

Bill Sheet - 2013 General Session of the 60th Legislature

50 Items

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1.



HB0013 | PROTECTION OF CHILDREN RIDING IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Sponsor: Arent, Patrice M.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Beginning in FY 2015, enforcement through the courts will cost about \$6,600 in ongoing General Fund that will be off-set by annual General Fund revenue of \$5,000 from fines for a net annual impact of \$1,600.

Description:

This bill defines smoking, prohibits a person from smoking in a motor vehicle if a child who is 15 years of age or younger is a passenger in the vehicle, provides that violating the smoking prohibition is an infraction and has a maximum fine of \$45, provides that until July 1, 2014, a peace officer may not issue a citation to an individual for a violation of this section but shall issue the individual a warning informing the individual that smoking is prohibited in a motor vehicle if a child who is 15 years of age or younger is a passenger in the vehicle, provides that a court may suspend the fine for a violation if the person has not previously been convicted of smoking in a vehicle when a child is present and proves that the person has enrolled in a smoking cessation program, provides that enforcement of the smoking prohibition shall be only as a secondary action, and provides that a violation of the smoking prohibition may not be used as a basis for or evidence of child abuse or neglect.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides that enforcement of the smoking prohibition shall be only as a secondary action. Important to the health of children this bill prohibits a person from smoking in a motor vehicle if a child who is 15 years of age or younger is a passenger in the vehicle and provides that a court may suspend the fine for a violation if the person has not previously been convicted of smoking in a vehicle when a child is present and proves that the person has enrolled in a smoking cessation program.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2010-3 Protection from Secondhand and Thirdhand Smoke

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to educate parents and youth concerning the hazards of secondhand and third-hand smoke and the damage it can do to the lungs of children, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage parents to ban smoking inside their homes and cars for the health of their children, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support legislative efforts to protect children and youth from second- and third-hand smoke.

Health

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Bill Status

- 21 Enacting Clause stricken
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HB0022 | UTAH COMMISSION ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

Sponsor: Bird, Jim



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill changes the name of the Utah Commission on Volunteers to the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism and modifies the membership and size of the commission.

Impact on Children:

This bill would expand the Commission on Volunteerism and Service which ultimately benefits Children in many areas as they are impacted by the focus of the service to the community. There are also High School youth Groups who participate as Volunteers and learn service to benefit their own communities and the state at large.

PTA Resolution: COM 1977-1 Community Involvement

Notes: That PTA promote community involvement and active participation on all projects and concerns that are in keeping with the Objects and Purposes of the PTA.

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Community Involvement

3.



HB0031 | ENTICING A MINOR AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Webb, Curt R.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No statewide fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill clarifies that the elements of the offense of enticing a minor do not include intent to complete a sexual offense with a minor, modifies the definition of "text messaging", and provides that the penalties for enticing a minor are based on the level of sexual conduct the actor solicits, seduces, lures, or entices, or attempts to solicit, seduce, lure, or entice a minor to engage in.

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.

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Safety & Welfare

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HB0040 | SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Sponsor: Powell, Kraig



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill amends the dates on which the governor, Legislature, or the legislative body of a local political subdivision may schedule, respectively, a statewide or local special election and and makes technical changes.

Impact on Children:

Special Elections for Bonding and Tax purposes affect the overall funding for Educational purposes.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: 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 and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

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Community Involvement

5.



HB0050 | DATING VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT

Sponsor: Seelig, Jennifer M.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will cost the Courts \$124,200 ongoing from the General Fund beginning in FY 2014 for judge and court clerk time. Provisions of the bill will also cost the Department of Corrections an estimated \$27,400 in FY 2014 ongoing from the General Fund for incarceration costs.

Description:

This bill provides for the issuance, modification, and enforcement of protective orders between parties who are, or who have been, in a dating relationship when the parties are emancipated or 18 years of age or older. The parties must have been in a dating relationship with each other and one of the a parties commits abuse or dating violence against the other party. This bill further describes the conditions that may be placed on an alleged perpetrator of dating violence in a protective order.

Impact on Children:

Those student who are 18 years old, including those still possibly in high school, when involved in a violent relationship will have a legal recourse to get a protective order. Currently this option is not available because the current law only allows for protective orders if there is a child between the parties or in the case of cohabitation.

PTA Resolution: [STU 2009-1 Teen Dating Violence](#)

Notes: Resolved 4: That Utah PTA supports adequate legislation that applies legal consequences for violence in dating relationships.

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Student Involvement

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HB0052 | CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REVISIONS

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill adds new "spice" and "bath salts" analogs to the list of unscheduled controlled substances and and makes a technical spelling correction of a substance listed in the scheduled 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.

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Safety & Welfare

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HB0055 | AMENDMENTS RELATED TO EDUCATION FUNDING

Sponsor: Briscoe, Joel K.



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: By fixing the personal exemption at \$2,850, enactment of this bill increase income tax revenue \$9,155,000 in FY 2014 and \$9,796,000 in FY 2015

Description:

This bill establishes a set tax rate for the minimum basic tax rate, subject to the rate generating a specified revenue amount, eliminates an advertising requirement related to the minimum basic tax rate, and changes the personal exemption component of the individual income tax credit calculation from a percentage of the federal personal exemption to a fixed dollar amount per exemption.

