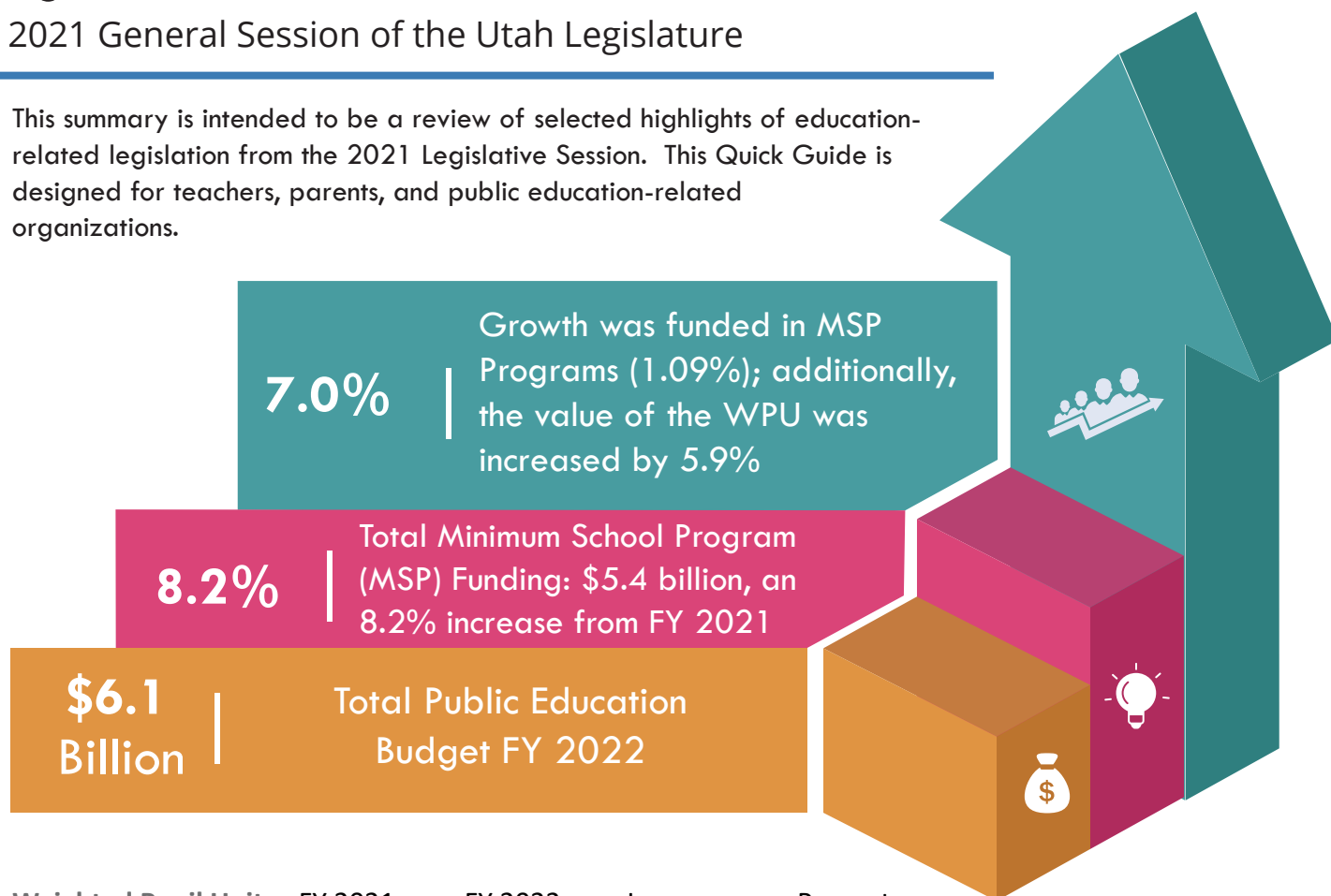


QUICK GUIDE

2021 General Session of the Utah Legislature

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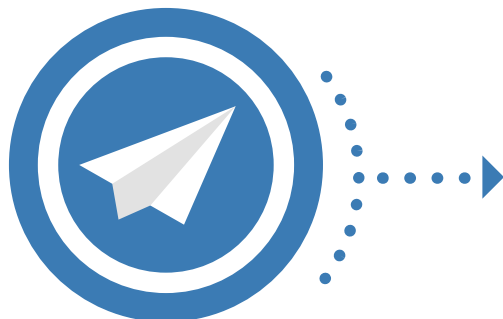
Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) Value	FY 2021	FY 2022	Increase	Percent
	\$3,596	\$3,809	\$213	5.9%

