	\$4,038	\$4,280	\$242	6.0%



Teacher Pay Increase

\$196,914,400 ongoing was appropriated for the Educator Salary Adjustment to increase educator pay by **\$4,200** plus employer-paid benefits.

Notable Education Stabilization Funding Distribution

<p>\$75 Million</p> <p>School Security Requirements</p>	<p>\$64 Million</p> <p>Educator Preparation and Collaboration Time</p>	<p>\$50 Million</p> <p>Small School Critical Capital Needs Fund</p>	<p>\$30 Million</p> <p>Flexible Funding WPU Distribution to 4th-6th Class County Schools</p>
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Notable Funding Highlights

Teacher and Student Support

Funding for Teacher Salaries
\$196.9 Million
Ongoing

At-Risk Students WPU Weighting Increase
\$25.1 Million
Ongoing

Optional Full-Day Kindergarten Expansion
\$25 Million *Ongoing*
\$19.1 Million* *Ongoing*

Teen Centers for Students Experiencing Homelessness
\$15 Million
One-Time

Grow Your Own Teacher and Counselor Pipeline
\$7.1 Million
One-Time

Foreign Language Education Funding
\$3.1 Million
Ongoing

*As enrollment requires per contingency

Investments in Technology

K-12 Computer Science for Utah Grant Program
\$3 Million *Ongoing*
\$5 Million *One-Time*

Statewide Online Education Program Increase
\$5.5 Million
One-Time

English Language Learner Software
\$5 Million
One-Time

Student Credential Account Statewide Usage
\$3.5 Million
One-Time

Adobe Create Utah
\$2 Million
One-Time

Additional Funding

Permanent State School Fund
\$160 Million
One-Time

Public Education Funding Equalization
\$19.1 Million
Ongoing

Pupil Transportation
\$6 Million
One-Time

Utah Fits All Program
\$42.5 Million
FY 2025
Ongoing

Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program
\$2.5 Million *One-Time*
\$2.5 Million *Ongoing*

General Session Agency Appropriation

FY 2023 Requests

A. Program by Name	Bill/Item	Ongoing	One-Time
School Safety Requirements	HB 61	\$3,660,000	\$75,000,000
Small Schools, Home and Private Students	HB 2		\$3,200,000
Statewide Online Education Program	SB 167	\$135,900	\$1,696,000
POPs Outreach	HB 2	\$750,000	
Regional Education Service Agencies	HB 2	\$115,000	
National Board-Certified Teachers	HB 2	\$50,000	
Charter School Authorizers Modifications	SB 3		\$5,000
Reciprocal Professional Licensing Amendments	SB 35	\$189,300	\$161,500
Research Supported Social and Emotional Instruction	HB 2		\$600,000
Rural Utah Student Initiative	HB 2		\$453,000
Adobe Create Utah	HB 2		\$2,000,000
Anti-Bullying Coalition-Stand4Kind	HB 2		\$300,000
Teen Centers for Students Experiencing Homelessness	HB 2		\$15,000,000
Transparency in Public Education Library Materials	HB 2		\$275,000
Community Informal STEM Education for Youth	HB 2		\$1,000,000
Student Credential Account (SCA) Statewide Usage	HB 2		\$3,500,000
Public Education Software	SB 35		\$950,000
Education Scholarship Amendments	SB 77	\$110,100	
Computer Science for Utah Grant Program	HB 2	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000
Utah Fits All Scholarship Program	SB 3	\$36,700	
Utah Fits All Scholarship Program	HB 215	\$1,000,000	
School Absenteeism Amendments	HB 400	\$141,800	
Full-Day Kindergarten	HB 2	\$25,000,000	
Small School Base Funding	HB 2		\$3,600,000
Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline	HB 2		\$7,150,000
Charter School Funding Base Program	SB 3		\$1,875,000
Flexible Allocation	HB 2		\$31,767,000
Educator Professional Time	HB 2		\$64,000,000
English Language Learner Software	HB 2		\$5,000,000
Pupil Transportation	HB 2		\$6,000,000

General Session Agency Appropriation

FY 2023 Requests, *continued*

A. Program by Name	Bill/Item	Ongoing	One-Time
Enrollment Growth Contingency	HB 2	\$19,101,000	
Educator Salary Adjustments	HB 215	\$196,914,400	
Foreign Language Education	HB 161	\$2,337,000	
Public Education Funding Equalization	SB 83	\$19,092,000	
Prime Pilot	HB 318	\$800,000	
Parent Engagement Specialist	HB 249	\$146,800	
Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program	HB 2	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
B. Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind			
<i>No Additional Funding</i>			



Featured Education Bills

Full-Day Kindergarten Amendments:

HB 477 Representative Spendlove | Senator Cullimore

W

Moves funding for kindergarten into the WPU, providing a stable funding source for any LEA wanting to expand full-day kindergarten, free of charge.

H

Provides an additional \$25 million to expand full-day kindergarten in Utah.

A

Repeals an optional expanded kindergarten program (OEK) and amends provisions regarding the requirement for a kindergarten assessment as well as removing the FDK grant program that was created last session.

T

Requires LEAs to provide a half-day option if requested by parents.

W

Current nationwide and statewide data show better outcomes for students who are enrolled in FDK.

H

Research demonstrates that students who attend quality early-childhood programs like kindergarten are more likely to go on to college, earn higher salaries, and save for retirement as adults.

Y

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Any full-day kindergarten students will be funded through a full WPU, while students who attend less than a full day will continue to be funded at a .55 WPU. Current OEK and FDK grant funding will be moved to the WPU.

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W

The bill provides a stable source of funding for any LEA that plans to expand full-day kindergarten.

National studies have shown that Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK):



Reduced the Achievement Gap



Showed improved outcomes (reading/math)



Higher & faster growth rates (reading/math)



Reduced the need for retention, remediation, and special education referrals



Strengthened social and emotional skills

Instructional Material Requirements

SB 55 Senator Fillmore | Representative Ballard

W

Requires a local school board or charter school to define an “open process” for adopting instructional materials for school use.

H

Charges school districts and charter schools to design and implement policies to guide educators on materials that have not been adopted through the open process.

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T

Requires contracts for digital and online material providers to give notice when the materials change or when content is updated.

W

Thousands of instructional materials are available in schools. A review process ensures that materials align with standards and meet the Utah Administrative Code and Board rules.

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Instructional materials are generally purchased with public funds, and a review process will provide additional transparency into the selection of instructional materials for students.

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The Instructional Materials Center will be posting reviews and recommendations of materials available for public and educator viewing.

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It is suggested but not required that LEAs purchase materials from the Mountain States Schoolbook Depository.

What is Open Process?



The public has a voice in the adoption process by attending board meetings, viewing the materials of interest, and can share about their thoughts on the materials.



For this school year, we have almost **200** contracts for materials with publishers.



From 2019 to the present, we have **770** materials in the Recommended Instructional Materials System (RIMS) system.



For the Spring 2023 review, we have **55** professionals helping review materials.

Juvenile Justice Revisions

HB 304 Representative Lisonbee | Senator Kennedy

W

Develops an annual School Disciplinary and Law Enforcement Action Report for incidents that occur on school grounds.

H

Renames the Gang Prevention and Intervention Grant to the “Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crime Prevention and Intervention Program.”

A

Requires an LEA to use a multidisciplinary team and to develop a reintegration plan within five days after the date an LEA receives a notification from the juvenile court or law enforcement.

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Decreases the number of students at risk for involvement with gangs and other violent criminal activities and helps them stay in school.

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Provides additional options to support students who have continued school-based behavioral issues that may lead to repeated minor offenses.

Y

Ensures the safety of the school community while meeting the educational needs of the student through a reintegration plan.

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A School Disciplinary and Law Enforcement Action Report will be created and shared with the state legislature and the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) on July 1st of each year.

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A distribution formula will be established and will include baseline performance standards and other requirements that LEAs must meet in order to receive the grant funding.



R277-436 will be amended to align with statutory changes and will change existing programs to meet requirements for Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crimes prevention and intervention programs.



Provide tools and resources necessary to connect students with the adequate supports needed to address repeated behaviors.



Provide tools and resources necessary to address traffic offenses caused by students on school grounds.



Provide tools and resources needed to establish multidisciplinary teams that create reintegration plans to be in compliance with this statute.

School Absenteeism Amendments

HB 400 Senator Johnson | Senator Millner

W

Adds language to state that an LEA should regularly promote student attendance in addition to addressing absenteeism and truancy.

H

Increases the responsibility of USBE to provide structure and support to LEAs regarding attendance through evidence-based strategies and interventions for children as part of their efforts to reduce student absenteeism.

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Provides guidance to LEAs on interventions and supports available from the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services (JJYS).

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Student attendance is a key indicator of positive student-based outcomes, and an indicator of positive and safe school climate and culture.

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Nationally and locally, student chronic absenteeism rates have risen to a concerning level.

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USBE will update its Board rules to align with HB 400.

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Greater support will be provided to LEAs for positive attendance and chronic absenteeism measures through professional learning, communities of practice, and targeted on-site support.

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Utah Absenteeism



26% of students were chronically absent in 21-22 SY.

12.5% of students were chronically absent in 17-18 SY.

Additional LEA Supports



Provide information and resources regarding the services offered by **JJYS**.



The USBE and DHHS (JJYS and DCFS) will work in concert to vertically align interventions and support options for LEAs, students, and families.

School Safety Requirements

HB 61 Representative Wilcox | Senator Ipson

W

Establishes a variety of positions including a State Security Chief position and School Security Task Force and requires public primary and secondary schools to conduct a threat assessment and designate a school safety specialist.



There are about **250 SROs** in the State of Utah



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Amends the school safety program to include certain school safety and security services and materials through a competitive grant and creates a Request For Proposals (RFP) for firearm detection software.

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Standardizes the best practice of threat assessment used for targeted violence prevention. Designates a School Safety Specialist (SSS) in every school to provide insight and to assess and improve school safety measures. Creates common language and practices across the state.

U.S. Secret Service says threat assessment is the **number one** thing schools can do to prevent targeted school violence.

School Climate Survey



Data from the USBE School Climate Survey is used to revise practices, policies, and training to eliminate harassment and discrimination in each school within LEAs.