Impact on Children:

Most of the funds for public education come from state income tax and local property tax. As we have seen in the past ten years, the ups and downs of the economy affect revenue for education. When times are good, programs that are very helpful to education get started and when times get bad, these programs are likely to be cut, creating a herky-jerky system and the students suffer for it. This bill helps smooth the bumps caused by economic conditions. It creates a "floor" for education funding and allows funding to increase as conditions improve. This will provide more stable education funding and more reliable education for all students.

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 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

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Education

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HB0059 | SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Nielson, Jim



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may increase statewide election costs by up to \$550,000 every four years, beginning FY 2015. It may increase local governments' costs by up to \$2.3

million every four years.

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, 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, designates a county clerk as the election officer for the election of the State Board of Education and local school boards, requires a notice for a school board election, establishes a ballot form for school board elections, establishes declaration of candidacy requirements for school board elections, establishes requirements for a school board primary election, changes the dates of an interim report of campaign finances, adjusts terms of current and future board members, and and makes conforming and technical amendments.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. It repeals the current statewide, central nominating and recruiting committee and restores direct, nonpartisan election of the State School Board. It moves the election of state and local school board members to odd numbered years along with other nonpartisan elections.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education

Notes: Resolved #2: 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.

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Education

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HB0103 | WIRELESS TELEPHONE USE RESTRICTIONS

Sponsor: Perry, Lee B.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will result in a \$1,200 per year net increase in Ongoing General Fund revenue beginning in FY 2014. Enactment of this bill will cost the courts \$4,000 per year from the General Fund. The bill will also generate about \$5,200 per year in new General Fund revenue.

Description:

This bill prohibits a person younger than 18 years of age from using a wireless telephone to communicate with another person while operating a motor vehicle, provides affirmative defenses to the wireless telephone prohibition, specifies a penalty for violating the wireless telephone prohibition, provides that a violation of the wireless telephone prohibition is not a reportable violation, and prohibits the Driver License Division from assessing points against a person's driving record for being convicted of violating the wireless telephone prohibition.

Impact on Children:

It would make them safer drivers

PTA Resolution: National PTA Teen Driving Safety

Notes: Resolved #2: 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

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Student Involvement

10.



HB0105 | SERIOUS YOUTH OFFENDER AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Snow, V. Lowry



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill requires a youth court that accepts referrals to be certified, allows the proceedings of youth courts to be shared with the referring agency, victim, and juvenile court under certain circumstances, expands the membership of the Youth Court Board to include the president of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice, extends terms of office of board members to four-year, rather than two-year terms, and makes technical corrections.

Impact on Children:

PTA Resolution: NPTA Position Statement on Child Safety and Protection

Notes: Promote alternative dispute resolution techniques that provide a range of possible sanctions.

Student Involvement

11.



HB0118 S02 | AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ACCOUNT

Sponsor: Cunningham, R.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates \$300,000 General Fund annually from FY 2014 through FY 2016 into the newly created General Fund Restricted--Automatic External Defibrillator Account and then from that account to the Department of Health.

Description:

This bill creates the Automatic External Defibrillator Account, provides for the use of account funds, grants rulemaking authority to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for the use of account funds, and and establishes restrictions on how account funds may be used.

Impact on Children:

By having an AED in the schools, it could save the life of a child that is going into cardiac arrest.

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

Notes: Raise awareness of the need for safe recreational equipment and facilities, playground safety, protective sports gear, and school bus safety.

Health

12.



HB0139 S5 | SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS ACTION CENTER

Sponsor:



Peterson, Val L.

Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$15,000,000 ongoing General Fund to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for establishment of the STEM Action Center. The \$15,000,000 ongoing appropriation is partially offset in FY 2014 by a \$5,000,000 one-time General Fund reduction to the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The bill also appropriates \$5,000,000 one-time General Fund in FY 2014 to the State Board of Education for grants to school districts and charter schools for STEM

related career and technical education classes.

Description:

This bill: creates a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Action Center Board, requires the STEM Action Center Board to: establish a STEM Action Center, and appoint an executive director to oversee administration of the STEM Action Center, requires the Governor's Office of Economic Development to staff the STEM Action Center Board and the STEM Action Center, requires the STEM Action Center Board to select providers, through a request for proposals process, to provide education related instructional technology, requires the STEM Action Center Board to work with private industry to obtain private funding and support for the STEM Action Center, requires the STEM Action Center Board to perform certain duties related to the STEM Action Center, requires the executive director to track student achievement and progress in STEM areas, requires the STEM Action Center Board, and all providers selected through a request for proposals process, to report to the Education Interim Committee, the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the State Board of Education once each year, and requires the State Board of Education to award grants to school districts and charter schools for STEM related education courses if certain conditions are met.

Impact on Children:

The focus of the STEM Action Center is to collaborate with the State Board of Education, to generate best practices for encouraging greater achievement among students in STEM fields, to support and facilitate professional development. By having the Action Center under the direction of the Governor's Office of Economic Development is bringing more advocates to the cause of public education.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2011-1 Excellence in Teaching

Notes: Standard 6: Collaborating with Community Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation. Resolved #2: That Utah PTA support high standards for teacher preparation, licensing, hiring, recertification, professional development, particularly for beginning teachers, and ongoing training as curriculum changes, in order to promote the academic achievement of all students

The work of the STEM Action Center should focus on professional development and increased funding of the WPU should be of the highest priority

Education

13.



HB0154 | SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Sponsor: Eliason, Steve



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates \$150,000 ongoing from the General Fund to the State Board of Education and \$100,000 ongoing from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services to provide suicide prevention coordinators as outlined in

the bill.