Enrollment Growth & WPU



\$248,918,500 ongoing and **\$48,239,500** one-time. This funding includes the WPU value increase. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be funded on the prior year Average Daily Membership (ADM) + growth. Enrollment growth was funded for an estimated increase of 7,245 over fall 2020 enrollments. In addition, a contingency fund was created to cover higher than expected growth.

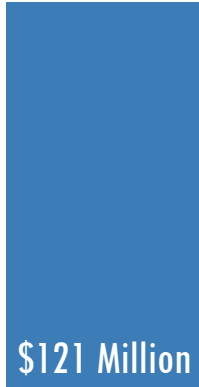
Voted and Board Local Levy Programs



The state guarantees up to a maximum of **20** tax increments (tax rate of 0.002) between the Voted and Board Local Levy Programs with appropriated funds of **\$95.1** million.

NOTABLE FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

Supplemental Educator
COVID Stipend



Grow Your Own
Teachers and
Counselors

\$9.2 Million

Optional
Enhanced
Kindergarten

\$7 Million

Early Grades
Professional
Learning

\$5 Million

Supports for
Students At-Risk

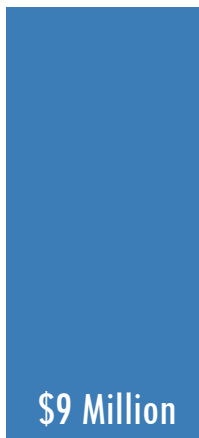
\$3.5 Million

School Readiness
Grants

\$3 Million

Teacher & Student Support

UPSTART



Statewide Online
Education Program

\$6.6 Million*

LEA Financial
Information
Systems

\$4 Million

Student Credential
Account Statewide
Implementation

\$3 Million

ELL Software for
LEAs

\$3 Million

Acadience Reading
Grade 4-6

\$1.5 Million

*Includes \$1.6 million for FY 2023

Investments in Technology

Computer Science
Initiative

\$5 Million

Small Charter
Base Funding

\$5 Million

Small District
Base Funding

\$3.6 Million

Student
Transportation

\$2.5 Million

Beverly Taylor
Sorenson Arts
Learning Program

\$2 Million

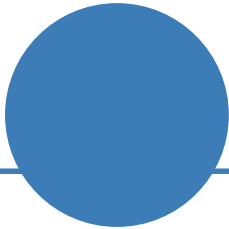
Intensive Services
Pilot Program

\$1 Million

Program Increases

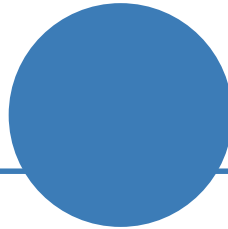
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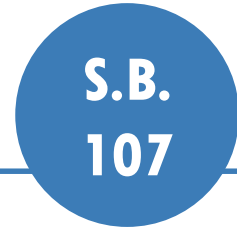
School Assessment and Accountability Amendments

Suspends for the 2020-21 school year, state school accountability requirements due to the suspension of assessments in Spring 2020.



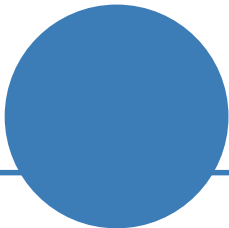
Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program

Creates a teacher and school counselor pipeline program to provide funding to LEAs to award scholarships to para-professionals, school counselor assistants, and school counselor interns.



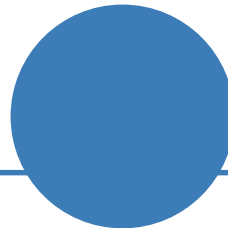
S.B. 107 In-person Instruction Prioritization

Requires an LEA to provide an option for students to attend school in-person at least four days per week and amends the COVID case thresholds to 2% or 30 cases depending on school size.