87% of students in grade 6-12 feel safe at school.

94% of teachers feel safe at school.

95% of parents feel their child is safe at school.

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72 million dollars is available through a competitive grant opportunity in an effort to enhance physical safety and security.

Requirements will be added to this statute to include standardized response protocol terminology for use within school emergency preparedness planning and safety drills.

Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution

SJR 10 Senator McCay | Representative Peterson

Hold Harmless for Public Education Enrollment

HB 394 Representative Peterson | Senator Millner

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Senate Joint Resolution 10 is a proposal to amend the Utah Constitution. It places a constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot seeking voter approval to remove limitations on how the Legislature may allocate income tax revenue.

House Bill 394 is a companion bill that provides a guarantee that public education funding would not decrease in the event of public education enrollment declines for five years. If SJR 10 is approved by voters on the November 2024 ballot, HB394's hold harmless would take effect on January 1, 2025.

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Utah has long had a "constitutional earmark" on income tax revenue, primarily for K-12 public education. As income tax revenue growth is outpacing sales tax, Legislators seek flexibility to budget for state needs. In SJR 10, the constitutional amendment to remove of the earmark would provide this flexibility.

Estimates indicate that Utah's school age population may decrease between 0.2 percent and 1.0 percent each year until 2036. HB 394 increases the value of the weighted pupil unit to an amount equal to a projected reduction in funds related to a decline in student enrollment.

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Upon passage on the November 2024 ballot, the constitutional amendment would remove the earmark for K-12 public education on the income tax fund. This removal would allow income tax revenues to be appropriated for any state budget need. HB 394 would then take effect January 1, 2025, for the fiscal years 2025 through 2029 and add value to the WPU if student enrollment declines.

2023 Other Notable Education Bills

The following are notable bills which passed during the 2023 General Session.

**HB
308**

School Grading

Removes the requirement for USBE to assign a school an overall rating and requires USBE to continue to measure and report on each school using a dashboard of individual metrics.

**HB
215**

Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Education Opportunities

Creates the Utah Fits All Scholarship allowing private and home-school students up to \$8,000 in scholarship funds for qualified educational expenses. Also provides a \$4,200 increase to the Educator Salary Adjustment (for a total of \$8,400) for full-time educators.

**HB
421**

HB 421 and HJR 18

Increases a factor in the distribution formula to K-12 schools from 4% to 5% of the average market value of the State School Fund contingent on the passage of HJR 18 in November 2024.

**HB
348**

Participation Waiver Amendments

Allows a student the right to refrain from any school activity due to their parents or their own religious belief or right of conscience. Allows a school to offer an alternative to the student.

**HB
427**

Individual Freedom in Public Education

Ensures that instructional materials are consistent with the principle that people are equal and have inalienable rights, equal opportunity, and individual merit.

**SB
227**

School Board Ethics Complaint Investigation Requirements

Requires that an ethics complaint against a local school board member be reviewed by the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission.

**HB
465**

School Library Transparency Amendments

Requires LEAs with school libraries to provide an online platform by August 1, 2024 --or 2026, depending on the LEA's student enrollment-- that allows a parent to view information regarding materials the student borrows from the library.

**SB
100**

Gender Identity Policies

Ensures parent access to information related to their child's gender identity. Prohibits a school from changing a student's records regarding their gender identity without parental consent.

**HB
209**

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Provides private, online, charter, and home-school students the ability to participate in activities outside of the student's public school of residence.

**SB
103**

Student Graduation Attire Modifications

Allows individuals to wear religious or cultural attire during graduation ceremonies as part of their graduation attire.

MSP FY 2023/FY 2024 Comparison

A. Basic School Program

Program	FY 23 Base WPU	Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 WPU	Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
Kindergarten	26,667	107,681,300	40,052	171,424,100	59.2%
Grades 1-12	612,549	2,523,472,900	611,450	2,617,006,100	3.7%
Foreign Exchange Students	387	1,562,800	398	1,703,600	9.0%
Necessarily Existent Small Schools	10,708	47,976,800	10,708	49,430,200	3.0%
Professional Staff	57,387	231,728,700	57,118	244,465,100	5.5%
Enrollment Growth Contingency	0	13,945,600	0	19,101,000	37.0%

B. Restricted School Program

Program	FY 23 Base WPU	Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 WPU	Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
Special Education - Regular - Add-on WPU	90,265	364,490,100	93,579	400,518,100	9.9%
Special Education - Regular - Self-Contained	11,189	45,181,200	11,334	48,509,600	7.4%
Special Education - Pre-School	11,372	45,920,100	11,372	48,672,200	6.0%
Special Education - Extended Year Program	460	1,857,500	460	1,968,800	6.0%
Special Education - Impact Aid	2,072	8,366,600	2,072	8,868,100	6.0%
Extended Year for Special Educators	909	3,670,500	909	3,890,600	6.0%
Students At-Risk - Add-on	19,016	77,169,300	23,102	99,463,100	28.9%
CTE - District Add-on	29,257	118,139,800	29,257	125,220,000	6.0%
Class Size Reduction	42,604	172,035,100	42,604	182,345,100	6.0%

MSP FY 2023/FY 2024 Comparison

B. Related to Basic School Programs: General

Program	FY 23 Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
Pupil Transportation - To & From School	117,446,900	130,493,700	11.1%
Pupil Transportation - Rural Transportation Grants	1,000,000	1,000,000	0.0%
Pupil Transportation - Rural School Reimbursement	500,000	500,000	0.0%
Charter School Local Replacement	245,250,600	247,138,000	0.8%
Charter School Funding Base Program	8,015,000	9,740,000	21.5%
Flexible Allocation - WPU Distribution	0	31,767,000	

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B. Related to Basic School Programs: Focus Populations

Program	FY 23 Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
Students At-Risk - Gang Prevention and Intervention	3,246,400	2,381,200	-26.7%
Youth-in-Custody	29,675,900	31,456,500	6.0%
Adult Education	16,678,200	17,678,900	6.0%
Enhancement for Accelerated Students	6,451,500	6,838,600	6.0%
Concurrent Enrollment	15,525,700	17,708,000	14.1%
Title I Schools in Improvement - Paraeducators	750,000	300,000	-60.0%
Early Literacy Program	14,550,000	14,550,000	0.0%
Early Intervention	36,655,000	0	-100.0%
Special Education Intensive Services	1,000,000	0	-100.0%
English Language Learner Software Grants	5,400,000	5,000,000	-7.4%

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B. Related to Basic School Programs: Educator Supports

Program	FY 23 Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
Educator Salary Adjustments	194,181,800	391,096,200	101.4%
Teacher Salary Supplement	22,266,100	23,092,100	3.7%
Teacher Supplies & Materials	5,500,000	5,500,000	0.0%
Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools	951,000	801,000	-15.8%
Elementary School Counselor Program	2,384,400	2,100,000	-11.9%
Grants for Professional Learning	3,935,000	3,935,000	0.0%
Grow Your Own Teacher and Counselor Program	0	7,150,000	
Educator Professional Time	64,000,000	64,000,000	0.0%

MSP FY 2023/FY 2024 Comparison

B. Related to Basic School Programs: Statewide Initiatives

Program	FY 23 Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
School LAND Trust Program	95,929,900	101,803,300	6.1%
Teacher and Student Success Program	155,886,800	182,800,400	17.3%
Student Health and Counseling Support Program	29,550,000	25,480,000	-13.8%
School Library Books & Electronic Resources	765,000	0	-100.0%
Matching Fund for School Nurses	1,002,400	0	-100.0%
Dual Immersion	5,030,000	7,367,000	46.5%
Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program	17,080,000	21,945,000	28.5%
Digital Teaching & Learning Program	21,852,400	19,852,400	-9.2%
Public Education Capital and Technology	91,500,000	0	-100.0%

Total Related to Basic Programs: \$1,213,960,000 \$1,373,474,300 13.1%

MSP FY 2023/FY 2024 Comparison

C. Voted & Board Local Levy Programs

Program	FY 23 Appropriation \$ Value	Total FY 24 Appropriation \$ Value	Growth
Board Local Levy Program	612,526,800	743,320,100	21.4%
Voted Local Levy Program	406,724,000	467,782,700	15.0%
C. Subtotal	\$1,019,250,800	\$1,211,102,800	18.8%

Grand Total: \$5,996,438,300 \$6,607,162,900 10.2%

2023 Bills Passed

House Education Bills

House Bills Passed

HB 2	Public Education Budget Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. This bill provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools, and state education agencies; sets the value of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) at \$4,280 for fiscal year 2023-2024, which is 6% higher than the WPU Value in fiscal year 2023; makes certain statutory changes to adjust programmatic formulas with funding changes; provides appropriations for other purposes as described; provides intent language; and makes technical and conforming changes.
USBE Action	Distribute funds to LEAs; RFPs for SEL contract, Rural Utah Student Initiative, Create Utah, Scribe, School Readiness; and a one-page survey for Public Ed Capital and Technology funds, New rule on LEA record keeping of flexible uses of restricted funds, Possible update of R277-125, Create Rule on Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile (KEEP) assessment, Repeal or Amend R277-415, Amend R277-618.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$453,000 Infini D, \$600,000 SEL, \$2,000,000 Create Utah, \$300,000 Anti-Bullying Stand for Kind, \$15,000,000 Teen Center, \$275,000 Public Transparency, \$1,000,000 Community Informal Stem Education for Youth, \$3,500,000 Student Credential Account, \$133,200 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Admin., \$950,000 Scribe, \$6,000,000 School Readiness Grants, \$40,000 Charter Base Funding.
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 8	State Agency And Higher Education Compensation Appropriations
Sponsors	Rep. Robert Spendlove and Sen. Don Ipson