Description:

This bill provides requirements for suicide prevention programs.

Impact on Children:

It will help to educate our youth, parents and teachers and prevent teen suicide.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention

Notes: Resolve #1 That the Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers support legislation and school district programs which address the development and implementation of a comprehensive (K-12) age appropriate youth suicide prevention program in all school districts in Utah

Family Life

14.



HB0206 | INTERNET SAFETY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Hutchings, Eric K.



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill modifies requirements for Internet safety policies for public schools, including requiring certain material to be blocked or filtered and requiring the deployment of a technology protection device for a computer while the computer is used off campus.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will increase internet safety precautions used when schools provide such devices as I-pads for use by students at home.

PTA Resolution: SAF 2012-2 Safety and Education for the Internet

Notes: Resolved #3: Utah PTA and its constituent organizations inform and educate parents, educators, policy makers, and communities on the dangers associated with the Internet and that information be provided for the reporting of violations of safety, and be it further Resolved #4: Utah PTA and its constituent organizations provide training to parents, educators, and students for the safe, responsible, effective, and ethical use of the Internet and other communication technology.

Safety & Welfare

15.



HB0267 | STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS

Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill 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 for the State Board of Education in the selection process, and makes technical corrections.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. It dissolves the current statewide, central nominating committee and establishes direct, nonpartisan election of State School Board members.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education](#)

Notes: Resolved #2: 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.

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HB0269 | TRAINING OF SCHOOL NURSES

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Signed by Governor

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

Description:

This bill permits a school nurse to treat a child who sustains a concussion or traumatic head injury during school hours on school property, prohibits a school nurse from providing a written statement permitting the child to return to physical education class after sustaining a concussion or traumatic head injury unless the nurse has been trained in the evaluation and management of a head injury, and requires a school nurse to, as funding allows, undergo training in the evaluation and management of a concussion, unless the school where the nurse is employed has an athletic trainer or other qualified health care provider who is trained in the evaluation and management of a concussion.

Impact on Children:

The safety of children is important to parents and school personnel. More today than ever information is coming forth about the serious nature of head injuries. Utah PTA knows our children will be best served if school nurses are prepared and able to assist immediately after a head injury occurs.

PTA Resolution: [National PTA Resolution on School Health Councils](#)

Notes: Resolved, That National PTA and its constituent organizations (Utah PTA) support health education efforts throughout the entire school, including in cafeteria offerings and physical education programs.

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Health

17.



HB0271 S02 | FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Sponsor: Bird, Jim



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill would reduce the General Fund by \$7,461,600 in FY 2014 and by \$14,456,500 in FY 2015. There will be corresponding increases in the Education Fund revenues and expenditures of the same amounts. In subsequent years the Education Fund base will be increased by 25% of the new liquor revenue growth.

Description:

This bill defines terms, directs the deposit of 25% of the growth in the amount of liquor revenues to the Education Fund, provides for the distribution of the liquor revenues to local educational agencies, and addresses money deposited into the Education Fund.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill offers increased sources of funding for 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 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

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Education

18.



HB0278 S1 | SCHOOL SEISMIC STUDIES

Sponsor: Froerer, Gage



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No state fiscal impact. Enactment of this bill would initially cost local districts about \$500 per building, or \$300,000 overall. For schools requiring further evaluation beyond the initial rapid visual screening, the seismic safety evaluation could cost up

to \$4,000 per school.

Description:

This bill requires a school district to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of a school district building constructed before 1975 if the school district issues certain general obligation bonds on or after July 1, 2013 and provides that a school district is not required to conduct or update a seismic safety evaluation of a building constructed before 1975 if a seismic safety evaluation was performed on the building within the 25-year period before the school district issues certain general obligation bonds.

Impact on Children:

PTA Resolution: SAF 2012-1 Utah Students at Risk, Need for Rapid Visual Screening Seismic Study

Notes: That the Utah PTA urge the Legislature to adequately fund, from other than the General Education Fund, to complete a "rapid visual screening of all school buildings built before 1974

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Safety & Welfare

19.

HB0282 | SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Greenwood, Richard A.

Status: Signed by Governor



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact



Description:

This bill modifies a definition in Title 76, Chapter 5b, Sexual Exploitation Act, to provide consistency.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will further clarify sexual explicit conduct that is prohibited.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2010-1 Home and Community Influence on Early Sexual Involvement

Notes: 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.

Safety & Welfare

20.



HB0283 | SAFETY BELT ENFORCEMENT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Perry, Lee B.



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No statewide fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill provides that a state or local law enforcement officer may only enforce the safety belt restraint requirement as a secondary action on a highway with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less.

Impact on Children:

Having seat belt required as a primary offense increases awareness of the importance of using seat belts thereby saving the live of children especially at freeway speeds.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1998-2 Standard Seat Belt Legislation

Notes: Resolved 2, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage public-private partnerships among public officials, law enforcement agencies, associations, communities, health groups and businesses to work to ensure that all Utah children and adults buckle up. Resolved 3, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage and support passage of legislation that will endorse standard seat belt law that will increase the effective use of seat belts in the state of Utah.

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Safety & Welfare

21.

HB0293 | SCHOOL PARENT ORGANIZATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Brown, Derek E.



Status:
Enacting Clause
stricken



Fiscal Note:
No fiscal impact

Description:
This bill amends references to parent organizations and and makes technical changes.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA supports and encourages all parents to be involved in their child's education.

