

Bill Sheet - 2012 General Session of the 59th Legislature

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1.



HB0013 | OFFENDER REGISTRY REVIEW

Sponsor: Draxler, Jack R.

Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: -



Description:

This bill allows a person who has been convicted of the following to petition the court for removal from the Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Registry after five years: unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old, unlawful sexual activity with a minor, or a misdemeanor violation of voyeurism, requires that the person have successfully completed any court-ordered treatment and not have any subsequent convictions, requires that a copy of the petition be delivered to the prosecutor and victim, or if the victim is still a minor, the victim's parents, and and gives the court discretion to order the person removed if it determines that the person is no longer a risk to society.

Impact on Children:

As laws are and penalties are changed Utah PTA looks only at the best interest of the child and works to ensure children are not exploited.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Resolution on Child Trafficking

Notes: Resolved #1: That National PTA and its constituent organizations support the adoption and enforcement of laws that will deter the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of children for the purpose of exploitation.

Safety & Welfare

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HB0017 S01 | SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY CHAPTER

Sponsor: Draxler, Jack R.

Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.



Description:

This bill creates the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry chapter in Title 77.

Impact on Children:

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PTA Resolution: [National PTA Resolution on Child Trafficking](#)

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Safety & Welfare

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REVISION AND SEVERAL TAX CREDIT

BILLS

Sponsor: [Various Sponsors](#)



Status: [Check Status](#)

Fiscal Note: [Click here to view a breakdown of all the tax credit bills and how they impact the bottom line of education funding. Once you're viewing the list you can click the bill number to view the actual fiscal note description.](#)

Description:

HB0299 would move the flat tax from 5% to 4.6%. The Flat Tax was put in place in 2008 removing Tax Credits and equalizing taxes across the citizen base. Over the past few years some Tax Credits have again been put in place, and this year the continued process of giving tax credits as done by the other bills in this grouping that are gives tax credits to specific groups or business entities which will further erode the purpose of the flat tax and more importantly it will DECREASE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO EDUCATION IN UTAH. Enactment of these bills could reduce revenue to the Education Fund by \$138,097,600.00.

Impact on Children:

Utah public traditional schools and public charter schools are funded through income tax. 100% of Utah state income taxes must go towards funding of K-12 and higher education. The tax revision and tax credits being proposed will reduce the funding going into the public traditional and public charter schools by \$138,097,600.00

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2012-2 Education Funding](#)

Notes: The 2011-2012 legislative priorities of Utah PTA includes the importance of funding quality public schools. This priority is supported by PTA Resolution EDU 2010-2 Education Funding, Resolve #3- That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

Comment: **The Flat Tax has been and will continue to be eroded through continued broadening of special groups and business entities being given Tax Credits.**

Education

4.

HB0049 S01 | FIREARMS REVISIONS



Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Returned to Senate Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill provides that in the absence of additional threatening behavior, the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon, whether visible or concealed, may not be considered a violation of certain municipal ordinances, provides that governmental entities may not enact, maintain, or enforce firearm or dangerous weapon laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations without explicit authority granted by the Legislature, provides that where authority has been granted to a governmental entity by the Legislature to regulate firearms or other dangerous weapons, any law, ordinance, rule, regulation, code of conduct, or contractual obligation based on that grant shall reference the grant and detail the conduct that is limited or prohibited pursuant to the grant, and voids any firearm or dangerous weapon law, ordinance, rule, regulation, code of conduct, or contractual obligation that does not reference the applicable legislative grant of authority and detail the conduct that is limited or prohibited pursuant to the grant.

Impact on Children:

Guns on school property can be a danger to children.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1998-3 Safe School/ Safe Schools Policies

Notes: That Utah PTA support amendments to the current concealed weapons act that prohibits concealed weapons on school property.

Safety & Welfare

5.



HB0049S01 | FIREARMS REVISION



Sponsor: Ray, Paul

Status: Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Standing Committee

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill deals with provisions related to the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon and provides that in the absence of additional threatening behavior, the otherwise lawful possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon, whether visible or concealed, is not a violation of certain statutory provisions, provides that governmental entities may not enact, maintain, or enforce firearm or dangerous weapon laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations without explicit authority granted by the Legislature, provides that where authority has been granted to a governmental entity by the Legislature to regulate firearms or other dangerous weapons, any law, ordinance, rule, regulation, code of conduct, or contractual obligation based on that grant shall reference the grant and detail the conduct that is limited or prohibited pursuant to the grant, and voids any firearm or dangerous weapon law, ordinance, rule, regulation, code of conduct, or contractual obligation that does not reference the applicable legislative grant of authority and detail the conduct that is limited or prohibited pursuant to the grant.

Impact on Children:

Guns on school property can be a danger to children.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1997-1 Safe Schools/Safe School Policies

Notes: Resolved 3, That Utah PTA continues to work for enhanced legislation that promotes safe schools

Safety & Welfare

6.



HB0057 | AGE DIFFERENCE IN SEXUAL OFFENSES

Sponsor: Greenwood, Richard A.



Status: Senate Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will result in ongoing court, incarceration, and supervision costs of \$62,400 in FY 2013 and \$122,400 in FY 2014 from the General Fund. Costs will increase each year until FY 2017 when ongoing costs from the General Fund will be \$219,900. General Fund revenue collections from criminal penalties will be approximately \$1000 annually for a net General Fund cost of \$61,400 in FY 2013 and \$121,400 in FY 2014.

Description:

This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding sexual offenses against children who are 16 and 17 years of age.

Impact on Children:

This bill: changes the offense of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor who is 16 or 17 years of age to provide that the offense applies to a defendant who is seven or more years older than the victim, rather than the current provision of 10 or more years older than the victim.

PTA Resolution: Home and Community Influence on Early Sexual Involvement

Notes: Resolved #1 That Utah PTA educate its membership about current statistics, trends, and protective and risk factors of early sexual involvement. Resolved #5 That Utah PTA seek state and federal legislation that addresses inappropriate and suggestive messages of human sexuality through all types of media and technology.

Student Involvement

7.



HB0065 | COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sponsor: Arent, Patrice



Status: Failed in House

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$800,000 ongoing to the State Office of Education to cover the costs associated with the College and Career Counseling Pilot Program.

Description:

This bill creates a pilot program in which grants are awarded to school districts and charter schools to increase college and career counseling by employing and training master's degree candidates as interns. This would begin fall 2012 and end summer 2015 and cost \$800,000 each of the three years.

Impact on Children:

In 2000 secondary schools in Utah had a guidance specialist/student ratio of 1:363, but in some places counselors have a 1:500 student load. At this rate, counselors have little chance of helping students any more than arrange class schedules. Funding of interns who are working towards graduate degrees in guidance counseling, and providing additional training for these interns, will result in a win-win-win situation: for secondary students who are more likely to receive assistance, for the interns who will have valuable experience in their career field, and for the school districts, who will be able to better serve the needs of their students.

PTA Resolution: EDU 1990-7 Trained Adult Professionals

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA actively seek increased funding for additional trained adult professionals (psychologists, counselors and social workers) to assist and educate families and youth through the public school system and and be it further . . .Resolved, That Utah PTA seek funding to effectively train these professionals in prevention education dealing with eating disorders, teenage suicide, drug abuse, Satanism, child abuse, low self esteem, teenage pregnancy, and gang activities. . .

Education

8.



HB0069 | INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Sponsor: Menlove, Ronda
Rudd



Status: House Rules
Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could cost the state \$4,400,000 from various funds to authorize the additional coverage to employees of the state. Additionally there is a cost to the Insurance Department of an estimated \$21,900 from the Insurance Department Restricted Account for rule development. Insurance Department Restricted Account revenues and expenditures affect the annual transfer to the General Fund. There will also be a cost to public education of approximately \$4,400,000 assuming the costs are covered by the state.

Description:

This bill amends the Accident and Health Insurance part of the Insurance Code to provide coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

Impact on Children:

With early diagnosis and intervention and appropriate services and support, individuals with autism can lead distinguished, productive lives in their communities and strive to reach their full potential. Providing early diagnosis and intervention will decrease the lifetime costs of treating and providing services, resulting in an overall societal cost savings per child served, estimated to be millions of dollars

PTA Resolution: HEA1992-4 Preventive Child Health Care-Physical Exams

Notes: That Utah PTA and its local units work with state and local health departments to ensure that resources are available within the various communities in Utah to provide the services sought under this resolution.

Family Life

9.



HB0069 | INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Sponsor:
Menlove,
Ronda
Rudd



Status: Returned to House Rules Committee

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Description:

This bill defines terms, requires that an accident or health insurance policy that provides a health insurance benefit shall provide coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders, grants rulemaking authority to the Insurance Commissioner, describes minimum coverage amounts and limits for the insurance coverage required by this bill, provides for annual adjustment of the coverage amounts based on the Consumer Price Index, and and limits the coverage if the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's determination of essential health benefits would require the state to pay premium subsidies related to autism coverage.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA has a priority that there will be adequate funding for Tradition Public Schools and Public Charter Schools. Utah PTA requires that this bill have no negative impact on education funding.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: The 2011-2012 legislative priorities of Utah PTA includes the importance of funding quality public schools. Resolved #1 that Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority. Resolved #2 that Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies.

Comment: **There must be no negative impact on education funding.**

Family Life

10.