Bill Summary	This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Highlighted Provisions: This bill provides funding for a 5% labor market increase for state employees; provides funding for a 3.75% targeted compensation increases for state employees; provides funding for an average 2.5% discretionary pay increase for state employees; provides funding for an average 7.2% increase in health insurance benefits rates and 0.9% increase in dental insurance benefits rates for state and higher education employees; provides funding for an up-to \$26 per pay period 401(k) match for qualifying state employees; and provides funding for other compensation adjustments as authorized.
USBE Action	Distribute funds appropriated.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 11	Volunteer Government Workers Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. James Dunnigan and Sen. David Hinkins
Bill Summary	This bill amends provisions of the Volunteer Government Workers Act, including clarifying the fees, expenses, and other benefits that may be provided to a volunteer.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 13	Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Jeffrey Stenquist and Sen. David Buxton
Bill Summary	This bill addresses the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and extends the sunset date of the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities from 2023 to 2028.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 16	Block Grant Funding for Prevention Programs in Public Education
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Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill establishes block grant funding for the implementation of comprehensive prevention programs in local education agencies (LEAs). Requires USBE to make rules to establish and administer the grant application process, and it allows LEAs to choose to implement a comprehensive prevention plan with block grant funding or implement individual prevention plans with existing funding restrictions and submit one comprehensive report instead of individually required reports if the LEA implements a comprehensive prevention plan.
USBE Action	Amend rule R277-436, rule making for R277-304
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 17	Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Sunset Extension
Sponsors	Rep. Melissa Ballard and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill extends the sunset date for the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission until July 1, 2033.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

HB 21	Open and Public Meeting Act Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Joel Briscoe and Sen. Jacob Anderegg
Bill Summary	This bill requires a local school board (school districts only) holding an open meeting to allow a reasonable opportunity for the public to provide verbal comments at the meeting, subject to certain exceptions; requires a local school board to adopt a written policy allowing public comment in a public meeting; and permits a public body of a local district or special service district to convene and conduct an electronic meeting in certain circumstances.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Update policies on Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) to allow for verbal public comment.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 24	Prescription Discount Program Amendments
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Sponsors	Rep. Raymond Ward and Sen. Michael Kennedy
Bill Summary	This bill allows the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program (program) to add additional drugs to the prescription discount program. The bill also requires the program to notify the Legislature when an additional drug is added to the program.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 41	Utah Retirement System Revisions
Sponsors	Rep. Walt Brooks and Sen. Wayne Harper
Bill Summary	This bill amends the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act (the Act), including the requirement of an annual review for any person receiving long-term disability benefits under the Act.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 60	Juvenile Justice Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Cheryl Acton and Sen. Luz Escamilla
Bill Summary	This bill 1) requires the USBE to include information about dangerous weapons in an annual report on school discipline to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and requires the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to provide a report to the Judiciary Interim Committee; and 2) amends and clarifies provisions regarding the vacatur of an adjudication in the juvenile court for juvenile record expungement.
USBE Action	Update R277-912, Add minors found in possession of a dangerous weapon, to the annual school based incident report.
LEA Action	After receiving a notification of a minor with a dangerous weapon the principal shall notify a law enforcement officer or agency and school district personnel if determined necessary by the principal.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	October 1, 2023
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HB 61	School Safety Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Ryan Wilcox and Sen. Don Ipson

Bill Summary	This bill creates a taskforce and designates a state security chief position within the Department of Public Safety (DPS); requires USBE issue an RFP for firearm detection software and allows an LEA to enter into a contract to use the software; and requires every elementary and secondary school to conduct a threat assessment and designate a school safety specialist. Also provides funding for stipends for school safety specialist and creates a grant program for LEAs to apply for one-time funds for the following purposes: 1) school resource officer services; 2) for a school safety specialist and school safety specialist training; 3) safety and security training by law enforcement agencies for school employees; 4) interoperable communication hardware, software, equipment maintenance, and training for first responder communication systems; 5) enhanced physical security at a school upon completion of the school's threat assessment; 6) first-aid kits for classrooms; or 7) bleeding control kits.
USBE Action	New Rule on school safety and support grant program; updates the reporting requirements related to the grant program; updates to the state School Safety and Support Program. USBE to work with DPS to develop and make available to an LEA a model critical incident response training program that includes protocols for conducting a threat assessment.
LEA Action	Every elementary and secondary school must conduct a threat assessment and designate a school safety specialist, and may apply for a new grant program for funding stipends for school safety specialists.
Funding	\$3,000,000 Firearm Detection technology, \$3,660,000 LEA Safety Specialist Stipends and 0.5 FTE for a grant specialist, \$75,000,000 School Safety and Support Grant Program.
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 69	Election Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Calvin Musselman and Sen. David Buxton
Bill Summary	This bill authorizes a municipal clerk and the lieutenant governor to receive a voter registration form for a voter that changes party affiliation or becomes unaffiliated from a political party, and modifies the day the voter can vote in a regular primary or presidential primary election. The bill also specifies the time the filing period begins for a declaration of candidacy and requires an election official to notify an opposing candidate and voters when a candidate for elective office is disqualified or withdraws. Lastly, it requires a filing officer to notify a candidate if the candidate fails to make a conflict-of-interest disclosure.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023

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HB 92	State Mushroom Designation
Sponsors	Rep. Christine Watkins and Sen. David Hinkins
Bill Summary	This bill designates the porcini as the state mushroom.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 105	Public Employee Disability Benefits
Sponsors	Rep. Brian King and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	This bill establishes a three-year pilot period during which an eligible employee with a mental objective medical impairment qualifies for the same disability benefit as the eligible employee would receive for a physical objective medical impairment.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 107	Concealed Weapons Permit Fee Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Karianne Lisonbee and Sen. John Johnson
Bill Summary	This bill provides a waiver to school employees from paying for a concealed weapons permit fee.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538- 7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

HB 116	Intergenerational Poverty Solution
Sponsors	Rep. Norman Thurston and Sen. Jacob Anderegg
Bill Summary	This bill creates the Education Savings Incentive Program and provides a process for an individual identified by the Department of Workforce Services as experiencing intergenerational poverty to receive a state match of \$1 for \$1 up to \$300 into certain 529 savings accounts.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0

Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 119	Charitable Organization Registration Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. James Dunnigan and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	This bill addresses charitable organization registration requirements and provides that an entity's application for a public grant is not a charitable solicitation; exempts federal income tax exempt charitable organizations from registering as a charitable organization in Utah.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	Upon Governor's signature or upon veto override
USBE Contact	Deborah Jacobson, 801-538-7627, deborah.jacobson@schools.utah.gov
HB 131	Vaccine Passport Prohibition
Sponsors	Rep. Walt Brooks and Sen. Michael Kennedy
Bill Summary	Prohibits a governmental entity, including an LEA, from requiring proof of immunity status of the LEA's employees. The prohibition on requiring proof of immunity status does not apply to school based required vaccines if the vaccination requirement is implemented in accordance with Title 53G, Chapter 9, Part 3, Immunization Requirements or in accordance with a child care program requirement as defined in Section 26-39-102.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness that LEAs may only require school based vaccine status as defined in Title 53G Chapter 9 Part 3.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Kendra Muir, 801-538-7904, kendra.muir@schools.utah.gov
HB 134	Charter School Closing Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill addresses when payments may be made from the Charter School Closure Reserve Account and outlines the order in which the closing charter school's assets will be distributed upon closure.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Closing charter schools are to distribute their assets in the order prescribed by this code unless directed differently by a bankruptcy court.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Deborah Jacobson, 801-538-7627, deborah.jacobson@schools.utah.gov
HB 137	State Crustacean Designation
Sponsors	Rep. Rosemary Lesser and Sen. Jen Plumb
Bill Summary	This bill designates the brine shrimp as the state crustacean.

USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 140 Standard Response Protocol to Active Threats in Schools

Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Chris Wilson
Bill Summary	Requires the state board to make rules to require an LEA or school to develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency response plans that include developmentally appropriate training for students and adults regarding: active threats; emergency preparedness; drills as required under Section 15A-5-202.5; and standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders. The bill also requires USBE to identify the necessary components of emergency preparedness and response plans, including underlying standard response protocols and emerging best practices for an emergency; and define what constitutes an "active threat" and "developmentally appropriate" for purposes of the emergency response training.
USBE Action	Update R277-400 and coordinate with the new state security person and Department of Public Safety (DPS). Develop rules to require an LEA or school to develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency response plans and identify the necessary components of emergency preparedness and response plans, including underlying standard response protocols and emerging best practices for an emergency. Define what constitutes an "active threat" and "developmentally appropriate" for purposes of the emergency response training.
LEA Action	Develop emergency preparedness plans and emergency response plans that include developmentally appropriate training for students and adults regarding: active threats; emergency preparedness; drills as required under Section 15A-5-202.5; and standard response protocols coordinated with community stakeholders.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 141 Driver License Test Amendments

Sponsors	Rep. Gay Bennion and Sen. Curtis Bramble
Bill Summary	This bill allows the Driver License Division to begin administering certain examinations in languages other than English based on availability. It also allows an individual to take certain driver license examinations in the individual's preferred language for their initial testing and their first renewal. For the second renewal, the applicant would need to take the test in English.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness

Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 154	English Language Learner Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill requires the USBE to appropriate funds to an LEA for English language learner software and hardware, instructional materials, and licenses for English language learner instruction and support. It requires the USBE to make the allocations of these funds in proportion to the LEA's share of statewide English language learner students.
USB E Action	Review and update R277-930; provide funding projection to Education Interim Committee before July 1, 2023.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$5,000,000 for hardware, instructional materials, and licenses (\$2,000,000 new, \$3,000,000 normal)
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 161	Foreign Language Education Funding Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Candice Pierucci and Sen. Michael McKell
Bill Summary	This bill requires the Legislature to annually increase money appropriated for Dual Language Immersion (DLI) programs in proportion to the percentage increase over the previous school year in the value of the WPU. The bill prohibits an LEA, regardless of the LEA's participation in DLI, from seeking or accepting funding support from a restricted foreign entity or an entity that passes on funding support from a restricted foreign entity. A list of restricted entities may be found here: https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/regulations-docs/2326-supplement-no-4-to-part-744-entity-list-4/file .
USB E Action	May not contract or receive funding from a Restricted Foreign Entity.
LEA Action	May not contract or receive funding from a Restricted Foreign Entity.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 163	Protecting Student Religious and Moral Beliefs Regarding Athletic Uniform Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Candice Pierucci and Sen. Kirk Cullimore