PTA Resolution: Position Statement on Family Engagement in Education

Notes: Resolved, that Utah PTA actively seek or develop and promote programs that assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children, and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies provide opportunities for parents to feel welcome at their children's schools and to interact positively with teachers and other school personnel, and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA promote the use of programs and tools, such as the Family Education Plan, to guide parents, alongside their children, in forming plans for their children's education, and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA support policies of the State Board of Education and local school districts that result in practices that encourage parental engagement in education, and and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage partnerships between community members and public schools that will champion parental engagement in education.

Utah PTA Reserves Position on this bill until a definition of parent-teacher association/organization is included in the bill that Utah PTA agrees with.

Community Involvement

22.



HB0298 | PARENT SEMINAR ON YOUTH PROTECTION

Sponsor:
Eliason,
Steve



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill modifies Title 53A, Chapter 15, Standards and Programs, by requiring the State Board of Education and school districts to implement a parent seminar on various issues. This bill requires school districts to offer an annual seminar to parents with information on substance abuse, bullying, mental health, and Internet safety, requires the State Board of Education to develop a curriculum and provide it to requesting school districts, and report on the program to the Education Interim Committee, and and requires a school district to notify charter schools located within the school district's boundaries of the parent seminar.

Impact on Children:

PTA Resolution: FAM 2007-1 Parenting

Notes: That Utah PTA recognizes the importance of parental roles and encourages parental involvement in all aspects of their children's lives, and be it further That Utah PTA provide resources to teach parenting skills and assist parents in being more effective parents, and be it further That Utah PTA 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, and be it further That Utah PTA support, seek resources, and conduct

awareness campaigns for parenting programs that teach skills and assist parents in educating their children in substance abuse prevention, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies urge school officials to work closely with the parents in their communities to better coordinate home and school activities, and and be it further

While this is a local issue and resources for Parent Seminars are readily available, PTA is a partner with the schools and will encourage PTA units to assist in the effort to educate parents with important information on critical issues to protect children and students throughout the state

Family Life

23.



HB0306 | SCHOOL LAND TRUST AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Perry, Lee B.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill shifts about \$155,000 (0.5% of total appropriation) in Interest and Dividends funding between local education agencies and the average charter school will see an increase in allocation of about \$1,790 (7%), whereas the

average school district will see a decrease in allocation of about \$3,700 (0.2%).

Description:

This bill does three things. First, it simplifies the requirements for parents serving on School Community Councils. Second, it sets out a specific formula to address the distribution of Trust Land monies which reflects the continued growth of charter schools. Finally, it preserves the right for parents to be in the majority when decisions are made about School Trust Land money, regardless if their child attends a traditional or charter public school.

Impact on Children:

This bill will simplify the requirements of School Community Councils (SCCs) while maintaining that at all public schools (charter and traditional) parents retain their majority voice in speaking on behalf of their children.

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, Open Meetings Act compliance, and the use of sub-committees, and

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Education

24.

HB0307 | CPR TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman



Status: Enacting Clause stricken



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$200,000 ongoing from the Education Fund for costs associated with the development and implementation of instruction in lifesaving emergency procedures.

Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to include instruction in lifesaving emergency procedures, including instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), in the core curriculum standards for instruction in health.

Impact on Children:

Children have a wide variety of health needs and situations and and Medical emergencies may occur at school that require immediate action.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1996-1 School Health and First Aid Preparedness

Notes: That Utah PTA notify state and local school officials about the Health Department Policy (Adm Code R 449-507) requiring three trained First Aid/CPR personnel be available in every local school and and be it further That Utah PTA work with school districts and local schools to encourage first aid training and use of universal precautions for all school personnel.

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Health

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HB0318 S1 | CLASSROOM SIZE REVISIONS

Sponsor: Edwards, Rebecca P.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal note

Description:

This bill, as substituted, requires a school district or charter school to submit a plan for, and a report on, the use of class size reduction money to qualify for the school district's or charter school's allocation of class size reduction money. It also specifies information to be included in a plan for, and a report on, the use of class size reduction money and and requires the State Board of Education to make an annual report to the Education Interim Committee.

Impact on Children:

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 requires schools to report how they are using class size reduction money. This reporting heightens awareness as to what might be done to further reduce class size and use the class size reduction funding effectively.

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.

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Education

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HB0372 | CIGARETTE, TOBACCO, AND NICOTINE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Enacting Clause
stricken

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may increase tobacco tax and sales tax revenue by \$1,628,000 in FY 2014 and \$1,661,000 in FY 2015. Under current law, a portion of sales tax is set aside for transportation and other purposes. The set-aside would be approximately \$36,000 in FY 2014 and FY 2015.

Description:

This bill defines terms and amends definitions of tobacco product to include certain nicotine products and makes it a class C misdemeanor if a proprietor of a retail tobacco specialty business knowingly permit a person under age 19 to enter the retail tobacco specialty business.

Impact on Children:

Reduces access of nicotine products to children.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

Notes: Resolved, 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).

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Health

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HB0374 | STATE SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION REVISIONS

Sponsor: Powell, Kraig



Status: Enacting Clause
stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal note

Description:

This bill prohibits a lobbyist from serving as a member of the nominating and recruiting committee for the State Board of Education.

Impact on Children:

This bill will help prevent the manipulation of the State School Board Nominating and Recruiting Committee by special interest groups.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education

Notes: Resolved #2: 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

28.