HB0070 | AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE

Sponsor: Arent, Patrice



Status: Senate Rules
Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will cost an estimated \$45,900 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2013 (\$17,700 to the Senate and \$28,200 to the House of Representatives).

Description:

The purpose of the Air Quality Task Force is to: Review public and private sectors' efforts to improve air quality in Utah and and Review and suggest changes to state laws and regulations that could improve air quality in Utah. Legislative proposals will be prepared

for the November 2012 Interim committee meetings and the 2013 General Session. HB 70 is intended to give the legislature an opportunity to become better educated on air quality issues, and to evaluate those issues in a non-biased fashion, so that good decisions can be made to improve Utah's air quality. If approved, the task force will operate in an open and professional manner so future legislation can be crafted to implement task force recommendations. The task force will accomplish its job to make substantive recommendations using factual information, good science, and an open mind to achieve Utah solutions to issues facing our state.

Impact on Children:

Air Quality is an important issue that impacts the health of our citizens. Few issues touch Utah citizens as directly as the air they breathe. It also has a major effect on business development, the environment, and tourism. This issue has never been the subject of a legislative task force or other study group. It is time for the Utah Legislature to begin seriously addressing this topic.

PTA Resolution: NPTA 1997 Clean Air

Notes: Resolved #1 That the National PTA and its constituent organizations encourage local, state, and federal legislation and regulations to set standards of air quality necessary to assure a healthy environment for children and and be it further

Health

11.



HB0074 S01 | EMINENT DOMAIN AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Noel, Michael E.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill amends eminent domain provisions of the Judicial Code to allow the taking of property for roads necessary to provide access for exploration, development, or production of oil or gas.

Impact on Children:

Trust Lands managed by SITLA (School & Institutional Trust Lands) may not be as productive if they are not able to access oil and gas reserves. Royalty revenues derived from drilling oil and gas wells is the largest single source of money for the Trust and net revenues are put into the State Permanent School Fund. No access equals less money for our school children.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-2 School Trust Lands

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA encourage the Governor, Legislature, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Board of Trustees and Administration of the School and Institutional Trust Lands, other state and local officials to take all necessary steps to assure that management of the School Trust Lands is in accordance with trust duties and principles, including undivided loyalty to the beneficiaries, a duty to make trust property productive, a duty to keep and render accounts, and a duty to exercise prudence and skill in administering the trust, thereby obtaining much-needed revenue for Utah's schools.

Trust Lands

12.



HB0079 | ENTICING A MINOR AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Webb, R. Curt



Status: Held in House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill modifies the offense of enticing a minor to engage in sexual activity to include acts of soliciting, seducing, luring, or enticing the minor when the offender does not then engage in sexual activity with the minor.

Impact on Children:

As laws are and penalties are changed Utah PTA looks only at the best interest of the child and works to ensure children are not exploited.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Resolution on Child Trafficking

Safety & Welfare

13.



HB0095S01 | RETAIL SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill amends the definition of tobacco paraphernalia, clarifies the prohibition against the sale of tobacco paraphernalia to minors, defines a retail tobacco specialty business, beginning July 1, 2012, requires an entity doing business as a retail tobacco specialty business to obtain a license from a municipality to conduct business, restricts the location of a retail tobacco specialty business, requires a criminal background check for the owner of a retail tobacco specialty business, exempts current retail tobacco specialty businesses from the licensing requirements, except in certain circumstances, and provides that any act prohibited by the criminal provisions of the laws governing the sale of tobacco in the state are subject to the Pattern of Unlawful Activity Act.

Impact on Children:

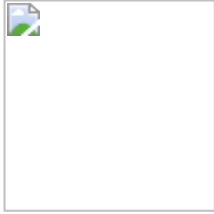
The importance of clearly defining tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia and having clearly defined in code that tobacco paraphernalia cannot be sold within 1000 feet of any location where children gather will help to keep tobacco out of the hands of children.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2001-1 Funding Tobacco Prevention Programs With Tobacco Settlement Monies

Notes: Resolved #2: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies collaborate with other organizations in lobbying for legislative action. Resolved #3: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies continue to provide education to parents, families, and communities about the dangers of tobacco use.

Safety & Welfare

14.



HB0123S01 | EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Sponsor: Dougall, John



Status: Failed in House 26-46-3

Fiscal Note: \$15,000 for the work to set up the pilot program in the coming year. For the next year, the one-time cost is estimated to be \$1,548,000. This is not funding that is traded out of existing education funds but the new costs related to this pilot program for only 500 students.

Description:

This substitute bill is a pilot project for the original bill. It creates an education savings account for up to 500 students, operated by the State Office of Education. Each of these students would receive \$6400 for one year of high school education and would use it to enroll in classes at any public school, including charter schools and online courses and certain college or private school courses. Fees for each class would be deducted from the account. It would allow the use of the account for school sponsored activities and it details eligibility, imposes limits on fees and sets other rules. This pilot program would begin for student participation in the 2013-2014 school year and each student's account will remain open for 6 years if it has a balance.

Impact on Children:

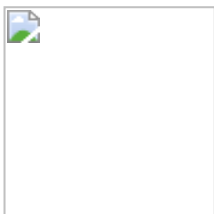
his bill is a costly experiment. While it may provide more choices to a few students, the cost would reduce the quantity and quality of choices for most students in their local schools. The costs would outweigh any benefits.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

Education

15.



HB0128 | SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVISIONS

Sponsor: Wright, Bill



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget

Description:

This bill modifies the deadlines for providing notice for open school community council seats and holding elections for school community councils. It will require school community councils to conduct meetings and take actions in open meetings, while exempting them from the Open and Public Meetings Act. It also requires the chair annually train the council on their requirements.

Impact on Children:

School Community Councils (SCCs) can give parents the opportunity to participate in meaningful decision making at the site level. This bill will require training by the chair to ensure members of the SCC understand their obligations on the council. It is imperative that SCCs are properly trained on their responsibilities and are given the tools and resources to be successful in improving their school.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2011-2 PTA Support for School Community Councils

Notes: Resolved, that Utah PTA encourage local PTA members to run for and actively serve on the SCC, and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support quality training for SCCs, and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA work with the Utah State Board of Education to develop high level training for local SCCs and school boards, this training may include, but is not limited to, assuring that the trust funds be spent on the greatest academic need, data evaluation, establishing measurable goals, the meaning of participation in the development of School Improvement Plans, School LAND Trust Plans, safe walking routes, Professional Development plans, Reading plans and other required plans, the roles of chairman and principal, how to conduct a meeting, and Open Meetings Act compliance, and the use of sub-committees

Education

16.



HB0147 | ONLINE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Last, Bradley G.



Status: Held in House Rules for fiscal impact (over \$10,000)

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill specifies the purpose and course offerings of the Electronic High School, requires a school district or charter school to offer online courses at the grades 9 through 12 level and online concurrent enrollment courses to students enrolled in the school district or charter school in grades 11 and 12, allows a student the option to enroll in online courses for a certain number of course credits each year, provides for the administration of statewide assessments to students enrolled in online courses, and repeals provisions relating to the Statewide Online Education Program.

Impact on Children:

This bill checks the affects of the Statewide Online Education Program that was created by SB 65 last year. If unchanged, the cost of operating the Statewide Online Education Program would siphon millions of dollars from the public schools' budgets. This bill keeps the benefits of online education offered by school districts and charter schools and gives them the ability to contract with providers in a cost-saving free market.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority.

Education

17.

HB0148 | TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS ACT AND RELATED STUDY



Sponsor: Ivory, Ken

Status: Passed Senate 21-6-2 with Amendments

Fiscal Note: The Legislative General Counsel has attached a detailed Legislative Review Note to this bill. If provisions of the bill are challenged in court, there will be costs associated with defending those

provisions.



Description:

This bill addresses issues related to public lands, including the transfer of title to public lands to the state and requiring the Constitutional Defense Council to study or draft proposed legislation on certain issues related to public lands. Provides that the 5% of the net proceeds of those sales of public lands shall be deposited into the permanent State School Fund.

Impact on Children:

If this bill is successful it may increase the funding to public education.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority and and be it further Resolved #2, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies.

COMMENT: **As of 2/15/2012 when a position was taken on this bill there was not a fiscal note available. Utah PTA appreciates that no money has been diverted from education funding.**

Education

18.



HB0149 | ONLINE EDUCATION SURVEY

Sponsor: Eliason, Steve



Status: Senate 3rd Reading Calendar Table (for fiscal note over \$10,000)

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill provides for the establishment of a pilot online school survey system in which students, parents, and teachers evaluate schools. This provides that, for all school districts and charter schools: Students evaluate their teachers and school administrators, Parents evaluate their children's teachers, children's schools, and themselves, Teachers to evaluate their schools and school administrators State Board Education would analyze and aggregate the survey data and publish aggregated survey data on its website, and make survey results available to school districts and school administrators for the purpose of: Determining how to better meet the needs of students and parents, Monitoring school improvement efforts, and and Obtaining data that may be used as part of an educator evaluation system and to inform decisions on employment and professional development.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides a way for all stakeholders in a school to be heard as they evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and administrators. Parents who know that they will be asked

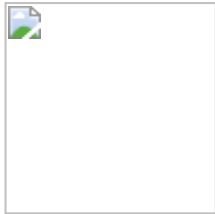
to evaluate teachers may be motivated to be more involved at the schools in order to be more knowledgeable.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2011-1 Excellence in Teaching

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA advocate for policies that strengthen respect and support for public education and the teaching profession and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support a comprehensive, fair, and effective evaluation system that includes peer review and parental input so that excellent teachers can be financially and professionally rewarded, and less effective teachers can receive mentoring, professional development, and, if necessary, counseling to leave the profession.