Bill Summary	This bill requires that an association or educational organization that requires a student to wear an athletic uniform for participation in an athletic activity may not prohibit a student from wearing religious clothing with the athletic uniform; or from wearing clothing that does not substantially alter the athletic uniform when the student's clothing choice is consistent with the student's religious or moral belief. If specific colors or materials are required for the student's additional clothing or attire, the school shall pay for those specific materials and colors.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	LEAs must provide specific clothing colors and materials if they are required for the sport. LEAs should review and update policies related to activity clothing and/or student accommodation requests. LEAs should be aware that city or county rec teams and private leagues that rent or use an LEA's facilities must also comply with the same requirements.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 169	Urban Farming Assessment Act Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Karen Peterson and Sen. Scott Sandall
Bill Summary	This bill provides that a county may limit an authorization of urban farming to either cultivating crops or engaging in livestock production or may allow both.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	N/A

HB 179	Founders and Constitution Recognition
Sponsors	Rep. Norman Thurston and Sen. Jacob Anderegg
Bill Summary	This bill designates the month of September as American Founders Month, and September 17th as Constitution Day. The bill invites all Utah school children to read directly from the United States Constitution and other primary sources, and to be taught principles from the United States Constitution that include federalism, checks and balances, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, limited government, and the necessary and proper, commerce, and supremacy clauses.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	LEAs are invited to participate on September 17th by reading from the US Constitution and other primary source documents.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023

USBE Contact	Robert Austin, 801-538-7575, robert.austin@schools.utah.gov
HB 182	Interventions for Reading Difficulties Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Neil Walter and Sen. Don Ipson
Bill Summary	This bill repeals the Interventions for Reading Difficulties Program.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 185	Public Education Enrollment Options Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	Allows an LEA to provide a home-centered, school-supported enrollment option allowing students to complete a portion of the students' course work from home. As a reminder, if a homeschool student elects to enroll in a public school's home-centered, school-supported option, that student becomes a public education student.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	May provide a home-centered, school-supported enrollment option.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 189	International Baccalaureate Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Carol Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill removes language limiting the USBE's allocation of funds toward the International Baccalaureate program to align with other early college programs.
USBE Action	Amend R277-701-4.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 190	Local Education Agency Personnel Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Melissa Ballard and Sen. Michael McKell
Bill Summary	Expands the scope of the Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program; a competitive grant program created to provide funding to LEAs to award scholarships to paraprofessionals, teachers, school counselor assistants, and school counselor interns within the LEA for education and training to become licensed teachers or licensed school counselors -- to include individuals seeking education to become a school psychologist or school social worker.

USBE Action	Update R277-320.
LEA Action	Awareness of the ability to refer new categories of candidates (School Psychologists and School Social Workers) to the program, LEAs shall ensure that a paraprofessional scholarship recipient is continuously employed as a paraprofessional by the paraprofessional's LEA while pursuing a degree using scholarship money under the program.
Funding	\$1,700,000 one-time
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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HB 209	Participation in Extracurricular Activities Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Jordan Teuscher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill allows a private school student, a homeschool student, a charter school student, or an online school student to participate in extracurricular activities outside of the student's public school of residence prior to establishing their initial establishment of eligibility. It prohibits a public school from participating in an athletics association that does not collect a birth certificate or other identifying documents during the registration process, and it allows athletes without access to a birth certificate to provide alternative documentation to an athletic association in certain circumstances
USBE Action	Update R277-494.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 215	Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Education Opportunities
Sponsors	Rep. Candice Pierucci and Sen. Kirk Cullimore
Bill Summary	This bill creates the Utah Fits All Scholarship allowing private and homeschool students up to \$8,000 in scholarship, funds for qualified and educational expenses. Also provides a \$4,200 increase to the Educator Salary Adjustment (for a total of \$8,400) for full-time educators.
USBE Action	Amend R277-604, Update R277-110, Create new rule, RFP for Program Manager by September 15, 2023 with contract in place by December 1, 2023, Report on cost effectiveness of the program, On or before September 1, 2023 maintain and provide information on USBE's website including scholarship information and information on the program manager to include contact information and an overview of the program.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$36,700 for ¼ full-time equivalent (FTE) at USBE; \$36,700 for the State Auditor's office to complete annual audits; and \$42.5 million for the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program.

Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 217	School Energy and Water Reductions
Sponsors	Rep. Gay Bennion and Sen. Kirk Cullimore
Bill Summary	This bill authorizes the state board of education to issue grants related to energy and water reductions to LEAs. The USBE is to prioritize outdoor water conservation projects and to make rules for the application and award process of the grant money. The USBE is to establish a review panel that will review and award the grants.
USBE Action	Create new rule for the grant process; report to the Education Interim Committee by November 2027.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$900,000 through Governor's office
Effective Date	May 2, 2023
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HB 234	University Recognition for International Baccalaureate Achievement
Sponsors	Rep. Carol Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill requires that all institutions award credit to a student who receives an International Baccalaureate (IB) program subject score of four or higher unless the award of credit duplicates the credit an institution already awarded. Requires the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Utah Association of IB World Schools and school International Baccalaureate program coordinators to align International Baccalaureate program subject scores with commonly numbered institutions of higher education courses to satisfy general education requirements or major requirements.
USBE Action	Awareness for advising students.
LEA Action	Awareness for advising students.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Christy Shreck, 801-538-7935, christy.shreck@schools.utah.gov

HB 249	Education Related Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Karen Peterson and Sen. Michael McKell
Bill Summary	This bill requires the USBE to create a parent portal on the USBE website and requires USBE's Utah Schools Information Management System (USIMS) and LEA information management systems to support record tracking interoperability and to allow a parent to include certain information as part of their child's records. The parent portal is to contain access to the LEAs policies and resources and steps to follow for students who have experienced bullying or abuse, as well as information on how to file grievances, access information on rights and a school comparison tool. The USBE is to make rules to allow a parent to both add and remove items they added to their students educational record at least annually.

USBE Action	Update R277-487 and R277-613; update USIMS by July 1, 2024 to include interoperability capability for transferring student records between LEAs, including parent-added student information, create rules to allow parents to add and remove additions to their students educational record; hire a Family Engagement Specialist, create and post the parent portal in an accessible place the parent portal; update the parent portal annually.
LEA Action	Provide student discipline policies to USBE to be posted to the USBE parent portal, update student information systems to be able to collect and amend student record information; annually notify parents, teachers and principals and other professional staff on how to access the parent portal.
Funding	\$146,800 FTE for Family Engagement Specialist
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 258	Motor Vehicle Light Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Judy Rohner and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill requires a vehicle operator to have the vehicle's lights or lamps illuminated while the vehicle is being operated on a highway any time from sunset to sunrise and when persons and vehicles are not clearly discernible at 1,000 feet ahead.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness for Driver's Education Instruction.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 280	Local Government Construction Project Bid Notice
Sponsors	Rep. Doug Owens and Sen. Todd Weiler
Bill Summary	This bill eliminates a requirement that a local government entity post notice of a bid on a building improvement or public works project in five public places and instead requires notice of the bid to be posted on the state procurement notice website at least five days before opening the bids.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 304	Juvenile Justice Revisions
Sponsors	Rep. Karianne Lisonbee and Sen. Michael Kennedy

Bill Summary	This bill requires schools to provide a reintegration plan for minors alleged to have committed a felony offense; modifies requirements related to interventions and referrals for offenses committed by minors on school property; significantly amends the gang prevention program to to change the name of the program to the juvenile gang and other violent crime prevention and intervention program and requires a new distribution formula and reporting requirements for USBE and LEAs; and amends intervention and referral requirements for LEAs.
USBE Action	Amend R277-436; create new rule to establish a new distribution formula for gang prevention funding, annually report on disciplinary and law enforcement actions on school grounds to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice; USBE guidance on how SRO's and administrators can work on re-entry plans.
LEA Action	Requires participating LEAs to provide a report on: 1) how the school district or the charter school used the grant funds; and 2) the school district's, or the charter school's, compliance with grant performance standards; awareness of new requirements related to the gang prevention program.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 305	Child Abuser Education Restrictions
Sponsors	Rep. Tyler Clancy and Sen. Chris Wilson
Bill Summary	This bill prohibits an individual who has committed child abuse from exempting the individual's child from required school attendance.
USBE Action	Update the model homeschool resources/forms on USBE website.
LEA Action	LEAs may not issue a home school affidavit if parents have been found guilty of certain child abuse related offenses.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 308	School Grading Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Douglas Welton and Sen. Scott Sandall
Bill Summary	This bill removes the requirement for USBE to assign a school an overall rating and requires USBE to continue to measure and report on each school using a dashboard of individual metrics under the school accountability system.
USBE Action	Update R277-497-2, R277-927-6, R277-920-5 and 12.