HB0393 | COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Hughes, Gregory H.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may result in one-time costs of \$9,000 to the State Office of Education for creation of a course-level formula distribution program and for reporting allocation recommendations to the Legislature.

Description:

This bill requires that, before the 2014 General Session, the State Board of Education make recommendations on a possible funding formula for competency-based courses and allows a school district or charter school to establish competency-based curriculum standards and assessments that would result in course credit if the student demonstrates competency in the subject.

Impact on Children:

Districts across the state are finding ways to accommodate the accelerated learners by advancing students into upper grades and allowing students to test out of classes for credit. In addition, the State Board of Education is currently revising graduation requirements to be more competency-based. The funding element of this bill will be very disruptive and will not advance the goals of greater options for students.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-3 Providing Appropriate Educational Opportunities For Gifted/Accelerated Learners Statewide

Notes: Resolved, that Utah PTA encourage the State Board of Education and the state legislature to support funding that assists the schools in developing programs which promote the appropriate educational, social, and emotional development of gifted/accelerated learners and that such legislative support recognize that funds must be adequate to provide program development and program implementation.

Education

29.



HCR002 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REDUCE OBESITY IN UTAH

Sponsor: Barlow, Stewart



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

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 effects of obesity on individual health.

Impact on Children:

Poor nutrition and lack of physical activity is a growing problem among children as well as adults in the State of Utah and throughout the United States of America

PTA Resolution: HEA 2008-1 Nutrition and Exercise

Notes: 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 and be it further 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.

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Health

30.



HJR008 | JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE BENEFITS OF ADOPTING COMMON CORE STANDARDS

Sponsor: Bird, Jim

Status: Enacting Clause
stricken



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This resolution recognizes that the adoption of the Utah Core Standards by the Utah State Board of Education has brought significant benefits to the students of Utah as they prepare for college and careers.

Impact on Children:

High standards of education will benefit children by guiding a rigorous curriculum that better prepares students for post-high school success. The Common Core Standards adopted into our own state standards by the Utah State Board of Education, has resulted in higher quality standards. The State Office of Education is providing professional development seminars, as funding allows, to give teachers additional training.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2012-1 PTA Support for Core Education Standards

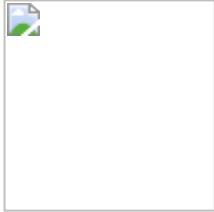
Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA recognizes the State Board of Education as the body elected to establish policy and curriculum for education in the State of Utah

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Education

31.

SB0034 | SPECIAL ELECTION DATE FOR BALLOT PROPOSITIONS



Sponsor:



Stephenson, Howard A.

Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill requires an election for a bond, debt, leeway, levy, or tax to take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and and makes technical and conforming amendments.

Impact on Children:

Special Bond Elections and Tax Elections affects the Funding for education. This would affect all children.

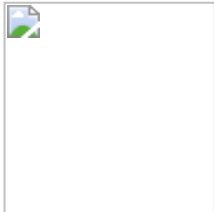
PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: 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 and other similar funding sources for public and private preschool, elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for students.

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Community Involvement

32.



SB0039 | PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEX EDUCATION TRAINING

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to develop and offer training to parents with information on health education and human sexuality. It also requires the State Board of Education to develop a training curriculum, including materials parents may use to educate their children.

Impact on Children:

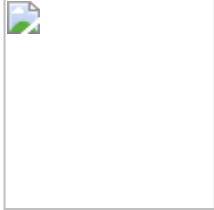
Our children are bombarded with sexual messages through technology and the media which may affect their sexual behavior and over the passed several years health officials have reported significantly higher birth and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) rates among various ethnic groups. To combat the forces of technology and media Utah PTA encourages our state legislators to support funding of programs that provide resources for parents to assume their role as primary sex educators of their children. Parents have the most influence on teen sexual decisions and 9 out of 10 teens say it would be easier to wait to have sex if they could talk to their parents about it and programs have been developed to help parents have this discussion.

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

Notes: Resolved #1: That Utah PTA encourages the approval of programs that assist parents in assuming their responsibility as the primary educators of their children in the sensitive and vital area of sex education

Family Life

33.



SB0043 S1 | FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC LITERACY EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Jones, Patricia W.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish a task force to study and make recommendations to the board on how to improve financial and economic literacy education in the public school system, requires the task force to study certain issues relating to financial and economic literacy education, and and requires the State Board of Education to report to the Education Interim Committee.

Impact on Children:

The State Board of Education has the expertise to evaluate the quality of education programs and identify best practices and best results. This task force will be an effective tool in creating improved graduation requirements.

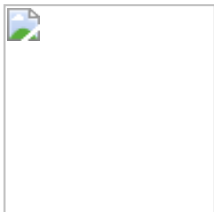
PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education

Notes: Resolved, That 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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Education

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SB0053 | INTERGENERATIONAL WELFARE REFORM

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill will cost the Department of Workforce Services \$2,100 ongoing from the General Fund for the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission and the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee per diem and travel expenses beginning in FY 2014. The Department of Workforce Services indicates it can handle these costs within its current budget.

Description:

This bill: creates and provides for the membership of the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission and the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee, describes the commission's and the committee's purpose, duty, and meeting requirements, describes the commission's reporting requirements, and provides for the expenses of commission and advisory committee members.

Impact on Children:

This bill will help to identify and create a plan to break the poverty cycle.