Education

19.



HB0206 S01 | CURRICULUM OPTIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sponsor:
**Dougall,
John**



Status: Returned to Senate Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Depending upon the courses taken, UCAT may see increased marginal costs of \$0 to \$7.67 per membership hour to educate students switching from secondary school to UCAT. Programs within the minimum school program with funding tied to average daily membership (ADM) may see a cost savings. The amount of the savings is dependent upon the decrease in total ADMs. For a one unit decrease in ADM, there is a corresponding savings of the current value of the WPU (\$2,816).

Description:

This bill allows a secondary student and the secondary student's parent or guardian to determine whether the secondary student's technical education goals would be better achieved at a regional applied technology college for purposes of allowing the secondary student to attend that institution.

Impact on Children:

This bill encourages parents of secondary students to be involved in decisions about their student's education.

PTA Resolution: EDU 1995-4 Increased Support for SEOPs in Secondary Schools

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work to fully implement the use of quality SEOPs in its secondary schools, strengthening the role of parents and students in that process.

Education

20.

HB0213S01 | SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

Sponsor: **Perry, Lee B.**

Status: Substituted by Conference Committee



Fiscal Note: \$0 Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact state or local budgets.



Description:

This bill modifies qualifications for a parent or guardian member of a school community council.

Impact on Children:

As the law is currently written, parents working within the district where their child attends school more than 6 hours a week are ineligible to run for a parent/guardian position on their child's school community council. This bill, if passed, would remedy that situation, and allow all parents, regardless of their employer, to seek a seat on their child's school community council as a parent. It is important for all parents to have the opportunity to be elected to their child's school community council.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Resolution on Parent Involvement

Notes: Resolved #1 - That the National PTA and its constituent organizations advocate for legislation, policies, and bargaining agreements that protect the right of parental involvement in site-based shared decision making. Resolved #2 - That National PTA and its constituent organizations advocate for models of site-based decision making which provide for equitable participation among parents, students, community members, principals, teachers, and other staff and which promote an environment in which parents are valued as essential partners in their children's education and development.

Education

21.



HB0221 | SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

Sponsor: Grover, Keith



Status: Held in House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standing Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding prostitution and human trafficking and provides that if a person exploits prostitution and in the course of that offense commits the offense of human trafficking for forced sexual exploitation, the person shall be charged with the human trafficking offense.

Impact on Children:

It is often a minor that is the victim that is being sexually exploited by those who commit the crime of human trafficking. These youth are innocent victims who are sold, abused, and prostituted by human trafficking rings.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Human Trafficking

Notes: That National PTA and its constituent organizations encourage and call for members, policy makers in government, inter-governmental bodies and non-governmental, school and community organizations to raise awareness and to address those conditions and situations that contribute to child trafficking.

Safety & Welfare

22.



HB0227 | SEX TRAFFICKING - PENALTIES

Sponsor: Grover, Keith



Status: Returned to House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding the conviction of trafficking victims of prostitution offenses and provides the grounds and procedures for a judicial vacating of a conviction for a prostitution offense if the defendant is a victim of human trafficking and that situation resulted in the prostitution conviction.

Impact on Children:

It is often a minor that is the victim that is being sexually exploited by those who commit the crime of 'human trafficking'. These youth are innocent victims who are sold, abused, and prostituted by human trafficking rings.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Human Trafficking

Notes: That National PTA and its constituent organizations encourage and call for members, policy makers in government, inter-governmental bodies and non-governmental, school and community organizations to raise awareness and to address those conditions and situations that contribute to child trafficking.

Safety & Welfare

23.



HB0237 S02 | CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may cost the Guardian Ad Litem \$3,032,800 ongoing from the General Fund for 43 additional staff, the Division of Child and Family Services \$762,200 ongoing from the General Fund for 13 additional staff, the Attorney General \$213,700 ongoing from the General Fund for 4.5 additional staff, and the Courts \$179,400 ongoing from the General Fund for additional staff to meet the provisions outlined beginning in FY 2013. Also beginning in FY 2013, it may cost the Division of Child and Family Services \$94,400 ongoing from federal funds. It may cost the Guardian Ad Litem \$186,400 one-time from the General Fund for associated expenditures in FY 2013.

Description:

This bill seeks to clarify the placement of a child when he/she is removed from the immediate family. It defines who a "relative" is. It requires a caseworker to file a report explaining why a particular placement is in the child's best interest. It prohibits taking a child into protective custody solely on the basis of educational neglect, truancy, or failure to comply with a court order to attend school and It requires the division to use the training of child welfare caseworkers to emphasize the importance of maintaining the parent-child relationship whenever possible, the preference for providing in-home services over taking a child into protective custody, both for the emotional well-being of

the child and the efficient allocation of resources and the importance and priority of kinship placement in the event a child must be taken into protective custody.

Impact on Children:

This bill recognizes the significance and importance of a family unit as well as extended family members in trying to determine what is in the best interests of a child. Intervention in difficult family situations are needed as collaborative efforts involving all concerned parties including extended family members, in aiding and developing strategies to support a child.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2009-2 Child Abuse and Neglect

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for adequate laws to protect children in all areas of child abuse, neglect, maltreatment, and exploitation.

Family Life

24.



HB0241 | FOSTER CARE AND KINSHIP PLACEMENT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Watkins, Christine F.



Status: Returned to House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state or local budgets.

Description:

This bill amends Title 62A, 4a, Child and Family Services by amending the procedure for taking a foster child from a foster parent who is that child's relative without clear and convincing evidence that the relative is incapable of caring for the child and makes technical changes.

Impact on Children:

This bill is just amending a bill already in place. The amendment will keep a foster child with family in the home unless there is convincing evidence that the relative is incapable of caring for the child. In most cases, being fostered by family is better for the child.

PTA Resolution: FAM 1998-2 Foster Care Standards

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to work with the Division of Child and Family services to ensure that standards are not lowered in order to generate a greater number of approved foster care providers and and be it further

Family Life

25.

HB0245 | AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF SMOKING IN UTAH INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT

Sponsor: Last, Bradley G.

Status: Bill Substituted by Standing Committee



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill would reduce revenue to the General Fund by an estimated \$10,500 in FY 2012, \$73,900 in FY 2013, and \$75,300 ongoing beginning in FY 2014 through reduced sales tax and tobacco tax.



Description:

This bill amends the definition of smoking to include e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products and defines e-cigarette.

Impact on Children:

Without passage of this bill, E-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe or any other product name or descriptor and hookah pipes can be used in a public place thus exposing children and youth to these vapors.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Position Statement-Environmental Health and Safety

Notes: National PTA urges its members at all levels to monitor, support, and advocate for laws, regulations, and programs that eliminate environmental pollutants and prevent new hazards: and Improve the quality of our physical environment by securing and monitoring the enforcement of stricter health and safety standards for contaminants and pollutants.

Safety & Welfare

26.



HB0245 S03 | AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF SMOKING IN UTAH INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT

Sponsor: Last, Bradley G.



Status: Senate 2nd Reading Calendar

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill would reduce revenue to the General Fund by an estimated \$10,500 in FY 2012, \$73,900 in FY 2013, and \$75,300 ongoing beginning in FY 2014 through reduced sales tax and tobacco tax.

Description:

This bill amends the definition of smoking in the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and hookah pipes in a place of public access.

Impact on Children:

E-cigarettes contain liquid nicotine encased in a plastic filter. When you take a "puff" or inhale on this cigarette surrogate, a small battery warms the nicotine in that filter, creating a thin stream of vapor when exhaled. A recent Food and Drug Administration analysis of ingredients contained in these products found that despite that lack of combustion, some of the most popular e-cigarette brands contain carcinogens - they could still cause cancer. The FDA has also detected a toxic chemical found in antifreeze in some leading brands. That means that although manufacturers of these e-cigarettes say they are pretty sure their product is safe, the jury is still out about the health effects (and consequently secondhand effects) with e-cigarettes. Nicotine on its own is highly addictive and we do not know yet the the health effects of inhaling pure nicotine, nor do we know what could happen if those toxic substances the FDA found could harm folks in close proximity to the "e-smoker." Hookah: also known as a narghile, shisha or hubble-bubble, is a waterpipe of Middle Eastern origin that is used to smoke sweet, often flavored, tobacco. The smoke is filtered through water in the base of the hookah's pipe. There is a common misconception that hookah smoke is less harmful than cigarette smoke, or not at all harmful, since the smoke passes through water before being inhaled or emitted as secondhand smoke. This is not true. The science shows that smoke from a

hookah contains many of the same harmful and carcinogenic components as cigarette smoke. Hookahs should not be considered a safer alternative to cigarette smoking. Secondhand hookah smoke is not less harmful than secondhand cigarette smoke.

PTA Resolution: [HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse](#)

Notes: HEA 2007-1 Resolved #1: That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse. Resolved #2 That Utah PTA supports legislative action that institutes or appropriately increases criminal penalties for individuals or organizations promoting substance abuse of any kind (including the sale or distribution of alcohol and/or tobacco to underage persons). HEA 2010-3 Resolved #1, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support legislative efforts to protect children and youth from second- and third-hand smoke.