LEA Action	Awareness of the elimination of the single rating requirement.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 311	Social Media Usage Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Jordan Teuscher and Sen. Kirk Cullimore
Bill Summary	This bill: enacts the Utah Social Media Regulation Act; regulates interactive computer services and the use and design of social media platforms for users under the age of 18; prohibits a social media company from using a design or feature that causes a minor to become addicted; directs the Division of Consumer Protection to receive and investigate complaints of violations of the requirements established under the act and impose administrative fines for violations; and authorizes enforcement and a private right of action to collect fees and damages from a social media company for harm incurred by a minor's use of the platform.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 3, 2023. The actions affecting Section 13-2-1 takes effect on December 31, 2023.
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HB 318	Prime Pilot Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Val Peterson and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill changes the PRIME Pilot Program to an ongoing program and requires the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) to award a TRANSFORM certificate to students who complete five general education courses or completes a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program that is at least 300 hours or six courses. Requires the USHE to award a \$500.00 scholarship to a student who earns the TRANSFORM general education certificate and requires USBE to create a funding formula for LEAs that participate in the program.
USBE Action	Update R277-721 to include distribution formula for funds, Award a TRANSFORM certificate to a student who: completes 5 general education courses from different general education categories as designated for concurrent enrollment by the Utah Board of Higher Education or who completes a career and technical education program that is at least 300 hours or 6 courses, Create a funding formula for LEAs that participate in this PRIME program.
LEA Action	Awareness that students may receive a \$500.00 scholarship after completing the TRANSFORM requirements.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023

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HB 322	Budget Reporting Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Melissa Ballard and Sen. Evan Vickers
Bill Summary	This bill requires a state agency to submit a report to a legislative appropriations subcommittee that describes the agency's plan to expend the agency's nonlapsing appropriation balance.
USBE Action	New report for USBE to Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee (PEA) on our non-lapsing funds if planning to save funds year over year.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Deborah Jacobson, 801-538-7627, deborah.jacobson@schools.utah.gov

HB 324	Workplace Violence Protective Orders Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Tyler Clancy and Sen. Todd Weiler
Bill Summary	This bill allows an employer to petition for a workplace violence protective order. It requires an employer to notify the individual who is the target in the workplace violence that they are seeking a workplace violence protective order. The bill sets out the court's duties for administering the protective order.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, mwatts@utah.gov

HB 335	Alternative Concurrent Enrollment Options For Capacity Flexibility
Sponsors	Rep. Ryan Wilcox and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill provides that an LEA may contract with a non designated institution of higher education to provide concurrent enrollment courses if the LEA's designated institution does not have enrollment capacity or does not allow an LEA with an eligible instruction to expand concurrent enrollment courses to meet student demand. The bill also adds more criteria for an educator to demonstrate the educator should be designated as an eligible instructor based on the educator's: years of teaching experience, student performance on qualifying test scores or Advanced Placement (AP) Exams on courses the LEA employee teaches, continuing education in a master's degree or higher in any academic field or other criteria established by the institution of higher education as qualifying experience to be an eligible LEA CTE instructor.
USBE Action	Awareness

LEA Action	LEA awareness of the ability for an LEA to work with additional higher education institutions to support concurrent enrollment demand.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Nathan Auck, 801-538-7664, nathan.auck@schools.utah.gov

HB 348	Participation Waiver Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Cheryl Acton and Sen. Michael Kennedy
Bill Summary	This bill allows a student the right to refrain from any school activity due to their parent's or their own religious belief or right of conscience and allows a school to offer an alternative to the student.
USBE Action	New Rule
LEA Action	LEAs cannot penalize, Incentivize, or discriminate against a student from refraining from participation for religious and right of conscience beliefs, an LEA may provide an alternative assignment, must promptly notify a students parent of a refusal
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Jennifer Throndsen, 801-538-7739, jennifer.throndsen@schools.utah.gov

HB 394	Hold Harmless for Public Education Enrollment Decline
Sponsors	Rep. Karen Peterson and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill contingently provides a hold harmless funding requirement for the MSP in years where the state's student enrollment declines for between 5-10 years, contingent on passage of SJR 10, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Income Tax, 2023 General Session, in November 2024.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	January 1, 2025 if SJR 10 is passed by the voters
USBE Contact	Deborah Jacobson, 801-538-7627, deborah.jacobson@schools.utah.gov Sam Urie, 801-538-7545, sam.urie@schools.utah.gov Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

HB 398	Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Nelson Abbott and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill amends provisions related to the Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program by expanding the expenses for which a scholarship recipient may use a scholarship award. It amends the formula for calculating a scholarship amount for an eligible student to include Kindergarten. Allows a scholarship granting organization to prorate a scholarship award and increases the amount of donations a scholarship granting organization may carry forward in a fiscal year to 60%.
USBE Action	USBE will update R277-626.
LEA Action	Awareness

Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Tami Gear, 801-538-7724, tami.gear@schools.utah.gov

HB 400	School Absenteeism Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Dan Johnson and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill directs LEAs to include certain evidence-based strategies and interventions for children as part of their efforts to reduce student absenteeism and improve attendance and academic achievement. LEAs may apply for funding for a stipend for LEA Youth Development Specialists through the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services (JJYS).
USBE Action	USBE will update R277-607.
LEA Action	State Board rule updates may require an LEA to publicize the LEA's applicable policies and may include other requirements. LEAs may apply for funding for an LEA Youth Development Specialist through Juvenile Justice and Youth Services. Also, \$389,100 for stipends for LEA Youth Development Specialists.
Funding	\$141,800- for 1 FTE at USBE; \$389,100 for stipends for LEA Youth Development Specialists
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Tanya Albornoz, 801-538-7812, tanya.Albornoz@schools.utah.gov Aspen Florence, 385-295-7861, aspen.Florence@schools.utah.gov

HB 403	Student Mental Health Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Steve Eliason and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill requires an LEA governing board to make a determination on whether the LEA will be a participating or non-participating LEA and requires a non-participating LEA to report each year whether the LEA will change or maintain the LEA's participation status. Requires parental notification of mental health screening and requires USBE to establish processes and adds additional reporting elements to the USBE annual report to the Education Interim Committee on the screening programs.
USBE Action	USBE will establish processes and add additional reporting elements in the annual Education Interim Committee report on the screening programs and update R277-625.
LEA Action	LEAs must: annually determine if they will continue to be a non-participating LEA; notify parents at the beginning of the year that an LEA is providing screeners; obtain prior written consent from a student's parent before screening a participating student; notify the parents of the participating student if the results of the test indicate a potential mental health condition, and indicate the resources available, including any services that can be provided by the school mental health provider or a partnering entity; and provide the necessary information and data for the state board to complete their report.
Funding	\$0

Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Tiana McCall, 801-910-2307, tiana.mccall@schools.utah.gov Michelle Knight, 801-538-7962, michelle.knight@schools.utah.gov

HB 405	School Bus Owner Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Brady Brammer and Sen. Keither Grover
Bill Summary	This bill amends an exception to an owner's and operator's security requirement to include organizations in an LEA.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Ron Litchfield, 801-538-7577, ron.litchfield@schools.utah.gov

HB 411	Student Behavioral Health Services Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Karen Peterson and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill allows behavioral health support personnel to support school mental health professionals and requires the State Board of Education to provide guidance to LEAs for staffing structure and support.
USBE Action	Requires USBE to establish guidance for qualifying personnel, update R277-622 and update R277-320 to coordinate with HB 190 rule amendments.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Tiana McCall, 801-910-2307, tiana.mccall@schools.utah.gov Lisa McLachlan, 801-538-7772, lisa.mclachlan@schools.utah.gov Bethany Marker, 801-538-7929, bethany.marker@schools.utah.gov

HB 421	School Land Trust Program Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill increases t a factor in the distribution formula to K-12 schools from 4% to 5% of the average market value of the State School Fund contingent on the passage of HJR 18, Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - State School Fund, in November 2024.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	January 1, 2025* contingent.
USBE Contact	Paula Plant, 801-538-7555, paula.plant@schools.utah.gov

HB 427	Individual Freedom in Public Education
Sponsors	Rep. Tim Jimenez and Sen. Michael Kennedy

Bill Summary	This bill ensures that instructional materials are consistent with the principle that people are equal and have inalienable rights, equal opportunity, and individual merit. Also ensures public schools may not deny the practice of prayer or religious devotionals.
USBE Action	Update rule R277-469 and add an annual assurance ensuring LEAs will comply with the bill.
LEA Action	Update policies and trainings to include provisions on meritocracy and other elements of the bill.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 31, 2023
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HB 457	State Property Transfer Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Ryan Wilcox and Sen. Daniel McCay
Bill Summary	This bill exempts a title agency from the requirement to obtain an appraisal of agency property it intends to transfer to a government entity if: the director of the title agency determines that the transfer is in the best interest of the title agency and the state; and the government entity to which ownership of the agency property is transferred will use the property for a public purpose.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

HB 465	Public School Library Transparency Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Douglas Welton and Sen. Keith Grover
Bill Summary	This bill requires LEAs with school libraries to provide an online platform by August 1, 2024 -- or 2026, depending on the LEA's student enrollment -- that allows a parent to view information regarding materials the student borrows from the library, including the title, author, description, and a history of borrowed materials.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Gives LEAs a period of time to work with their library provider to make available an online platform for parents to review their student's history.
Funding	\$275,000 provided in HB 2 to support a library transparency pilot in Canyons and Nebo School Districts.
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Davina Sauthoff, davina.sauthoff@schools.utah.gov

HB 475	Communication Credit Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Douglas Welton and Sen. Michael McKell

Bill Summary	This bill adds a communications graduation requirement for grades nine through 12: up to 0.5 units emphasizing verbal communication completed in a course or a school sponsored activity.
USBE Action	Information on R277-700 and consider amendments related to SB 257 at the same time. Do a committee report on graduation and the history of where the Board has been and what the field has shared.
LEA Action	LEA awareness of upcoming graduation requirements.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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HB 477	Full-Day Kindergarten Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Robert Spendlove and Sen. Kirk Cullimore
Bill Summary	This bill makes full-day kindergarten available for all LEAs with an option for half-day kindergarten. Requires that a half-day kindergarten option be granted if requested by a parent.
USBE Action	Amend rule R277-489.
LEA Action	Awareness that stable funding is available for the LEA to expand full-day kindergarten without applying first to USBE.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Sara Wiebke, 801-538-7893, sara.wiebke@schools.utah.gov Christine Elegante, 801-538-7782, christine.elegante@schools.utah.gov

HB 481	Firearm Safety and Suicide Prevention Education Requirements
Sponsors	Rep. Sahara Hayes and Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Bill Summary	This bill requires a school to provide suicide prevention materials and information, including information on firearm safety, to a parent of a child who has threatened suicide or has been involved in an incident of bullying or other abusive conduct.
USBE Action	Amend rules R277-533, R277-609 and R277-613. USBE shall coordinate with the state suicide prevention coordinator to select suicide prevention materials and information on limiting the student's access to fatal means, including a firearm or medication and provide technical assistance to LEAs by August 1, 2023.
LEA Action	LEAs shall amend their local policies to reflect the suicide prevention information a school shall provide the parent of a child who has threatened suicide or has been involved in a bullying incident or other abusive conduct.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	August 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Cathy Davis, 801-538-7861, cathy.davis@schools.utah.gov

HB 489	Educator Paid Professional Hours
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner