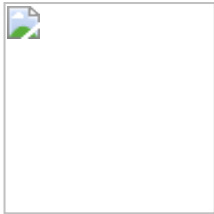
PTA Resolution: [Utah PTA Legislative Policy](#)

Notes: General Principles: Equal justice, privileges, opportunities, and responsibilities in every phase of life for all children and youth, while recognizing that each child is unique with individual needs and talents.

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Family Life

35.



SB0055 S04 | INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Sponsor: Shiozawa,
Brian E.



Status: Enacting Clause

stricken

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could cost between \$1 and \$13 million annually for state, public education, and higher education insurance coverage and increased expenditures in the Children's Health Insurance Program . Cost will depend upon prevalence, take-up rates, and medical claims experience. Assuming a take-up rate of 1 in 154 covered children and average annual claims paid of \$4,000 per patient, enacting the bill could cost the state \$1.8 million in FY 2014 and \$2.3 million in FY 2015. Under the Affordable Care Act, the state may also have to offer premium tax credits to those covered on an individual health exchange. Revenue loss to the Education Fund cannot be determined at this time as the future size of any individual exchange is unknown.

Description:

This bill amends the pilot program for autism spectrum disorder services in the Medicaid program. It amends the age of the children who may participate in the Medicaid autism treatment pilot program.

Impact on Children:

Coverage of health care, behavioral, and psychotherapeutic services for autism and other diagnosed developmental delays is limited, inconsistent, or excluded altogether by private health plans and insurers, leading to denial of coverage and leaving families with lost time and no services

PTA Resolution: [HEA 2009-1 Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA support efforts to ensure appropriate and equitable coverage by private health plans and insurers for the diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of individuals with autism and other disorders causing developmental delays and and be it further

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Health

36.

SB0069 | ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE



Sponsor: Okerlund, Ralph



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to a computer adaptive assessment system, including: requiring computer adaptive assessments to be aligned with Utah's core standards, and deleting the requirement that the State Board of Education make rules pertaining to the award of money to school districts and charter schools for the purchase of computer adaptive tests, requiring a school district or school to provide a password protected electronic data system to provide U-PASS test results to professional and other appropriate staff and a student's parent or guardian, and imposing requirements regarding the data that may be accessed by the public, professional, and other appropriate staff, and a student's parent or guardian, modifies the content of a school performance report, which includes information about the academic achievement and demographic characteristics of a school's students, modifies procedures for publicly disclosing a school performance report, and and requires the State Board of Education, in meeting reporting requirements of a school performance report, to protect each student's privacy by not revealing personally identifiable information about a student.

Impact on Children:

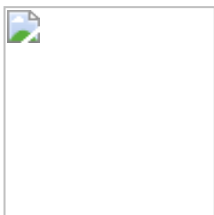
This bill would preserve privacy of student information while still allowing parents to find information about the academic proficiency and growth of the students at all public schools in tested subjects. The section of code that this bill amends would continue to contradict legislation that guaranteed privacy of teacher evaluations. Until this contradiction is removed, it is unclear whether children will benefit at all from this bill.

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

37.



SB0071 | RESULTS-BASED FINANCING FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

Sponsor: Osmond, Aaron



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the GFR-Results-based Early Education Restricted Account created in the bill. The bill appropriates \$175,000 from the GFR-Results-based Early Education Restricted Account to the Department of Workforce Services to perform administrative and evaluation requirements outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill creates the Results-based Early Education Board (board) to negotiate contracts with private investors to fund certain early education programs, requires the repayment to private investors to be conditioned on meeting performance outcomes set in the contract, Requires an independent evaluation of the performance outcomes, Requires the Department of Workforce Services to staff the board, allows the board no more than

\$10,000,000 of outstanding obligations at any one time, details components of a high quality preschool program that may be funded through a results-based contract between the board and private investors, describes a home-based technology program that may be funded through a results-based contract between the board and private investors, and establishes reporting requirements.

Impact on Children:

This bill addresses the needs of children who are in need of special help and may be economically disadvantaged. Experiences in early childhood determine whether a child's developing brain architecture provides a strong foundation for future learning, behavior, and health. Parents will have an opportunity to access a program that will assist their child's further development. Much research shows the earlier the intervention the better the results will be for the child and hence will affect his/her future abilities for success.

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

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Family Life

38.



SB0100 | HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Stevenson,
Jerry W.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill allows the Board of Regents to assign additional weights to grades earned in International Baccalaureate program courses in determining scholarship eligibility in the Regents' Scholarship Program, beginning July 1, 2013, changes the requirement for a student receiving a New Century scholarship or an Exemplary Academic Achievement award under the Regents' Scholarship Program to: register for at least 15 credit hours per semester, and maintain a 3.3 GPA, and exempts the Board of Regents from verifying lawful presence of certain scholarship applicants.

Impact on Children:

The Regent Scholarships and New Century Scholarships provide great incentives to students to excel in their studies. The inclusion of International Baccalaureate courses among those qualified for enhanced GPA scores, further rewards the students who take on the challenge of the IB program.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-3 Providing Appropriate Educational Opportunities for Accelerated Learners

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the State Board of Education and the state legislature to support funding that assists the schools in developing programs which promote the appropriate educational, social, and emotional development of gifted/accelerated learners and that such legislative support recognize that funds must be adequate to provide program development and program implementation

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Education

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SB0103 | CARSON SMITH SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Adams, J. Stuart



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill requires an annual increase in the appropriation supporting the Carson Smith Scholarships for Students with Special Needs Program. In FY 2014, this increase is estimated at \$1,726,800 ongoing from the General Fund to the State Board of Education.