Safety & Welfare

27.



HB0245S03 | AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF SMOKING IN UTAH INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT

Sponsor: [Last, Bradley G](#)



Status: [Senate 3rd Reading Calendar Table \(for fiscal note over \\$10,000\)](#)

Fiscal Note: [Enactment of this bill would reduce revenue to the General Fund by an estimated \\$3,900 in FY2012, \\$27,500 in FY2013, and \\$28,000 ongoing beginning in FY2014 through reduced sales and tobacco taxes. This impact increases to \\$106,600 ongoing beginning in FY2018. The Department of Health may incur additional regulatory costs, but may charge a fee to recoup those costs.](#)

Description:

This bill amends the definition of smoking in the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and hookah pipes in a place of public access and amends the definition of smoking to include e-cigarettes and heated tobacco products and defines e-cigarette.

Impact on Children:

Without passage of this bill, E-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe or any other product name or descriptor and hookah pipes can be used in a public place thus exposing children and youth to these vapors.

PTA Resolution: [NPTA Position Statement-Environmental Health and Safety](#)

Notes: National PTA Position Statement: Environmental Health & Safety states: "Eliminate environmental pollutants and new hazards".

Safety & Welfare

28.

HB0250 | TAX CREDIT FOR DEPENDENT WITH A DISABILITY

Sponsor: [Dougall, John](#)



Status:
 Tabled on
 Senate
 3rd
 Reading
 Calendar



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could reduce revenue to the Education Fund by \$765,000 in FY 2013 and by \$781,000 in FY

2014.

Description:

This bill amends the Nonrefundable Tax Credit Act to allow a tax credit for a dependent adult or child with a disability as part of the taxpayer tax credit.

Impact on Children:

Utah public traditional schools and public charter schools are funded through income tax. 100% of Utah state income taxes must go towards funding of K-12 and higher education. Tax credits addressed in HB 250 will reduce the funding going into the public traditional and public charter schools by nearly a million dollars.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: The 2011-2012 legislative priorities of Utah PTA includes the importance of funding quality public schools. This priority is supported by PTA Resolution EDU 2010-2 Education Funding, Resolve #3- That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

COMMENT: PTA recognizes that parents of gifted children as well as parents of children with special needs may require resources that are different from those used by parents of children without special learning needs. PTA supports all protections for parents of children with disabilities, enabling them to be equal partners in the education of their children. Utah is ranked as one of the lowest per pupil funded states in the nation. As tax credits and tax deduction are legislated the amount of funds available to divide among public traditional and public charter school students are reduced. Utah students cannot afford to lose one dollar in funding for education. Based on Utah PTA priorities and resolutions voted on by the membership, we have taken a position to oppose HB 250.

Education

29.



HB0254S01 | CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Froerer, Gage



Status: Senate 3rd Reading Calendar Table (for fiscal note over \$10,000)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill cost the Department of Public Safety \$203,200 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY

2013 for testing and processing additional controlled substances.

Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Controlled Substances Act and adds benzylpiperazine to Schedule I of the controlled substances list and and adds AM-2201, RCS-4, JWH-210, and JWH-203 to the list of listed controlled substances.

Impact on Children:

This bill adds additional chemicals that are currently used in designer drugs that are harmful to kids. These drugs are addictive, affect their brain development, and create

reactions from kids that are very similar to LSD, Marijuana, etc.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

Notes: Resolved 2 - The Utah PTA supports legislative action that institutes or appropriately increases criminal penalties for individuals or organizations promoting substance abuse of any kind (including the sale or distribution of alcohol and/or tobacco to underage persons) and and be it further.

Safety & Welfare

30.



HB0258 | EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Powell, Kraig



Status: Held in House Rules
for fiscal impact (over
\$10,000)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill increases the number of
WPU's by 1,501. Based upon the current WPU value of \$2,816,
this bill cost \$4,226,800.

Description:

This bill provides that, beginning with the 2011-12 school year, a secondary school student who attends a regional applied technology college is counted in the average daily membership of the sending school district or charter school.

Impact on Children:

Legislation in 2011 broke a successful partnership between Applied Technology Colleges and public high schools. Funding to public schools would be reduced if any students wanted to receive training at a local ATC. The school districts had a disincentive to promote the ATC programs. With passage of this bill, children receive greater options for career training and schools do not receive a cut in their funding for the fixed costs of their students.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2006-1 High School Graduation Requirements

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage rigor in student academic pursuits, but also value each student's diverse needs and post high school plans by encouraging statewide practices and requirements that achieve balance and flexibility in student curriculum (EDU 2006-1), and Resolved, That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students (EDU 2010-2).

Education

31.

HB0271 | PUBLIC SCHOOL SEISMIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Sponsor: Wiley, Larry B.

Status: Returned to House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget



Description:

This bill enact the School Seismic Safety Act which requires a school district or charter school to conduct a seismic evaluation of each facility used by the school district or charter school. It also provides certain immunity from suit relating to a seismic safety evaluation.



Impact on Children:

Many school buildings in Utah were built before earthquake safety requirements were in place. In schools that are not seismically safe, many children could be injured or killed in an earthquake. Parents have the right to know if their child's school would be safe in the event of an earthquake.

PTA Resolution: Public School Safety Position Statement

Notes: The Utah PTA urges the State Office of Education create a Public School Seismic Safety Committee to determine the threshold score for evaluations and rank seismic vulnerability to allow proper importance to be placed on the most needful buildings.

Safety & Welfare

32.



HB0272S04 | PILOT PROGRAM FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Sponsor:
Menlove,
Ronda
Rudd



Status: Senate 3rd Reading Calendar Table (for fiscal note over \$10,000)

Fiscal Note: Enacting this bill will cost the state about \$4,348,200 in FY 2013. This estimate is based on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention study that shows 1 out of 110 children have autism spectrum disorder. Using the CDC ratio, 208 children would be covered by provisions of this bill. Public education will cost of about \$4,400,000, assuming that the costs are covered by the state.

Description:

This bill defines terms, requires the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to establish a pilot program to provide coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders, describes minimum coverage amounts and limits for the autism coverage required by this bill, provides for annual adjustment of the coverage amounts described in the preceding paragraph, based on the Consumer Price Index during the pilot program, and and sunsets the pilot program on July 1, 2022.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA has a priority that there will be adequate funding for Tradition Public Schools and Public Charter Schools. Utah PTA requires that this bill have no negative impact on education funding.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: The 2011-2012 legislative priorities of Utah PTA includes the importance of funding quality public schools. Resolved #1 that Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority. Resolved #2 that Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies.

Comment: There must be no negative impact on education funding.

Education

33.



HB0277 | GRAFFITI PARAPHERNALIA

Sponsor: Nielson, Jim



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill modifies the definition of the crime of graffiti modifying the definition of graffiti to include etching; and defines etching as defacing, damaging, or destroying hard surfaces by use of a chemical action.

Impact on Children:

The act of graffiti is a gang activity conducted by youth as a means to identify gang territory or is used for the purpose of the gang to require a potential youth gang member to commit the act of graffiti in order to become a member of the gang. Etching has become a newer way for gang members to identify membership and territory. It is very damaging to the property. Gang activity negatively affects a child's academic and physical well being and more often than not, involves them in a illegal activity/crime.

PTA Resolution: SAF-1994-2 Parental Awareness of Gang Attire/Paraphernalia

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents, communities, and local merchants with support of information provided by local law enforcement agencies and gang task forces on specific trends or fads that are detrimental to the well-being of our youth and that place our youth at risk.

Safety & Welfare

34.



HB0279 | UTAH SCHOOLS SEISMIC HAZARD INVENTORY

Sponsor: Wiley, Larry B.



Status: Returned to House
Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$500,000 one-time General Fund to the State Board of Education for reimbursement of seismic evaluation costs and per diem and

travel expenses.

Description:

This bill enacts the School Seismic Safety Act, which requires a school district or charter school to conduct a seismic evaluation of each facility used by the school district or charter school using specified standards, creates and specifies the duties of the Public School Seismic Safety Committee, directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules, and provides certain immunity from suit relating to a seismic safety evaluation, and repeals the School Seismic Safety Act on July 1, 2022.

Impact on Children:

Many school buildings in Utah were erected prior to earthquake safety regulations, and may sustain extensive damage in the event of an earthquake, thus injuring or killing many children as well as adults. These unsafe schools need to be identified and retrofitted or replaced as soon as possible.

PTA Resolution: [Public School Safety Position Statement](#)

Notes: The Utah PTA urges the State Office of Education create a Public School Seismic Safety Committee to determine the threshold score for evaluations and rank seismic vulnerability to allow proper importance to be placed on the most needful buildings.

Safety & Welfare

35.



HB0303 | INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

Sponsor:
Edwards,
Rebecca
P.



Status: [Returned to House Rules Committee](#)

Fiscal Note: Enacting this bill will likely cost the state \$195,000 ongoing from various funds for health insurance premiums. The bill may cost public education about \$165,000 from the Education Fund presuming the state pays this cost. It will also cost the Insurance Department about \$6,700 one-time from the Insurance Department Restricted Account to review plans and rules. Insurance Department Restricted Account revenues and expenditures affect the annual transfer to the General Fund.