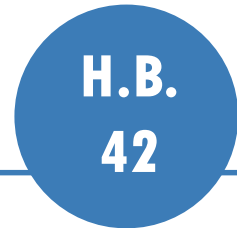
Statewide Online Education Program Amendments

Expands the Statewide Online Education Program to middle school courses in grades 7 and 8 for public school students beginning January 1, 2022 and for home and private school students beginning Fall 2022.



Online Education Program Revisions

Allows a certified online course provider that the State Board approves to offer courses directly through the Statewide Online Education Program and authorizes the State Board to set fees to cover the costs of regulating course providers.

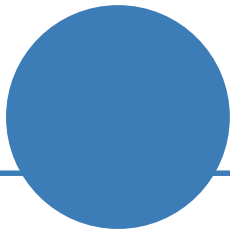


H.B. 42 Education Agency Report Process Amendments

Requires the State Board to establish procedures to evaluate the impact a report required in rule may have on a local education agency. Removes several education reporting requirements.

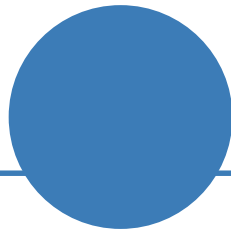
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State Audit Amendments

Authorizes the legislative auditor general to perform appropriation audits of school districts and charter schools.



Education Deadline and Fiscal Flexibility

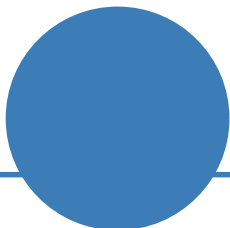
Allows an LEA to convert 35% of state restricted funds to be used as if they are unrestricted funds. It also delays a school fees requirement by one year.



**H.B.
425**

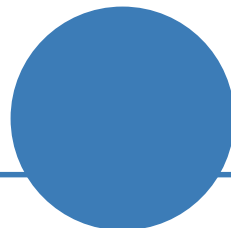
Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments

Codifies state funds management and monitoring standards and creates a Reserve Account to reimburse amounts owed to the Federal or State government after a school closes.



Public Education Funding Amendments

Requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to complete an evaluation of public education funding. Enacts a WPU add-on for students who are at risk of academic failure. Repeals the Enhancement for At-Risk Students Program.



High Poverty Schools Teacher Bonus Program Amendments

Enables a salary bonus in the 20-21 school year based on the specified median growth percentile. Provides that a school that previously qualified as high poverty qualifies in SY20-21.



**H.B.
421**

Intensive Services Pilot Program

Creates the Intensive Services Pilot Program to provide funding to supplement the cost of educating a student for whom the cost of special education services exceeds three times the statewide average per-pupil expenditures.

USBE POLICY POSITIONS

Supported Bills

HB 222 School Land Trust Program Amendments (J. Moss)	Passed
HB 105 Students with Disabilities Amendments (Judkins)	Held in Senate
SB 91 School Accountability Amendments (Fillmore)	Held in Senate
SB 118 State School Board Candidate Amendments (Riebe)	Held in Senate
SB 154 Teacher Salary Supplement Program Amendments (Sandall)	Passed
HB 134 Notice of Public Education Reporting Requirement (Pulsipher)	Passed
HB 279 Higher Education for Incarcerated Youth (Snow)	Passed
HB 425 Education Monitoring and Funds Management Amendments (Snow)	Passed
HB 421 Intensive Services Pilot Program (Judkins)	Passed
HB 430 Student Safety Education for Parents Amendments (Eliason)	Held in House
HB 402 School Transportation Funding Amendments (Johnson)	Passed
HB 381 Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program (J. Moss)	Passed
HB 38 School Technology Amendments (Seegmiller)	Passed
HB 382 Online Course Access Amendments (Birkeland)	Held in House
HB 395 Charter School Finance Amendments (Waldrip)	Held in House
HB 340 Mathematics and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers Program (Eliason)	Held in Senate

Opposed Bills

1st and 2nd Sub SB 175 Special Education Least Restrictive Requirement Amendments (Anderegg)	Held in Senate
SB 131 Public Education Buildings Standards and Process (Harper)	Held in House
HB 428 Public Education Governance and Appeals (Waldrip)	Held in House