Bill Summary	This bill amends the due date for an educator to create and submit the educator's plan to use the educator's professional hours from the first day of instruction to the fifth day of instruction; clarifies the availability of an educator to receive paid professional hours even if the educator begins employment after the fifth day of instruction; and allows an LEA to prorate the the paid professional hours based on the employees start date.
USBE Action	Amend rule R277-629.
LEA Action	LEA may need to update policies to include the amended due date for the educator's plan from the first day of instruction to the fifth day. LEAs are required to provide paid professional hours to educators who begin employment after the fifth day of instruction. Awareness that LEAs may prorate an educator's paid professional hours based on the portion of the school year for which the educator is employed.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Katie Hill, 801-538-7766, katie.hill@schools.utah.gov

HB 494	Education Reporting Amendments
Sponsors	Rep. Susan Pulsipher and Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Bill Summary	This bill clarifies that the digital readiness assessment is only required to be completed the first time an LEA applies for the Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program. The bill also repeals the requirement that LEAs notify all other local education agencies before disposing of undamaged textbooks.
USBE Action	Amend rules R277-922-8(a) and R277-433-3, awareness/Reports and Requirements Task Force recommendation.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Rick Gaisford, 801-538-7798, rick.gaisford@schools.utah.gov Teri Davis, 801-538-7655, teri.davis@schools.utah.gov

HB 555	Talent Ready Utah Program Modifications
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This bill provides that a public school student participating in a youth apprenticeship is considered a volunteer government worker for purposes of workers' compensation and risk management. It provides that an internship through an institution of higher education or public or private school may be with compensation and that the intern is considered a volunteer government worker for purposes of workers' compensation and risk management. It creates an apprenticeship intermediary position to foster relationships between the Talent Ready Utah Program, local education agencies, and industry partners.
USBE Action	Coordinate with Talent Ready Utah on placements.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0

Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Thalea Longhurst, 801-538-7889, thalea.longhurst@schools.utah.gov

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS PASSED

HCR 6	Concurrent Resolution Regarding Mental Health Support in Schools
Sponsors	Rep. Steve Eliason and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This resolution recognizes the critical role of school nurses, psychologists, social workers, and counselors in education and the inadequacy of current funding streams to meet demand for school-based mental health professionals. Also supports the creation and adoption of school formulas for staffing school-based mental health professionals at appropriate levels and commits to exploring legislative options for increased funding allocations for school-based mental health positions.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness that the sponsors may be seeking future appropriations to support the efforts.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Tiana McCall, 801-538-7647, tiana.mccall@schools.utah.gov Michelle Knight, 801-538-7962, michelle.knight@schools.utah.gov

HCR 10	Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance in Schools
Sponsors	Rep. Melissa Ballard and Sen. David Hinkins
Bill Summary	This resolution emphasizes the inspired ideas, principles, and values upon which the United States was founded, and that are espoused in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also directs compliance with the statute and administrative rule requirements to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of every school day.
USBE Action	Remind LEAs of the requirement to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily.
LEA Action	Awareness of the requirement for students to engage in the Pledge of Allegiance each day.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Robert Austin, 801-538-7575, robert.austin@schools.utah.gov JoAnna Sorensen, 801-538-7534, joanna.sorensen@schools.utah.gov

HJR 3	Joint Resolution Recognizing School Teachers
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Burton and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This joint resolution recognizes Utah's public school educators for their extraordinary efforts to educate students during a public health crisis and declares that curricular decisions should be made at the local level.

USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Kami Dupree, 801-538-7923, kami.dupree@schools.utah.gov Katie Hill, 801-538-7766, katie.hill@schools.utah.gov

HJR 18	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution- State School Fund
Sponsors	Rep. Jefferson Moss and Sen. Ann Millner
Bill Summary	This joint resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to change the limit on annual distributions from the State School Fund from 4% to 5% and directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness of the constitutional amendment, which will be placed on the ballot during the November 2024 election.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	January 1, 2025* contingent
USBE Contact	Paula Plant, 801-538-7555, paula.plant@schools.utah.gov

2023 Bills Passed

Senate Education Bills

SENATE BILLS PASSED

SB 1	Public Education Base Budget Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Bill Summary	This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, and appropriates funds for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. This bill: repeals obsolete provisions related to a past freeze on the minimum basic tax rate, including the equity pupil tax rate; provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools, and state education agencies; sets the value of the WPU initially at \$4,175 for fiscal year 2023-2024; adjusts the number of WPUs in certain programs for student enrollment changes and statutory formula calculations; appropriates funds to the Uniform School Fund Restricted - Public Education Budget Stabilization Account; makes an appropriation from the Uniform School Fund Restricted - Trust Distribution Account to the School LAND Trust Program to support educational programs in the public schools; adjusts the revenue targets and estimates tax rates for the statewide Basic Rate and WPU Value Rate according to statutory provisions; provides appropriations for other purposes as described; and makes technical and conforming changes.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov Deborah Jacobson, 801-538-7627, deborah.jacobson@schools.utah.gov Sam Urie, 801-538-7545, sam.urie@schools.utah.gov
SB 3	Appropriations Adjustments
Sponsors	Sen. Jerry Stevenson and Rep. Val Peterson
Bill Summary	This bill supplements or reduces appropriations otherwise provided for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. This bill provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain public education programs.
USBE Action	Scribe Contract Amendment
LEA Action	LEA Awareness that Scribe contract is extending; provided additional funds for charter school administration for LEAs with fewer than 2000 students.

Funding	\$950,000 Contracts and Grants one-time funding (Scribe) \$1,875,000 Charter School Base one-time funding \$213,400-SB 167 educator licencing \$40,000- SB 167 SOEP Administration- ongoing \$99,500- SB 167 Licensing Administration- ongoing \$189,300- SB 35 ongoing \$36,400-SB 167 for IT \$436,200- SOEP Supplemental for 2023
Effective Date	Section 1- upon Governor's approval Sections 2 & 3- July 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov Deborah Jacobson, 801-538-7627, deborah.jacobson@schools.utah.gov Sam Urie, 801-538-7545, sam.urie@schools.utah.gov

SB 16	Transgender Medical Treatments and Procedures Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Michael Kennedy and Rep. Katy Hall
Bill Summary	This bill enacts provisions regarding transgender medical treatments and procedures, including a provider certification requirement for providing hormonal transgender treatments, prohibition from providing a hormonal transgender treatment to new patients who are minors and were not diagnosed with gender dysphoria before 1/28/2023, and prohibition of performing sex characteristic surgical procedures on a minor for the purpose of effectuating a sex change. It specifies conditions of malpractice action that may be taken related to these treatments.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	LEAs should review LEA gender policies.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	Upon Governor's approval (January 28, 2023)
USBE Contact	Holly Bell, 801-538-7534, holly.bell@schools.utah.gov

SB 18	Public Expression Protection Act
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Cory Maloy
Bill Summary	This bill enacts the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act which allows a person who, after making comment on an issue under consideration or review in a legislative, executive, judicial, administrative, or other governmental proceeding or exercise of freedom of speech or the press or assembly, is served with a complaint or claim, to file a special motion for expedited relief to dismiss the cause of action. The bill further outlines the role of the courts in adjudicating these claims in a way to protect the freedom of speech as outlined in the US Constitution.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Bryan Quesenberry, 801-538-7885, bquesenberry@agutah.gov

SB 31	State Flag Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Daniel McCay and Rep. Mike Schultz
Bill Summary	This bill establishes a new state flag of Utah, designates the current state flag as the historical state flag, and provides for the display of both flags.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	March 9, 2024
USBE Contact	JoAnna Sorensen, 801-538-7534, joanna.sorensen@schools.utah.gov Robert Austin, 801-538-7575, robert.austin@schools.utah.gov

SB 35	Reciprocal Professional Licensing Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Cory Maloy
Bill Summary	This bill enacts the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact and creates a process for USBE to issue professional licenses and certificates by endorsement to those licensed in other states or with qualifying education and experience.
USBE Action	Amend rules R277-301 and R277-302. Amend IT systems due to updated licensing requirements.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	Adds 1 FTE to support out of state application review (\$189,300) IT \$161,500 for system updates to support new licensing requirements
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Malia Hite, 801-538-7895, malia.hite@schools.utah.gov

SB 43	Public Notice Requirements
Sponsors	Sen. Stephanie Pitcher and Rep. Norman Thurston
Bill Summary	This bill amends provisions relating to providing public notices. This bill creates classifications for types of public notices where each classification requires notice to be provided in specific ways. Public notices for public school curriculum standard adoptions, LEA property acquisition, LEA school board meetings, elections, and charter school closings are included in these classifications and have specific notice requirements.
USBE Action	Requires USBE to publish information about draft core standards on the Utah Public Notice Website and the USBE's website before adopting the standards.
LEA Action	LEA awareness of any adjustment to public notice requirements
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Jennifer Throndsen, 801-538-7739, jennifer.throndsen@schools.utah.gov Bryan Quesenberry, 801-538-7885, bquesenberry@agutah.gov

SB 44	Reading Software Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Ann Millner and Rep. Susan Pulsipher

Bill Summary	This bill clarifies that an existing requirement for demonstrating a certain statistical effect does not apply to reading software, and it directs USBE to distribute funds for software purchase to LEAs based on K-3 enrollment.
USBE Action	Amend R277-496; Distribute funds as directed by statute.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Amber Wright, 801-538-7754, amber.wright@schools.utah.gov

SB 45	Statewide Online Education Program Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Kera Birkeland
Bill Summary	This bill expands the Statewide Online Education Program to include 6th grade students and allows middle school students to take up to six middle school credits per school year.
USBE Action	Amend rules R277-726-2(6)(a), 13(c), and 17(a).
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
USBE Contact	Cathy Gray, 801-538-7830, cathy.gray@schools.utah.gov

SB 46	State Holiday Modifications
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Steve Eliason
Bill Summary	This bill modifies annual commemorations to include Diwali.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, mwatts@utah.gov

SB 47	Incarcerated Youth Education Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Derrin Owens and Rep. Tyler Clancy
Bill Summary	This bill clarifies the definition of "student" as related to the Utah Tech University Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Benji Carrier, 801-538-7884, benjamin.carrier@schools.utah.gov

SB 49	Juvenile Custodial Interrogation Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Kathleen Riebe and Rep. Marsha Judkins