Description:

This bill: requires the Legislature to annually increase the amount of money appropriated for scholarship payments by a certain amount and requires the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee to study the requirement to annually increase appropriations for scholarship payments if the percentage of scholarship students equals or exceeds 7% of the public school students statewide in grades kindergarten through 12 who have an IEP

Impact on Children:

This is a private school voucher. Utah PTA opposes the diversion of public education monies to private schools.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: 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.

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Education

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SB0110 | SCHOOL-BASED BUDGETING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Stephenson,
Howard A.



Status: Enacting Clause
stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill requires a school district to distribute, by July 1, 2017, no less than 85% of Minimum School Program revenues to schools, requires a school district to allocate Minimum School Program revenues distributed to a school in accordance with a weighted student formula, with exceptions, directs a school principal to prepare a school budget and consult with an advisory committee in preparing a school budget, and submit the school budget to the local school board for approval, requires a school budget to be aligned with and support the school instructional, academic, and student achievement goals, requires a school principal to determine how to use revenue available to the school to meet the needs of the school's students, and requires a school district to publish on the school district's website information on revenue available to a school and the school budget.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a "backpacking" bill that has the funding follow individual children. Backpacking is related to vouchers and tax credits.

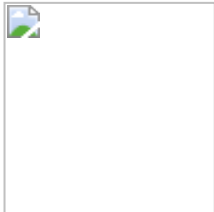
PTA Resolution: [EDU 2010-2 Education Funding](#)

Notes: 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.

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Education

41.



SB0114 | SAFETY BELT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Robles, Luz](#)

Status: [Enacting Clause stricken](#)



Fiscal Note: [No statewide fiscal impact.](#)

Description:

This bill: provides that a state or local law enforcement officer may only enforce the safety belt restraint requirement as a secondary action on a highway with a posted speed limit of less than 55 miles per hour.

Impact on Children:

Having seat belt required as a primary offense increases awareness of the importance of using seat belts thereby saving the live of children especially at freeway speeds.

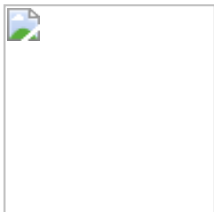
PTA Resolution: [SAF 1998-2 Standard Seat belt Legislation](#)

Notes: Resolved 2, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage public-private partnerships among public officials, law enforcement agencies, associations, communities, health groups and businesses to work to ensure that all Utah children and adults buckle up. Resolved 3, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage and support passage of legislation that will endorse standard seat belt law that will increase the effective use of seat belts in the state of Utah.

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Safety & Welfare

42.



SB0133 | SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:



Stephenson, Howard A.

Status: [Enacting Clause stricken](#)

Fiscal Note: [Implementation of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \\$11,800 one time from the Education Fund to implement the data reporting revisions outlined in the bill.](#)

Description:

This bill: * modifies the content of a school performance report, which includes information about the academic achievement and demographic characteristics of a school's students, * provides for public online access to a school performance report, and and * requires the State Board of Education, in meeting reporting requirements of a school performance report, to protect students' privacy by not revealing aggregated test scores if fewer than 10 test scores are in the group of aggregated test scores.

Impact on Children:

This bill would preserve privacy of student information while still allowing parents to find information about the academic proficiency and growth of the students at all public schools and of individual teachers in tested subjects. The section of code that this bill amends would continue to contradict legislation that guaranteed privacy of teacher evaluations. Until this contradiction is removed, it is unclear whether children will benefit at all from this bill.

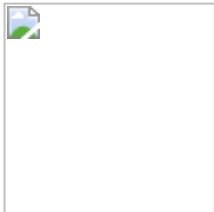
PTA Resolution: [EDU 2011-1 Excellence in Teaching](#)

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.

SB0133 is incorporated into SB0069 with changes that eliminate the contradictions in code.

Education

43.



SB0141 | EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION ON TAX RETURNS

Sponsor: Thatcher,
Daniel W.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may increase revenue to the Uniform School Fund Restricted - Invest More for Education Account by \$20,000 in FY 2014 and \$25,000 in FY 2015.

Description:

This bill provides an individual income tax contribution for the Invest More for Education Account, creates a restricted account known as the Invest More for Education Account, including: providing funding for the account, and providing that the Legislature may appropriate money from the account for the support of the public education system, and provides that if the collections from the contribution do not meet a certain threshold amount, the State Tax Commission shall remove the designation for the contribution from the individual income tax return and may not collect the contribution.

Impact on Children:

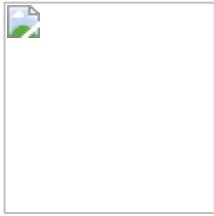
Polls have indicated that the public wants to see greater funding for education and are willing to be taxed for it. This bill would allow tax payers to contribute voluntarily to education. Budget cuts leave schools to struggle meeting needs. If this will give schools more revenue, children's education will benefit.

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 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.

Education

44.



SB0169 | EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates \$64,000 one time to pay the costs of the task force

Description:

This bill creates the Education Task Force, provides for membership of the task force and compensation for members, and and specifies duties and responsibilities of the task force.

Impact on Children:

The legislature has responsibility for funding of public education. Meetings of the Education Task Force give legislative leaders the opportunity to learn about the vision, goals, budget priorities, and education standards from the State Board of Education. Currently, there is little opportunity for this sort of exchange outside the context of supporting or opposing one or another piece of proposed legislation. Communication is a necessary first step in uniting efforts to strengthen public education and coordinate efforts for college and career readiness.