Description:

This bill defines terms, applies to health benefit plans and to the Public Employees' Health Benefit Plan, and requires a health benefit plan to provide children with hearing impairments with coverage for hearing aids.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA has a priority that there will be adequate funding for Tradition Public Schools and Public Charter Schools. Utah PTA requires that this bill have no negative impact on education funding.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2010-2 Education Funding](#)

Notes: The 2011-2012 legislative priorities of Utah PTA includes the importance of funding quality public schools. Resolved #1 that Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority. Resolved #2 that Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies.

Comment: **There must be no negative impact on education funding.**

Education

36.

HB0306 | DISPOSAL OF UNUSED DRUGS



Sponsor: Daw, Bradley, M



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: The cost of the pilot program is less than full statewide implementation of Education Savings Accounts and however, the work to set up the class fee schedule by the State Office of Education would be the same in either case. The State Office of Education would be administering fewer accounts but the system necessary for invoicing and follow-up would be the same as the statewide system and would be in addition to the current system that they administer

Description:

This bill amends the Pharmacy Practice Act to require the rules regarding the disposal of unused prescription drugs in accordance with federal laws and regulations and enacts a requirement that the division allow a pharmacy to take back unused prescription drugs if the federal rules permit a pharmacy take back program and requires the division to enact administrative rules regarding a unused drug take back programs once federal rules related to drug take back programs are published.

Impact on Children:

Prescription Take Back Programs are providing very effective in removing access to prescription drugs for youth in homes of parents, grand parents, friends, relatives, etc. Prescription drugs are very addictive and often lead to heroin use by young people. Utah has had a significant increase of over dose by youth who become addicted to prescription drugs. Making it more difficult for our youth to access drugs reduces the incidence of addiction.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

Notes: That Utah PTA supports legislative action that institutes or appropriately increases criminal penalties for individuals or organizations promoting substance abuse of any kind (including the sale and distribution of alcohol and/or to underage persons).

Safety & Welfare

37.



HB0331 | SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Nielson, Jim



Status: House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill: . defines terms, . requires the direct, nonpartisan election of members of the State Board of Education, . repeals the involvement of the governor and the nominating and recruiting committee in the nomination of candidates for the State Board of Education, . establishes the primary election for the State Board of Education and local school boards on the second Tuesday following the first Monday in August of an odd-numbered year, and . establishes the general election for the State Board of Education and local school boards on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year

Impact on Children:

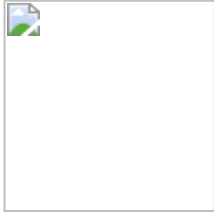
Passage of this bill will lead to direct, nonpartisan election of the State School Board.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education

Notes: That Utah PTA support legislation to restore nomination to, and election of, members of the State Board of Education in a way that is more responsive to the constituency of each State School Board district

Education

38.



HB0363 | HEALTH EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Wright, Bill



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill permits a local school board or charter school governing board to provide human sexuality instruction or instructional programs in accordance with state law but does not require it (that part is new), so districts could decide to quit teaching Human Sexuality completely. It also requires districts that decide to teach it, to adopt an Abstinence Only curriculum. Health teachers are currently allowed to give information about contraception, but are not allowed to advocate for it or demonstrate it. This bill would not allow health teachers anywhere in Utah to teach anything about contraception. Currently there are only four districts in Utah that don't allow teaching on contraception.

Impact on Children:

This law ignores the fact that teens are increasingly exposed to sexual messages through the media, technology, and friends. Students want and need an open and honest discussion about human sexuality and the limitations of contraception to navigate through the various messages they are constantly bombarded with. A meaningful and ongoing dialogue in the home supported by a thoughtful classroom unit is critical in combating the issues of early teen sexual involvement, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections. Our current curriculum is firmly centered on premarital abstinence. Parents are already given the opportunity to opt out and a student must have a signed permission form from a parent to attend the instruction. Abstinence programs (note federal language does not include the word "only") contain chapters about limitations of contraception. If curriculum was prohibited to discuss contraception at all, no federal abstinence programs would qualify.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2000-3 Sex Education in Public Schools

Notes: Resolved #2: That Utah PTA support school-based sex education programs that support quality family living and convey the reasons why adolescents should be abstinent before marriage and practice complete fidelity within marriage, Resolved #3: That Utah PTA support the premise that any approved sex education curriculum should teach the individual to make responsible choices and warn students that the only safe method of prevention is abstinence and should identify the consequences of premarital sexual activity for adolescents with respect to pregnancy and STDs and the limitations of contraceptives/condoms as a preventive strategy, and should not imply or condone experimentation in sexual activity of any kind, and and be it further Resolved #4, That Utah PTA seek Utah law and state school policy that gives local districts and parent/school committees the authority to select their own sex education programs as long as they follow state law and state board policies on curriculum content.

Health

39.



HB0367 | TRUST LANDS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Noel, Michael E.



Status: Passed House 66-0-9

Fiscal Note: Enacting this bill shifts appropriations of about \$104,400 per year for the School LAND Trust Program from mineral lease revenue to the Interest and Dividends Account. The State Board of Education would still have discretion over the anticipated \$104,400 in federal mineral lease revenue.

Description:

This bill provides that certain amounts deposited into the Interest and Dividends Account and appropriated from that account shall be used to provide funding for specified purposes related to trust lands, defines terms, modifies the process for determining the membership of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees nominating committee, modifies the duties of the chief executive officer of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and and makes technical and conforming changes.

Impact on Children:

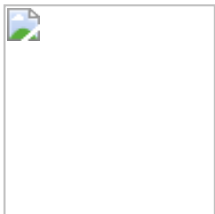
If this bill is implemented it would provide clarification as to the role that the Utah State Board of Education has as the primary beneficiary representative. It would allow the staff of the School LAND Trust program to provide more accountability in regards to management of the trust. Making sure that management of the School Trust Lands is in accordance with trust duties and principles will help children to continue to have the money they receive from the interest and dividends of the permanent State School Fund.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-2 School Trust Lands

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA encourage the Governor, Legislature, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Board of Trustees and Administration of the School and Institutional Trust Lands, other state and local officials to take all necessary steps to assure that management of the School Trust Lands is in accordance with trust duties and principles, including undivided loyalty to the beneficiaries, a duty to make trust property productive, a duty to keep and render accounts, and a duty to exercise prudence and skill in administering the trust, thereby obtaining much-needed revenue for Utah’s schools. Resolved #5, That Utah PTA and its constituent organizations participate on committees making decisions about the use of the funding and work to ensure funds are used wisely to improve academic excellence in the schools.

Trust Lands

40.



HB0389 | STUDENT EDUCATION OCCUPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Newbold, Merlyn T



Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Calendar

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill defines a student education/occupation plan (SEOP) as a plan to be initiated early in the student's secondary education to guide a student in course selection and prepare a student for post-secondary options.

Impact on Children:

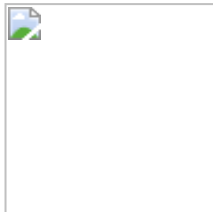
Where 9th grade is still considered Junior High, students may miss out on valuable secondary opportunities that will give them greater college preparation. By starting the SEOP process in 7th grade, parents and teachers can prepare students for choices that come in 9th grade at the end of Junior High.

PTA Resolution: EDU 1995-4 Increased Support for SEOPs in Secondary Schools

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work to fully implement the use of quality SEOPs in its secondary schools, strengthening the role of parents and students in that process.

Education

41.



HB0398 | ALLOCATION OF SCHOOL TRUST LANDS FUNDS

Sponsor:
Herrod, Chris



Status: Returned to House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill will modify the distribution formula for the allocating of trust lands funds to public schools.

Impact on Children:

Interest and dividends from the permanent State School Fund should be distributed in an equitable way, to benefit all students attending public schools in Utah.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-2 School Trust Lands

Notes: Resolve # 4 - That Utah PTA encourage the Utah State Legislature to support all interest and dividends from the permanent State School Fund being distributed to each public school to improve student academic performance

Education

42.



HB0415 | PROTECTION OF ATHLETES WITH HEAD INJURIES ACT

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Passed House 69-0-7

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill amends definitions, requires that each agent of an amateur sports organization be aware of the organization's concussion and head injury policy, requires that an amateur sports organization or its agent immediately remove a child from participating in

a sporting event if the organization or agent knows or should have known the child sustained a concussion or traumatic head injury, and and makes technical changes.

Impact on Children:

Head injuries can have life long consequences if not watched closely and in some cases can be life threatening. Guidelines and regulation are important to ensure the safety of children involved in sports programs in the community.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Position Statement on Child Safety and Protection

Notes: A founding purpose of National PTA is to promote safety for children and youth. National PTA urges its members at all levels to monitor, support, and advocate for laws and programs in the following areas: Safety: Include safety education in school curriculum and community programs.

Safety & Welfare

43.



HB0456 | TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AROUND SCHOOL BUSES

Sponsor:
Wilson,
Brad R.



Status: Passed House 70-0-5

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to traffic violations around school buses and provides that the operator of a vehicle on a highway, upon meeting or overtaking a school bus equipped with signals, shall stop immediately and not closer than 50 feet before reaching the bus when the bus has come to a complete stop and may not proceed until the bus has completed loading or unloading school children, and the flashing red light signals cease operation. This bill also provides that the operator of a vehicle, upon meeting or overtaking a school bus which is displaying alternating flashing red light signals visible from the front or rear, shall stop not closer than 50 feet before reaching the bus, and repeals the requirement that a school district transportation coordinator send a notification letter to the last-known registered owner of the vehicle if the coordinator receives a report that a school bus operator witnessed a violation of certain passing school bus provisions and requires the school district transportation coordinator to file a school bus passing violation report with the local law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction for the alleged violation and makes technical changes.