Bill Summary	This bill addresses the custodial interrogation of a child. It increases a child's detainment time at a local law enforcement agency facility to four hours and requires an officer to disclose certain rights to a child prior to interrogation.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Rhett Larsen, 801-538-7997, rhett.larsen@schools.utah.gov

SB 55	Public School Instructional Material Requirements
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Melissa Ballard
Bill Summary	This bill requires a process for adopting or approving instructional materials in an open and public meeting with a notice and public comment opportunity, requires LEAs to adopt a policy on approvals, and requires LEAs to update contracts to require service providers to notify LEAs if materials are changed.
USBE Action	Amend Instructional Materials Rule R277-469 in conjunction with amendment related to HB 427.
LEA Action	Update or create instructional material adoption policy. Update contracts with instructional material and EdTech providers to include a requirement that the provider must give notice any time the provider makes a material change to the content of online or digital materials, excluding regular informational updates on current events.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Teri Davis, 801-538-7655, teri.davis@schools.utah.gov

SB 57	Sexual Abuse Material Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Chris Wilson and Rep. Paul Cutler
Bill Summary	This bill changes the term "child pornography" to "child sexual abuse material" and changes the term "vulnerable adult pornography" to "vulnerable adult sexual abuse material." The bill prohibits the reproduction of child sexual abuse material evidence and allows a defendant's attorney, or a defendant's expert as well as the victim, the victim's attorney or victim's expert to inspect child sexual abuse material evidence at a government facility before trial.
USBE Action	Update USBE prevention materials.
LEA Action	LEA awareness of requirement not to reproduce (copy) the materials.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Rita Brock, 801-538-7761, rita.brock@schools.utah.gov

SB 63	Election Candidate Replacement Amendments
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Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Cory Maloy
Bill Summary	This bill amends the definition of a candidate vacancy to include death, resignation, or disqualification. The bill changes the deadline for filling a candidate vacancy and permits a political party to replace a candidate regardless of the reason for the vacancy.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Bryan Quesenberry, 801-538-7885, bquesenberry@agutah.gov

SB 65	Charter School Authorizers Modifications
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Bill Summary	This bill addresses charter school authorizers, modifies the entities that are eligible to authorize charter schools, requires certain authorizers to adopt procedures for imposing a standard, guideline, or policy, and requires certain authorizers to comply with the procedures.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$5,000 one-time
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Scott Jones, 801-538-7615, scott.jones@schools.utah.gov

SB 77	Education Scholarship Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Candice Pierucci
Bill Summary	This bill reduces a scholarship granting organization's time period for submitting an audit report to USBE from 180 to 120 days. The bill requires the state auditor to perform regular audits of certain scholarships and prohibits private schools from charging a scholarship student more in fees than other students based solely upon the scholarship student being a scholarship recipient. The bill provides the state board additional time to fulfill procurement and contract obligations.
USBE Action	Update R277-626. Extends the date for RFPs for 90 days.
LEA Action	None
Funding	\$110,100 for the state auditor's office to conduct the audits of the 3 scholarship programs.
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Tami Gear, 801-538-7724, tami.gear@schools.utah.gov

SB 83	Public Education Funding Equalization
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Norman Thurston
Bill Summary	This bill requires the inclusion of an appropriation to the Local Levy Growth Account in public education budget legislation under certain circumstances.

USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$19,092,000
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Sam Urie, 801-538-7545, sam.urie@schools.utah.gov

SB 89	Utah Retirement Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Keven Stratton
Bill Summary	This bill requires an employer to automatically enroll a newly hired benefit-eligible state employee to make a biweekly contribution to a Utah Retirement Systems 401(k) retirement savings account in an amount equal to the amount that is eligible for an employer match and allows the employee to modify the automatic enrollment.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Does not apply to LEAs.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, mwatts@utah.gov

SB 96	Fiduciary Duty Modifications
Sponsors	Sen. Chris Wilson and Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Bill Summary	This bill requires a public entity to invest public funds in accordance with the prudent investor rule and retain the right, to the extent practicable, to vote investor proxies and ensure proxy voting is exercised to maximize risk-adjusted returns for the exclusive benefit of beneficiaries.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, mwatts@utah.gov

SB 97	Public Contract Requirements
Sponsors	Sen. Chris Wilson and Rep. Rex Shipp
Bill Summary	This bill prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company who engages in certain environmental boycott actions.
USBE Action	Include a certification requirement into USBE solicitations and in the standard terms and conditions.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Adam Herd, 801-538-7879, adam.herd@schools.utah.gov

SB 100	School Gender Identity Policies
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Sponsors	Sen. Todd Weiler and Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Bill Summary	This bill ensures parent access to information related to their child's gender identity and prohibits a school from changing a student's records regarding their gender identity without parental consent.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	LEAs should update the LEA's educational record policies in accordance with the requirements.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	Upon Governor's approval (February 16, 2023)
USBE Contact	Katy Challis, 801-538-7894, katy.challis@schools.utah.gov Holly Bell, 801-538-7534, holly.bell@schools.utah.gov

SB 103	Student Graduation Attire Modifications
Sponsors	Sen. Karen Kwan and Rep. Steve Eliason
Bill Summary	This bill allows individuals to wear recognized items of religious or cultural significance at a high school graduation ceremony as part of their graduation attire.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	LEAs should update the LEAs' graduation attire policy in accordance with the requirements of the bill.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Holly Bell, 801-538-7534, holly.bell@schools.utah.gov Bryan Quesenberry, 801-538-7885, bquesenberry@agutah.gov

SB 127	Cybersecurity Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Jefferson Burton
Bill Summary	This bill requires governmental entities in the state, including USBE, school districts and charter schools, to report a breach of system security that impacts 500 or more residents to the Utah Cyber Center. Requires governmental websites - including USBE, school districts and charter school website addresses to use an authorized top level domain of .gov or .edu by January 1, 2025.
USBE Action	Report when security breach happens to Utah Cyber Center.
LEA Action	Report security breaches to the Utah Cyber Center, update website domain end in the LEA's website and email addresses by Jan 1, 2025 to .edu or .gov unless the LEA seeks a waiver from the Chief Information Officer of the State Division of Technology Services.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Katy Challis, 801-538-7894, katy.challis@schools.utah.gov

SB 136	Legislative Offices Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Mike Schultz

Bill Summary	This bill authorizes the Office of the Legislative Auditor General to conduct systemic performance audits of certain executive branch entities and local education agencies. The bill also authorizes OLAG to report immediately to the Legislative Audit Subcommittee that the entity has not implemented a recommendation. Finally, it requires the chief officer of an entity (state or political subdivision) to immediately notify OLAG and specified legal counsel if they have actual knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that there is a misappropriation of public funds or assets.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	Upon Governor's approval (March 3, 2023)
USBE Contact	Debbie Davis, 801-538-7639, debbie.davis@schools.utah.gov

SB 143	Public School District Resource Sharing Agreements and Transportation Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Jacob Anderegg and Rep. Jefferson Moss
Bill Summary	This bill allows school districts to enter into cooperative agreements with other districts for resource sharing and transportation of certain students and amends requirements for nonresident student transportation.
USBE Action	Potential updates to R277-600. Amends USBE rulemaking authority for non-resident student transportation.
LEA Action	LEA awareness that LEAs may enter into contracts one with another using their own resources. An agreement shall: (a) be signed by the president of the local school board of each participating district; (b) specify the resource being shared; (c) include a mutually agreed upon pro rata cost; (d) include the duration of the agreement; and (e) be filed with USBE.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Ron Litchfield, 801-538-7577, ron.litchfield@schools.utah.gov

SB 152	Social Media Regulation Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Michael McKell and Rep. Jordan Teusher
Bill Summary	This bill enacts the Utah Social Media Regulation Act and details provisions related to the regulation of social media companies and platforms for Utah residents under the age of 18.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0

Effective Date	Actions affecting Section 13-2-1: December 31, 2023. Remainder of the bill: May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Katy Challis, 801-538-7894, katy.challis@schools.utah.gov

SB 167	Statewide Online Education Program Modifications
Sponsors	Sen. Kirk Cullimore and Rep. Kera Birkeland
Bill Summary	This bill amends provisions of the Statewide Online Education Program (SOEP), requiring the state board to provide 60-day notice periods for a certified online course provider to remedy noncompliance, prohibits the state board from unenrolling an eligible student, establishes a 90-day deadline for making a payment to an authorized online course provider, requires the state board to create approval processes for new course offerings by an authorized online course provider, and requires the state board to create an online course provider-specific educator license type.
USBE Action	Amend rules R277-726, R277-301, and R277-302. Draft new rule. Create a provider-specific educator license type.
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$213,000 one-time Licensing \$436,200 one-time IT \$99,500 ongoing - licensing \$40,400 ongoing - SOEP admin \$36,400 ongoing for IT
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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SB 183	Educator Salary Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Evan Vickers and Rep. Steven Lund
Bill Summary	This bill adds an automatic appropriation increase for the educator salary adjustment (ESA) and the Teacher Salary Supplement Program (TSSP) to increase the stipend amounts in future years by the same percentage amount as the increase to the WPU. Provides that an educator does not qualify for the educator salary adjustment if the educator received an unsatisfactory rating during the educator's three prior evaluations (previously this was applicable after only one year).
USBE Action	Update rule R277-110.
LEA Action	May require updates to educator evaluation or compensation policies. Awareness that stipend amounts will automatically increase in future years and awareness that an educator's eligibility changes after three unsuccessful evaluations (versus only one year).
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023
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SB 204	Autism Coverage Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Steve Eliason
Bill Summary	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to request a state plan amendment for the Medicaid program to provide coverage for autism treatment services.
USB E Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USB E Contact	Leah Voorhies, 801-538-7898, leah.voorhies@schools.utah.gov

SB 221	Public Retirement Withdrawal Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Carl Albrecht
Bill Summary	This bill modifies provisions of the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by providing the circumstances for a participating entity's withdrawal. This bill modifies provisions relating to withdrawal from participation in a Utah Retirement System. It amends the definition of "withdrawing entity" to include a nonprofit organization and provides the procedures for a withdrawing entity to make an election to withdraw.
USB E Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USB E Contact	Michelle Watts, 801-538-7560, mwatts@utah.gov

