

# USBE Legislative Requests

## 2026 Legislative Session



To better support Utah students and ensure the efficient use of state and federal resources, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) recommends the following statutory updates. These proposals aim to clarify existing code, reduce unnecessary burdens on LEAs, and improve operational effectiveness across key programs.

Request	Description
<b>Amend Reintegration Planning Requirements</b>	Amend §53G-8-213 to replace “district” with “LEA” to ensure charter schools are clearly included.
<b>Repeal Early Learning Plan Requirements</b>	Repeal §53G-7-218. The program has not demonstrated improved outcomes and creates unnecessary administrative burden for LEAs.
<b>Repeal Math Plan Requirements</b>	Repeal §53E-3-521. The program has not demonstrated improved outcomes and creates unnecessary administrative burden for LEAs.
<b>Amend Suicide Prevention Program Statute</b>	Amend §53G-9-702 to provide USBE flexibility to distribute all appropriated suicide-prevention funds.
<b>Amend Driver Education Program Funding</b>	Amend §53F-7-201 to dedicate all revenue from the Automobile Driver Education Tax Account solely to driver education programs.
<b>Amend School Discipline Statutes</b>	Work with legislators to clarify statutory guidelines on seclusion rooms and emergency safety interventions in §53G-8-301.
<b>Separate USDB Transportation Funding</b>	Separate USDB transportation funding from the current district transportation funding model.
<b>Continue Title Program Funding Structure</b>	Ensure Title program funds continue serving the intended student populations and direct staff to work with a legislator on a revenue-neutral plan that protects Utah’s federal education funding share.

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<b>Amend Charter School LAND Trust Council Requirements</b>	Provide a first-year exemption for new charter schools from required council elections so they can access School LAND Trust funds without delay.
<b>Amend School Community Council Requirements</b>	Clarify digital citizenship responsibilities, remove limits on parental involvement, and require documentation when councils vote to change membership.
<b>Repeal Utah Code §53E-6-604(6)</b>	Repeal §53E-6-604(6) to remove the current statutory UPPAC reporting requirements and allow the Board to set these expectations through rulemaking. This provides the flexibility needed for UPPAC to respond to changes in laws, rules, and the types of cases it reviews.
<b>Amend WPU Funding Formula</b>	Amend the current special education WPU funding formula to provide incremental increases for self contained students who receive more than 180 minutes of services to provide more access to general education.
<b>Expand USBE Discretion for Special Educator Stipends</b>	Amend §53F-2-310 to give USBE flexibility in distributing stipends for special educators working additional days.
<b>Update USDB Safety Assessment Requirements</b>	Amend statute to shift USDB safety assessment responsibility from the county security chief to the state safety chief.
<b>Amend Student Welfare Check Requirements</b>	Amend relevant code to better address situations in which students are absent for 10 or more consecutive school days.
<b>Add USBE Voting Member to USHE Board</b>	Amend statute to designate a USBE board member as a voting member of the USHE Board

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