Impact on Children:

The safety of all children is the prime concern of PTA. Accidents cause needless loss of life and disability.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1973-2 Promoting Improved Safety for Children Transported on School Buses in the State of Utah

Notes: The PTA support and encourage strict enforcement by law enforcement agencies toward violators of this law. 2. The PTA support and encourage a program to further education of the public through various news media regarding this law and the serious consequences to our children when this law is violated. 3. That the Utah Congress of PTA endorse and work through our State Legislature to make the worth a child's life greater than a piece of litter by changing the laws governing this particular phase of law enforcement.

The distance in the bill should be reduced to 20 ft. and also that the bus driver only file report if they feel a child was put into imminent danger.

Safety & Welfare

44.



HCR0015 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON OBESITY

Sponsor: Barlow,
Stewart



Status: Passed House 70-1-
4

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially
impact the state budget.

Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes obesity as a significant public health and economic issue in Utah and urges support of policy development that addresses the obesity problem in Utah and promotes public awareness of the adverse affects of obesity on individual health. This resolution: recognizes obesity as a serious public health and economic issue impacting Utah, expresses support for improving the health and lifestyles of adults and children in Utah by promoting activities that encourage healthy weight, supports policies that promote increased access to healthy food and physical activity, and and recognizes the need to support initiatives to educate the Utah public about solutions to the obesity epidemic.

Impact on Children:

"Because of the increasing rates of obesity, unhealthy eating habits, and physical inactivity, we may see the first generation that will be less healthy and have a shorter life expectancy than their parents." —U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona, March 2004 By bringing families and schools together and providing the tools and support they need to help change attitudes, behaviors, and the health outlook for our children, we can make a difference.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2008-1 Nutrition and Exercise

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA will work toward educating families in principles of sound nutrition (as recommended by the USDA) as well as appropriate physical activity in order to promote a healthy lifestyle, Resolved#2 That Utah PTA will work with schools, school boards, and other appropriate bodies to encourage schools to practice the same principles of sound nutrition as they are or should be teaching their students, in all foods and beverages made available to students on school premises, be it in the classroom, the lunchroom, or in vending machines, and Resolved #3, That Utah PTA will work with schools, school boards, and other appropriate bodies to encourage local and district policies which discourage the use of food as incentives and rewards for students. Resolved #4, That Utah PTA will educate and work with families and schools to encourage children to regularly participate in physical activity and will encourage schools and related entities to provide ongoing opportunities for all children to participate in sports and/or physical activity programs.

Health

45.

HJR0002 | JOINT RESOLUTION ON WORLD CLASS CURRICULUM

Sponsor: Poulson, Marie H.

Status: Returned to Senate Rules Committee



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.



Description:

This resolution urges Utah's public schools to work to ensure that Utah's public school students receive an education that not only provides competency in reading, writing, and math but also broad enrichment opportunities in the arts, music, science, history, literature, foreign languages, physical education, and career and technology training.

Impact on Children:

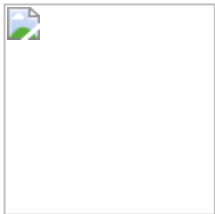
This bill reaffirms that a broad curriculum best serves the students of the State.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2006-1 High School Graduation Requirements

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA support school rigor in a wide variety of subjects and oppose efforts that too narrowly define academic rigor solely as language arts, math, and science.

Education

46.



SB 226 | HIGH QUALITY PRESCHOOL PILOT PROJECT

Sponsor: Osmond, Aaron



Status: Senate 2nd Reading Calendar

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

SB226 provides \$5 million ongoing for 5 years for a High Quality Preschool Pilot Project. Participation in the pilot project by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and families is voluntary. Children whose families meet the income eligibility requirement for Free and Reduced Lunch will be eligible to participate in the pilot project. The pilot project is modeled after the Granite School District's (GSD) High Quality Title I Preschool program for at-risk children. The GSD preschool program has been successful in closing the achievement gap and producing lasting improved academic outcomes and reductions in special education use for at-risk children. The bill provides for Eligibility requirements for LEAs: A high quality preschool program (high quality is defined in the bill). Existing capacity with respect to space for at least one classroom. Title I funds allocated to the preschool program. Data system capacity to track academic performance, special education use and English Language Learner (ELL) services. Assessment, Data Collection, Evaluation and Monitoring Provision for Public-Private Partnership

Impact on Children:

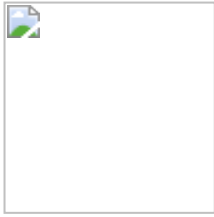
Preschool programs have been successful in closing the achievement gap and producing lasting improved academic outcomes and reductions in special education use for at-risk children. In other words for high risk students this afford the possibility to help at an early age a child in need which gives him a better chance to succeed. Research indicates strongly that the earlier the intervention the greater the chance for improvement.

PTA Resolution: Fam 2009-1 Early Childhood

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the state. Whereas experiences in early childhood determine whether a child's developing brain architecture provides a strong foundation for future learning, behavior, and health....

Family Life

47.



SB 258 | UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard



Status: Held in House Rules
for fiscal impact (over

\$10,000)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill would reduce the General Fund transfer from liquor profits by \$299,600 in FY 2013 and by \$979,000 in FY 2014. When fully phased in (FY2017), the General Fund reduction will be \$1,876,700. The bill eliminates funding for the Parents Empowered Program from the Liquor Control Fund and replaces it with funding from the newly created Underage Drinking Prevention Media and Education Campaign Restricted Account.

Description:

This bill modifies the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to provide funding and guidelines for an underage drinking prevention campaign. creates a restricted account within the General Fund, requires deposits into the restricted account of percentages of the total gross revenue from the sale of liquor, and outlines the duties of the Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council, and and outlines the duties of the department.

Impact on Children:

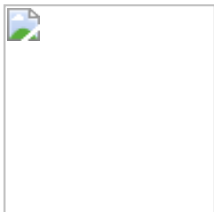
Underage drinking is so damaging to a child's developing brain. Parents need to understand these risk and need to be educated on how to protect their kids from these influences. The PTA supports programs that educate parents of these risks. Parents Empowered has been working on this issue for many years and have done a wonderful job reaching parents and promoting their message. This bill will allow funding this program to continue.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

Notes: Resolution 1 That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse

Family Life

48.



SB0030 | ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REAUTHORIZATION

Sponsor: Stephenson,
Howard A.



Status: House Rules
Committee

Fiscal Note: Questionable fiscal note

Description:

This bill reauthorizes all state agency administrative rules except for the following: (1) R477-6-5, Human Resource Management, Administration, Compensation, Incentive Awards and and (2) R277-419-5 (E-Exceptions), Education, Administration, Pupil Accounting, Student...

Impact on Children:

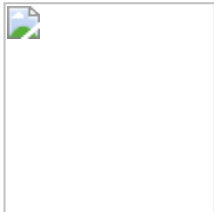
The consequences of removal of section E to rule R277-419-5 is of great concern. A review of each of the funding issues addressed line by line in this portion of the rule should be reviewed. The unintended consequences to costs to school districts adds to already tight budgets. Issues addressed in each line are not connected and therefore the time taken to address this issue should be great to be sure funds lost do not removed that give opportunities for students to have training for a trade and other educational resource needs met.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Funding for Education

Notes: Resolve #2 That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies.

Education

49.



SB0031 | CLASSROOM SIZE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:
Morgan,
Karen
W.



Status: Failed in House Education Committee--Sent to House Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may cost between \$12.7 million and \$31.2 million ongoing from the Education Fund in FY 2013, and between \$17.8 million and \$51.1 million in FY 2014, depending on whether school districts and charter schools hire paraprofessionals or licensed educators to meet the maximum class size thresholds outlined in the bill. Bill provisions allow for a four-year phase in for maximum class size thresholds in Kindergarten through 3rd grades. At full implementation, enactment of this bill may cost between \$22 million and \$67 million. If school districts and charter schools hire licensed educators, the cost of the Professional Staff Cost Formula program in the Minimum School Program will increase. The estimated first-year impact to the program is \$1.4 million. At full implementation the impact is estimated at \$3 million. This impact is a component of the overall cost estimate detailed above.

Description:

This bill limits the number of students who may be assigned to a teacher who teaches a core curriculum course in kindergarten through grade 3, unless a paraprofessional is assigned to the teacher's class for the duration of the core curriculum course, and establishes qualifications for a paraprofessional assigned to a class that exceeds the maximum class size requirement. The class size for a single teacher would be: 20 students for a kindergarten class, beginning with the 2012-13 school year, 22 students for a first grade class, beginning with the 2013-14 school year, 22 students for a second grade class, beginning with the 2014-15 school year, and and 24 students for a third grade class, beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Impact on Children:

Children learn and mature at various rates but it has been shown that children who are academically behind their peers, but are helped in the first year or two of school, stay up with their peers in later years. The achievement gap for students who do not receive extra help in the first years, continues to widen. Large class sizes in the earliest years make it more difficult for teachers to give the individual attention that these young students need. This bill helps to reduce class-size to defined limits. This bill holds the schools accountable to use class reduction funds for class reduction.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction.