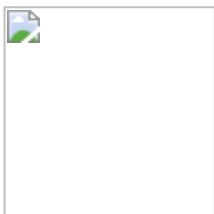
PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority and Resolved, That Utah PTA recognizes the State Board of Education as the body elected to establish policy and curriculum for education in the State of Utah

Reserved position until education leaders are added to the task force

Education

45.



SB0243 | BULLYING AND HAZING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Robles, Luz



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill modifies provisions regarding bullying and hazing of school employees and students. This bill: amends the definitions of bullying and hazing, requires a local school board or charter school governing board to update the school board's policies regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation by September 1, 2013, and and makes technical and conforming amendments.

Impact on Children:

Bullying is a worldwide problem that can have negative consequences for the general school climate and for the rights of students to learn in a safe environment without fear.

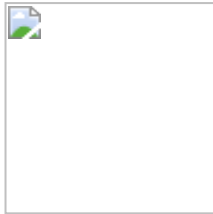
PTA Resolution: [SAF 2001-1 Bullying](#)

Notes: That each local unit work with the school administration to develop a school program in compliance with district policies, designed by the entire school community, including parents, teachers, students, professional staff, custodial staff and others, that includes a list of rules, posted in each classroom, against bullying to create a school climate where bullying is not tolerated.

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Health

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SB0270 | CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Vickers, Evan J.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill adds all forms of tramadol to the list of Schedule V controlled substances and adds new "spice" and "bath salts" analogs to the list of unscheduled controlled.

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.

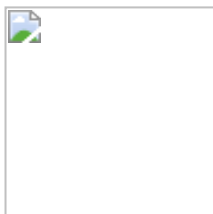
PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

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.

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Safety & Welfare

47.



SB0271 S03 | SCHOOL GRADING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Adams, J. Stuart



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \$20,000 one-time from the Education Fund to conduct database programming and reporting changes to implement the personal student achievement reports outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill: specifies that the school grading system shall be known and referred to as "school grading", modifies the criteria and procedures for determining school grades, including: the calculation of learning growth, the calculation of a high school's graduation rate, and the measurement of high school students' college and career readiness, and and requires the State Board of Education to annually develop a personal student achievement report for each public school student to be delivered to the student's parent or guardian.

Impact on Children:

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.

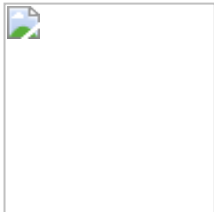
PTA Resolution: EDU 2000 Public Grading of Public Schools -- Position Statement reaffirmed 2008

Notes: Based on the above concerns, (see Impact for Children) the Board of Directors of Utah PTA opposes public grading of public schools. Publishing grades for or ranking of schools will not reflect the overall achievement and level of performance for that school.

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Education

48.



SCR0005 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UTAH EDUCATION EXCELLENCE COMMISSION

Sponsor: Stevenson,
Jerry W.



Status: Signed by Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This resolution expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a post-secondary degree or certificate by the year 2020, expresses the Legislature's determination to work with the Governor and Utah's education stakeholders to achieve the 66% goal through increased innovation and investment, and utilizing the PACE metrics as a measure of success, and and urges all Utahns to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

Impact on Children:

Important to the success of Utah to reach the goal of having 66% of all adult receiving a degree or certificate from higher education by the year 2020 is the commitment of the State of Utah to adequately fund and prepare the children in Utah today. Utah has amazing teachers, but limited funding for teaching tools, such as electronic devices has hurt the children of Utah. It is the position of Utah PTA and the Governor's Excellence Committee that the legislature adequately fund our schools and however, it is equally important for the state to do what is needed and adequately fund growth.

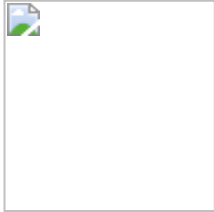
PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

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

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SJR0015 | JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE IMPACT OF ADULT IMAGES ON CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

Sponsor: Weiler, Todd



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This resolution recognizes the strong negative impact of soft-core or gateway pornography on brain development in children and and urges parents and concerned citizens to consider ways to mitigate the exposure of children to gateway pornography.:

Impact on Children:

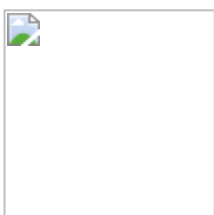
Once a child's brain adapts to the kind of over-stimulation caused by exposure to soft core and gateway pornography, addiction to the stimulation can greatly increase. The impact of gateway pornography on a child's brain development is powerful and damaging. Utah PTA and its constituent bodies should educate and find ways to mitigate the exposure of children to gateway pornography.

PTA Resolution: SAF 2002-1 Internet Safety

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents and families through training meetings and providing resources that include information on such topics as internet safety and filters, personal safety and the dangers of pornography, parent supervision

Family Life

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SJR005 | JOINT RESOLUTION ON STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Enacting Clause stricken

Fiscal Note: One time cost of \$14,700 for publication and distribution costs in FY2015

Description:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to require the Governor's approval and the Senate's consent for an appointment of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and and authorize the Governor, after consultation with the State Board of Education, to terminate the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Impact on Children:

The State Constitution is clear that the State Board of Education should have control and supervision of public education in the state. Their executive officer is hampered in his/her ability to fulfill his/her responsibilities if there is a constant threat of termination. Children benefit from an education system free from political interference.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education](#)

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