SB 222	Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore and Rep. Candice Pierucci
Bill Summary	This bill amends requirements of the Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program to clarify that eligibility is calculated for all students in the same course.
USB E Action	Amend rule R277-925.
LEA Action	LEAs should apply on behalf of eligible teachers annually, and be aware that more teachers may qualify for the incentive.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USB E Contact	Erica Horsley, 801-538-7741, erica.horsley@schools.utah.gov

SB 227	School Board Ethics Complaint Investigation Requirements
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Candice Pierucci
Bill Summary	This bill prohibits a school district from establishing a local political subdivision ethics commission and requires that an ethics complaint against a local school board member be reviewed by the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission.
USB E Action	Awareness

LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Ashley Carter, 801-538-7583, ashley.carter@schools.utah.gov

SB 231	Government Records Access and Management Act Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Anthony Loubet
Bill Summary	This bill makes changes to the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) and provides that a governmental entity is not required to create a document indicating that a requested record does not exist, requires a governmental entity to conduct a reasonable search for a record, and establishes a process for a governmental entity to petition for relief against a vexatious requester.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Ben Rasmussen, 801-538-7835, ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov

SB 245	Closed Public Meeting Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Anthony Loubet
Bill Summary	This bill modifies a provision relating to the purposes for which a closed meeting may be held to include the consideration of a loan application if public discussion of the loan application would disclose certain nonpublic information.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Bryan Quesenberry, 801-538-7885, bquesenberry@agutah.gov

SB 257	State Board of Education Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Keith Grover and Rep. Nelson Abbott
Bill Summary	This bill directs USBE to provide certain information and assurances when requesting information from an LEA, and it requires USBE to request a waiver of federal accountability requirements for any LEAs who have an opt-out rate of 50% or higher on statewide assessments. Directs USBE to study how the USBE will amend graduation requirements to allow students who have earned an associate's degree or certain industry certifications to receive a high school diploma.
USBE Action	Potential update of Rules R277-700 and R277-114; Request federal waiver.
LEA Action	New directive for High School Diploma issuance for students who obtain an associate's degree or certain industry certifications.
Funding	\$0

Effective Date	May 3, 2023
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SB 258	Upstart Program Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Michael McKell and Rep. Mike Schultz
Bill Summary	This bill moves the UPSTART program into the Economic Opportunity Act, under the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and amends and enacts provisions of the program, including procurement processes, home-based technology program providers evaluations, program participation and accessibility, and implementation and audit reporting requirements.
USBE Action	USBE to turn over existing UPSTART contracts to the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity.
LEA Action	School districts must ensure that UPSTART is available to all schools within the district. Schools may enter into agreements with a contractor.
Funding	\$2.8 Million lapse at the end of the current fiscal year.
Effective Date	May 3, 2023
USBE Contact	Kerong Wu, 801-538-7693, kerong.wu@schools.utah.gov

SB 265	Education Data Privacy Amendments
Sponsors	Sen. Jacob Anderegg and Rep. Jon Hawkins
Bill Summary	This bill establishes limitations on the sharing of student data that is not aggregate or de-identified, extends a deadline to 2024 for USBE regarding data integration with an LEA, and prohibits an education entity from sharing student data with a federal agency except as required by federal law.
USBE Action	Amend rule R277-487.
LEA Action	LEA awareness of data sharing requirements and prohibitions.
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	July 1, 2023, except the actions affecting Section 53B-28-506 take effect on January 1, 2024.
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SENATE RESOLUTIONS PASSED

SCR 3	Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Support for the Listen and Explain, Cooperate and Communicate Campaign
Sponsors	Sen. Wayne Harper and Rep. Ken Ivory
Bill Summary	This resolution supports the creation of the Listen and Explain, Cooperate and Communicate Campaign and highlights the importance and details of what elements must be in place to strengthen the relationship of trust between law enforcement and the community members they serve.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness

Funding	\$0
Effective Date	N/A
USBE Contact	N/A

SCR 4	Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Awareness and Screening
Sponsors	Sen. Don Ipson and Rep. Ryan Wilcox
Bill Summary	This resolution recognizes undiagnosed and untreated hypertrophic cardiomyopathy as a significant public health issue and encourages the promotion of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy awareness and screening.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	N/A
USBE Contact	Jodi Parker, 801-538-7734, jodi.parker@schools.utah.gov

SCR 8	Concurrent Resolution Promoting Kindness in Utah
Sponsors	Sen. Curtis Bramble and Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Bill Summary	This resolution expresses recognition of, and support for, kindness throughout the state of Utah by emphasizing the importance of kindness in Utah, recognizing Utah citizen's inherent proclivity to be kind to their fellow citizens, and urging continued support for proactive acts of kindness to foster a healthier society for our citizens.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	N/A
USBE Contact	N/A

SJR 10	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution- Income Tax
Sponsors	Sen. Daniel McCay and Rep. Karen Peterson
Bill Summary	This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution related to the use of taxes on intangible property and income. It would require taxes on intangible property and income to be used first, to maintain a statutory public education funding framework and a budgetary stabilization account; and second, to be used to support other state needs. Voters would need to approve this amendment.
USBE Action	Awareness
LEA Action	Awareness
Funding	\$0
Effective Date	January 1, 2025*
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2023 Bills Not Passed

Bills which did not Pass

House Bills Not Passed

Bill	Title	Sponsor
HB 82	School Assembly Notice Requirements	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 83	Tax Credit for Educator Expenses	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 87	Youth Sport Safety Amendments	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 90	Utah State University Price	Rep. Christine Watkins
HB 118	Education Procurement Amendments	Rep. Jordan Teuscher
HB 124	Salary Supplement for School Speech-language Pathologists and Audiologists	Rep. Dan Johnson
HB 136	Safe School Route Evaluations	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 138	Sensitive Material Requirements	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 149	Student Graduation Attire Revisions	Rep. Andrew Stoddard
HB 175	School Fees Amendments	Rep. Mark Strong
HB0191	Student Graduation Attire Amendments	Rep. Steve Eliason
HB 193	Online Education Course Amendments	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 195	Criminal Investigations of School Employees	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 203	Inmate Education Amendments	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 229	Teacher Parental and Postpartum Recovery Leave	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 270	School Cellphone Usage Amendments	Rep. Trevor Lee
HB 271	Educator Salaries Adjustments Increase	Rep. Angela Romero
HB 293	Licensed School Psychological Practitioner Amendments	Rep. Stewart Barlow
HB 295	Educator License Amendments	Rep. Norman Thurston
HB 296	Minimum Basic Tax Rate Reduction	Rep. Walt Brooks
HB 306	School Community Council Amendments	Rep. Jefferson Moss
HB 334	Health Education Amendments	Rep. Carol Moss
HB 344	Local Policies for Course Content Transparency	Rep. Jordan Teuscher
HB 363	Summer Education Grants	Rep. Steve Eliason
HB 372	Local School District Referendum Amendments	Rep. James Cobb
HB 434	Parent and Student Rights and School Safety Amendments	Rep. Sandra Hollins
HB 441	Neutrality in Public Schools	Rep. Mark Strong
HB 442	State Board of Education Modifications	Rep. Brian King
HB 451	State Entity Restrictions	Rep. Katy Hall
HB 453	School Board Elections	Rep. Raymond Ward

HB 463	High School Sports Amendments	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 464	School Materials Amendments	Rep. Ken Ivory
HB 478	Educator Evaluation Pilot Program	Rep. Karen Peterson
HB 484	Public Education Employee Amendments	Rep. Jordan Teuscher
HB 495	Public Education Trust Fund Modifications	Rep. Carol Moss
HB 508	Education Funding Amendments	Rep. Kera Birkeland
HB 517	Inmate Program Amendments	Rep. Melissa Ballard
HB 518	Human Trafficking Prevention Program	Rep. Ryan Wilcox
HB 530	Nursing Education Program Amendments	Rep. Rosemary Lesser
HB 536	Student Drug Possession Amendments	Rep. Douglas Welton
HB 541	Teacher Education Qualification Amendments	Rep. Ken Ivory
HB 546	Education Innovation Program Amendments	Rep. Douglas Welton
HB 550	School Curriculum Requirements	Rep. Jeffrey Stenquist
HB 552	Student Right to Counsel	Rep. Jordan Teuscher
HB 553	Teacher Licensure Amendments	Rep. Jefferson Moss
HJR 1	Joint Resolution Designating National Speech and Debate Education Day	Rep. Douglas Welton
HJR 20	Joint Resolution Regarding Higher Education Accreditation	Rep. Douglas Welton

Senate Bills Not Passed

Bill	Title	Sponsor
SB 28	Radon Related Amendments	Sen. Scott Sandall
SB 141	Reduction of Minimum Basic Tax Rate	Sen. Wayne Harper
SB 145	Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth Program Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
SB 149	Teacher Evaluation Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
SB 150	School Employee Licensing Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
SB 166	Education Entity Amendments	Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
SB 176	Student Athlete Privacy Protections	Sen. Karen Kwan
SB 179	Educator Salary Adjustments Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
SB 275	Public Education Trust Fund Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
SB 276	Library Contract Amendments	Sen. Kathleen Riebe
SB 283	Study of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education	Sen. John Johnson
SB 286	School Products Requirements	Sen. Todd Weiler
SB 292	School District Amendments	Sen. Keith Grover
SB 295	Dedicated Infrastructure District Act	Sen. Daniel McCay

A Note From our Board

Another year has passed and another round of applause is extended to those who have supported educational progress during the 2023 legislative session. The Utah State Board of Education would like to express heartfelt gratitude to those who have made this session a success. We recognize the tireless effort, the late nights, the phone calls, and the endless meetings that have helped turn goals into reality. It is this effort that has been critical to passing **114** new bills related to education.

This new legislation will be vital to improving the experience of Utah's students. We look forward to the implementation and subsequent benefits to students and teachers throughout the state.

As always, it is USBE's goal to serve our students, teachers, and school support staff. We hope that this legislation will improve the experience of those attending and working in our schools. We appreciate the cooperation and dedication of USBE staff, LEAs, legislators, and all of our education partners here in Utah.

Thank you.