*COMMENT: That all mandates are fully funded.

Education

50.



SB0037 | INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill defines terms and requires the Department of Workforce Services to establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty related data to identify at-risk children and other groups, identify trends, and to assist case workers, social scientists, and government officials to study and develop plans and programs to assist individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty.

Impact on Children:

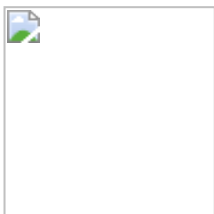
Creating a data base of at-risk children who's family has been in poverty for many generations would help case workers provide better assistance and help to break the cycle of poverty for their future. To be able to identify trends and develop programs to assist these families so that the children can thrive and go on to be successful adults would have positive effects for future generations.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2007-1 Parenting

Notes: The Utah PTA resolves to sponsor, encourage, and promote programs and activities in cooperation with other organizations which will promote family growth and unity in helping families and individuals realize their educational, emotional, spiritual, and social goals.

Family Life

51.



SB0054S01 | AMENDMENTS RELATED TO EDUCATION FUNDING

Sponsor: McAdams,
Benjamin M.



Status: Returned to Senate

Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill deposits 30% of the growth in sales tax revenue between FY 2011 and the current fiscal year into a new Prioritizing Public Education Restricted Account. The expected shift from the General Fund to the restricted account is \$71 million ongoing beginning in FY 2013. Additional amounts of forgone General Fund revenue will accrue to the restricted account depending upon growth in subsequent fiscal years. The forgone amount estimated for FY 2014 is approximately \$38 million. The bill freezes the personal exemption deduction to \$2,775, which increases revenue to the Education Fund by about \$4,980,600 in FY 2013 and about \$10,328,800 in FY 2014. The bill authorizes freezing the basic rate, which would increase the local contribution to the Minimum School Program by about \$9,000,000 in FY 2014. Finally, assuming constant tax

rates, increasing the voted leeway tax rate cap initially increases the state guarantee by \$176,200 in FY 2013 and depending on the actions of local school boards and voters, an increase in the tax rate caps for the voted and board leeways may increase the state's contribution to the guarantee program beyond the \$176,200.

Description:

The Prioritizing Public Education Funding Program generates new revenue to fund public education without raising taxes by capping certain income tax exemptions at current values, freezing the basic levy at the present rate and prioritizing schools to receive a percentage of future sales tax revenue growth, and enacts statutory protections against eroding current education funding.

Impact on Children:

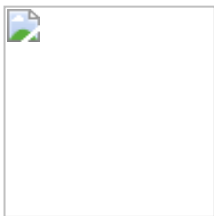
This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. The various funding components of Back to Schools Funding, collectively, are expected to generate approximately an additional \$40-50 million for public schools each year. Consequently, the Back Schools Funding could grow from \$40 -\$50 million in year one to \$400-500 million by year ten.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies, and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions. . .

Education

52.



SB0064S01 | PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT REFORM

Sponsor: Osmond, Aaron

Status: Enrolled



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill reorganizes provisions regarding: the status and termination of school district employees, and educator evaluations, creates the Public Education Human Resource Management Act, directs the State Board of Education to make rules requiring the performance of school district employees to be evaluated annually, with exceptions, requires data on school district employee ratings to be publicly reported, prescribes procedures for the nonrenewal or termination of a career employee's contract for unsatisfactory performance, directs the State Board of Education to make rules requiring a school district's employee compensation system to be aligned with the district's annual evaluation system, and requires the salary of certain school or district administrators to be contingent on an evaluation.

Impact on Children:

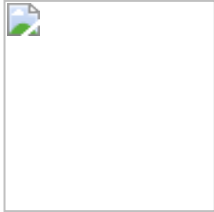
The recent focus on reputedly poor teachers in public education has resulted in punitive actions toward teachers and problems of morale among teachers. This discourages skilled professionals from entering the teaching profession. This bill, collaboratively drafted, provides an evaluation system that will include peer review and parental input. Because it will provides mentoring for teachers who struggle and termination of teachers who are unwilling to improve, it will improve teaching skills, raise teacher morale, and improve the reputation of the teaching profession overall. Students benefit when educators strive for excellence.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2011-1 Excellence in Teaching

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA advocate for policies that strengthen respect and support for public education and the teaching profession and and be it further. . . Resolved, That Utah PTA support a comprehensive, fair, and effective evaluation system that includes peer review and parental input so that excellent teachers can be financially and professionally rewarded, and less effective teachers can receive mentoring, professional development, and, if necessary, counseling to leave the profession.

Education

53.



SB0107 | POSSESSION OF GRAFFITI PARAPHERNALIA

Sponsor: Mayne, Karen



Status: Failed in Senate 11-17-1

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill modifies the damage amounts for the levels of graffiti offenses, prohibits a person from possessing any instrument, tool, or device that is commonly used to make graffiti with the intent to deface the property of another, and provides that the punishment for this offense is a class B misdemeanor.

Impact on Children:

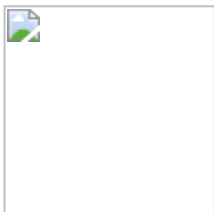
A wide variety of clothing and accessories are being marketed to our children and youth specifically promoting and encouraging involvement in gang activity. Utah PTA continues to educate parents and communities in order give information and support legislation on specific trends or fads that are detrimental to the well being of our youth and that place our youth at risk.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1994-2 Parental Awareness of Ganga Attire-paraphernalia

Notes: Resolved #1: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents, communities, and local merchants with support of information provided by local law enforcement agencies and gang task forces on specific trends or fads that are detrimental to the well being of our youth and that place our youth at risk.

Safety & Welfare

54.



SB0111 | HEALTH AMENDMENTS FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Sponsor: Robles, Luz



Status: Held in Senate Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Beginning in FY 2014, this Legislation will cost the Department of Workforce Services \$26,800 ongoing from the General Fund for 1.25 FTEs and the Department of Health \$344,900 ongoing from the General Fund to pay for Medicaid and CHIP services. Beginning in FY 2014 the State will receive \$1,343,600 federal matching funds for the \$371,700 spent from the General Fund.

Description:

This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Act to provide Medicaid coverage and health insurance coverage to a legal immigrant child, regardless of the length of time that the child has been in the United States.

Impact on Children:

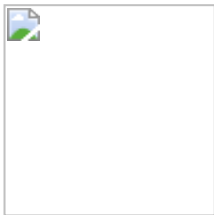
An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Allowing more children to be covered by insurance, assures that they will receive their check-ups and care that they need. This will cost less than emergency room care after their health problems have become acute.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1992-4 Preventive Child Health Care--Physical Exams

Notes: Resolved #5 That Utah PTA and its local units work with state and local health departments to ensure that resources are available within the various communities in Utah to provide the services sought under this resolution.

Family Life

55.



SB0117 | PUBLICATION OF EDUCATION FUND REVENUE REDUCTIONS

Sponsor: McAdams,
Benjamin M.



Status: Returned to Senate

Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill requires certain publication of Education Fund revenue reductions. This bill requires certain publication of bills that reduce Education Fund revenues and and makes technical and conforming changes.

Impact on Children:

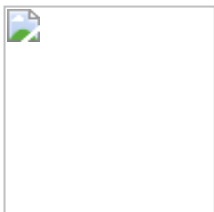
This bill would help the public know about proposed bills that have an adverse effect on education funding. Making sure that education is fully funded and that bills that adversely effect education funding are seriously considered will be beneficial to the children of Utah.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Funding for Education

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority.

Education

56.



SB0128 | WIRELESS TELEPHONE USE RESTRICTION FOR MINORS

Sponsor: Romero, Ross
I.



Status: Returned to House

Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will cost the Courts \$4,000 from the General Fund ongoing beginning in FY 2013. The bill will generate \$5,200 in ongoing revenue to the General Fund beginning in FY 2013.

Description:

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code by amending provisions relating to a person younger than 18 years of age using a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle.

Impact on Children:

It would make them safer drivers

PTA Resolution: National PTA Resolution Teen Driving Safety

Notes: That PTA and its constituent associations work with parents, students, and community partners to urge local, state and national leaders to support research and adopt policies and legislation to reduce traffic incidents involving teen drivers and their passengers.

Student Involvement

57.



SB0151S02 | STUDENT AT RISK OF ACADEMIC FAILURES STUDY

Sponsor: Stephenson, Howard A.



Status: Returned to House

Rules Committee

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget

Description:

This bill provides for nonrefundable tax credits for donations made to a scholarship organization to be used for scholarships for a qualifying student to attend a private school.

Impact on Children:

This bill is equivalent to a voucher, without using that name, because it sends funds, that would otherwise go to public education, to private schools by way of non-profit organizations. Since the greatest power of choice lies with the private schools, students with the greatest needs are least likely to be chosen. With education funds under great strain, this bill would provide yet another growing diversion of education revenue.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Funding for Education

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

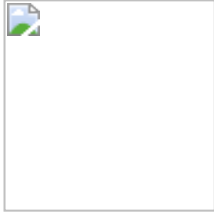
Education

58.

SB0175 | SCHOOL GRADING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Niederhauser, Wayne L

Status: Enrolled



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.



Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to study modifications to a school grading system model provided in statute, and make recommendations to the Education Interim

Committee for a school grading system, and provides that the school grading system shall take effect for the 2012-13 school year, rather than 2011-12.

Impact on Children:

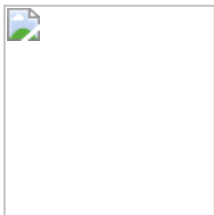
A single letter grade on schools will give a false impression that our schools are struggling to help all their students become proficient. This bill will delay implementation of last year's grading schools bill by one more year while the State Office of Education continues to modify the prescribed method of deciding the grade.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2000 Public Grading Schools Position Statement

Notes: Utah PTA is committed to improving accountability and communication to parents and to the public about school performance. Evaluation of a school's performance must include more than just student achievement. This would include such factors as teacher qualifications and use of professional development, class size, school safety, and drop out rates. Data relating to school performance must be put in context with other factors that can affect student performance such as the level of parent involvement, socio-economic status of families, level of student mobility, and the availability of other student support services. . .[Without this data,] Publishing grades for or ranking of schools will not reflect the overall achievement and level of performance for that school.

Education

59.



SB0178S01 | STATEWIDE ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Stephenson, Howard



Status: Senate Concurrence

Calendar

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill: requires the program name, "Statewide Online Education Program," to be used in the dissemination of information on the program, provides that the State Board of Education, including an employee of the State Board of Education, may not give preference to an online course or online course provider, modifies the fees paid to an online course provider for an online course based on current demand, provides for a bonus to an online course provider for a student attaining a certain score on an advanced placement test, International Baccalaureate test, or end-of-course achievement test, modifies the date when an online course provider receives payment for an online course, prescribes when a student may withdraw from an online course, prescribes procedures for the completion of a course credit acknowledgement, prohibits a student who enrolls in an online course from being counted in membership for a released-time class, permits a student taking an online course to take more than a full course load if allowed under local school board or charter school governing board policy, modifies requirements for reports on the performance of an online course provider, and provides for a declaration of intent to enroll in an online course and changes to a high school course schedule.

Impact on Children:

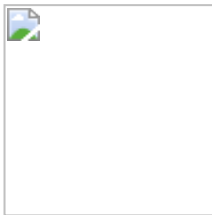
This bill amends the online education program in some helpful ways. However, it still fixes the fees for online courses that will draw much-needed funds away from the schools.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2010-2 Education Funding](#) [EDU 2010-2 Education Funding](#)

Notes: Resolved #1 That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority. Resolved #2 That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies. Resolved #3 That Utah PTA oppose vouchers, tax credits and deductions and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

Education

60.



SB0196 | SOFTWARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Sponsor: Niederhauser, Wayne L



Status: [House Education Standing Committee](#)

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to contract with a provider, selected through a request for proposals process, to provide computer software and activity manuals to improve social skills and student achievement for students with autism and other special needs in self-contained classrooms in pre-school through grade 2 and and directs the State Board of Education to distribute the computer software and activity manuals to those school districts and charter schools that demonstrate a commitment to implement as prescribed by the provider.

Impact on Children:

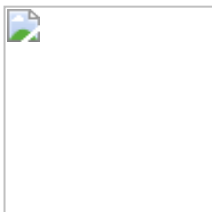
While this software for autistic children may be beneficial to their education, schools currently have the ability to incorporate it or other programs with their current funding. To mandate a program that will set aside \$3,000,000 takes away funding that they can control according to their needs.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2010-2 Education Funding](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies.

Education

61.



SB0211S01 | EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND RELATED FUNDING

Sponsor: McAdams, Benjamin M.



Status: [Senate 2nd Reading Calendar](#)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will reduce income tax revenue to the Education Fund by \$19,746,700 in FY2013 and \$20,897,000 in FY2014. The bill requires a transfer from the General Fund to the Education Fund for the total amount of state earned income tax credits taken in any given year, which equates to a transfer from the General Fund to the Education Fund of \$19,746,700 in FY2013 and \$20,897,000 in FY2014.

Description:

This bill enacts a state earned income tax credit, provides for apportionment of the tax credit, requires transfers from the General Fund into Education Fund in the amount of tax credit claimed, grants rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission, and and makes technical and conforming changes.

Impact on Children:

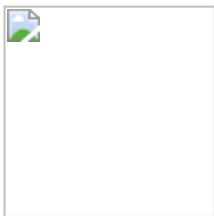
Payment of taxes is especially burdensome on the poorest among those who pay. The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) provides some relief. Offering similar relief on the state level would result in a drop to the revenue to the Education fund. This bill corrects that by refunding the lost revenue of the Education Fund with equal money from the General Fund. The Utah Earned Income Tax Credit would be set at 5% of the Federal EITC.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2010-2 Education Funding](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority

Education

62.



SB0249 | FIREARM POSSESSION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Madsen, Mark B.



Status: [Circled Senate 2nd Reading Calendar](#)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This bill provides that a person who complies with Utah law regarding the possession of firearms is exempt from federal license and verification provision and provides that a person who complies with Utah law regarding the possession of firearms is exempt from license and verification provisions in 18 U.S.C.

Impact on Children:

Guns on school grounds can pose a danger to children.

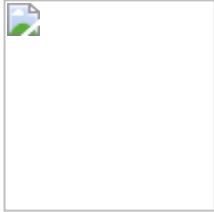
PTA Resolution: [SAF 1997-1 Safe Schools/Safe School Policies](#)

Notes: Resolved 3, That Utah PTA continues to work for enhanced legislation that promotes safe schools

Safety & Welfare

63.

SB0284 | CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
Stephen H. Urquhart



Status: Senate
3rd Reading Calendar

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This bill makes changes to the concurrent enrollment program and its funding.

Impact on Children:

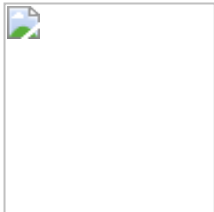
Courses delivered through technology are not subject to the corresponding geographic service region requirement A state institution of higher education may not charge tuition to a high school concurrent enrollment student

PTA Resolution: EDU 2006-1 Resolve 2

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage rigor in student academic pursuits, but also value each student’s diverse needs and post high school plans by encouraging statewide practices and requirements that achieve balance and flexibility in student curriculum.

Student Involvement

64.



SCR 13 S2 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ON COMMON CORE STANDARDS

Sponsor: Osmond, Aaron



Status: House Rules
Committee

Fiscal Note: -

Description:

This resolution urges the State Board of Education to reconsider the board's decision to adopt the Common Core standards and, in reconsidering the decision, evaluate the cost, control, and quality of Utah standards in comparison to the cost, control, and quality of the Common Core standards.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA encourages a core curriculum that includes comprehensive rigorous curriculum standards.

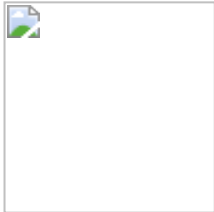
PTA Resolution: EDU 2006-1 High School Graduation Requirements

Notes: Resolve 1: Utah PTA encourage rigor in student academic pursuits, but also value each student’s diverse needs and post high school plans by encouraging statewide practices and requirements that achieve balance and flexibility in student curriculum

Education

65.

SCR005 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN



Sponsor: Jones, Patricia W.



Status: Governor's Office

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes and supports parental engagement in the education of their children and efforts by the school system and volunteer organizations to increase parent engagement.

Impact on Children:

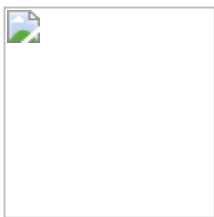
PTA was founded on the premise that parental involvement benefits children and works to provide parents with opportunities to be actively involved in their children's education.

PTA Resolution: National and State PTA Mission Statements

Notes: The Harvard Family Research Project has shown that parental engagement is key to academic achievement.

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SJR0022 | JOINT RESOLUTION ON STATE SPENDING LIMITS

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Sponsor Circled Bill on 3rd Reading--Bill will not

be Uncircled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

Description:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to: . limit legislative appropriations or expenditures to the amount the state spent in the preceding fiscal year, adjusted by inflation or deflation and any change in population, unless three-fifths of both houses approve, . require surplus state revenue to be used for debt service, for budget reserves, and for reserves for emergency preparedness and disaster relief, and require any remaining surplus revenue to be refunded to taxpayers, . reduce the spending limit by the amount required to sustain funding levels for a program or service transferred from state to political subdivision responsibility, and increase the spending limit by the amount required to sustain funding levels for a program or service transferred from political subdivision to State responsibility, and and . make technical changes.

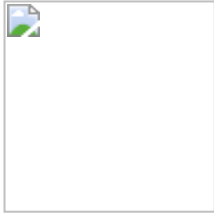
Impact on Children:

Passage of this Constitutional amendment will dramatically increase the difficulty to increase the funding to public education and to other programs for children and youth.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority.

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SJR005 | JOINT RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Senate Rules
Committee

Fiscal Note: Publication and distribution costs of submitting this proposed amendment to the voters will be \$14,700 from the General Fund in FY 2013.

Description:

This resolution clears the way for a Constitutional amendment giving the Governor general control and supervision of public education and higher education in the State.

Impact on Children:

PTA supports the democratic process and encourages its membership to be active participants in the election of child/parent-friendly representatives in the various elected bodies, including the State Board of Education. Utah PTA works closely with the State Board of Education in designing and implementing policies and curricula that benefit the children of the State of Utah.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board Of Education

Notes: Utah PTA recognizes the State Board of Education as the body elected to establish policy and curriculum for education in the State of Utah

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