

Bill Sheet - 2016 General Session of the 61st Legislature

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HB0041 | FEES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HOURS

Sponsor: Eliason, Steve



Status: House filed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill: provides a local school board or charter school governing board with the authority to offer supplemental hours of instruction to students enrolled in kindergarten classes and and enacts provisions relating to fees for supplemental hours of instruction.

Impact on Children:

This bill allows for the expansion of extended day kindergarten.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2007-1 Full Day Kindergarten

Notes: That Utah PTA supports the expansion of optional full-day kindergarten programs for students in need of support to achieve minimal learning standards and requests increased funding to support such expansion.

Education

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HB0042 S1 | EARLY LEARNING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Snow, V. Lowry



Status: House substituted bill

Fiscal Note: This legislation appropriates \$17,500,000 from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education for optional enhanced kindergarten competitive grants. The bill also rescinds a presumed base budget appropriation of \$7,500,000 from the Education Fund to the Related to Basic Early Intervention Program, for a net increase in appropriations of \$10,000,000. Of the total appropriation, the State Board can use up to one percent (\$175,000) for administrative costs.

Description:

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This bill requires the State Board of Education to develop kindergarten entry and exit assessments for use by certain kindergarten student academic improvement programs. They will also administer a grant program to support certain kindergarten student academic improvement programs and gives rule making authority. This bill also recodifies and makes technical changes to provisions related to early interactive reading software and allows a public school to use an early interactive reading software license for a student in grade 4, 5, or 6 under certain circumstances.

Impact on Children:

This establishes a grant program for LEAs that desire to offer an extended day kindergarten focusing on helping students at risk of experiencing intergenerational poverty and performing below grade level in reading. It also funds a grant for educational technology programs for use in grades 1-6.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2014-1 Intergenerational Poverty

Notes: That Utah PTA support programs that help mentoring families, including those that focus on the individual or family for a significant amount of time, teaching parenting skills, promoting continuing education, encouraging good health care for themselves and their children, and helping children succeed in school.

Family Life



HB0045 | STEM PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Peterson, Val L.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill adds Utah State University Eastern to the list of educational institutions that may partner with a school district or charter school to provide a STEM related certification program.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill would increase the equity in access to STEM programs to rural areas of the state.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Positon Statement Education Emphasis

Education

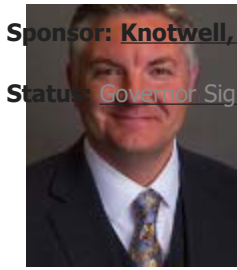
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HB0061 S1 | CORPORATE FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX CHANGES



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Sponsor: Knotwell, John

Status: Governor Signed



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may reduce revenue to the Education Fund by \$131,731,000 in FY 2017 and \$138,317,000 in FY 2018. A dynamic fiscal analysis for this bill is available here: <http://le.utah.gov/lfa/fnotes/2016/HB0061.dfn.pdf>

Description:

This bill addresses the apportionment of business income to the state for purposes of corporate franchise and income taxes

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will reduce the monies coming into the Education Fund from Income Tax by \$2,641,000.

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.

Education



HB0066 | ONLINE PARENTING COURSE FOR DIVORCING FAMILIES

Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill will offer an online option for the mandatory parenting class for divorcing families. The mandatory course instructs both parties: about divorce and its impacts on their child or children, their family relationship, and their financial responsibilities for their child or children, and that domestic violence has a harmful effect on children and family relationships.

Impact on Children:

The class offered is a huge support for parents. Offering it in an online version will be easier on the parents to complete and will help ensure they get this valuable training.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2007-1 Parenting

Notes: 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.

Family Life



HB0094 S1 | LOCAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION



Sponsor: Thurston, Norman K.

Status: House comm - substitute recommendation

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation may result in a cost to the state if administering this block grant program is in addition to the Utah State Office of Education's (USOE) current duties. However, depending on the scale of the program, there may be savings to offset that cost to the extent that USOE would no longer have to administer the current program. Costs will depend upon the number and size of districts participating in the new block grant program. Current overhead costs for administering existing programs is approximately 1.4% of pass-through funds. USOE estimates that the cost of this bill would be approximately \$125,000, which reflects one FTE (\$100,000) and current expenditures (\$25,000), ongoing per year beginning in FY 2017 for the five years of this pilot program. If a limited number of districts participate then the costs of monitoring could be less than one FTE.

Description:

This bill creates the Block Grant Funding Pilot Program.

Impact on Children:

This bill would allow local school districts to determine critical education needs and submit a proposal to the State School Board. If approved for participation, appropriated money could be used for any public education purpose.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: 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

Many smaller rural districts may not have the resources to put together a grant proposal. We need to ensure all districts have the opportunity to participate if desired.

Education

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HB0105 | HUMAN TRAFFICKING REVISIONS

Sponsor: Romero, Angela



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

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Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code regarding the crime of human trafficking of a child.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides that mistakenly believing a victim to be 18 years of age or older at the time of the alleged offense is not a defense to the crime of human trafficking of a child.

PTA Resolution: [Child Trafficking](#)

Safety



HB0107 | EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Peterson, Val L.



Status: [Senate Comm/sent to Rules/substituted](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

Description:

This bill exempts an early college high school from certain rules established by the State Board of Education

Impact on Children:

This bill will allow for lower required graduation requirements and allow for more elective credit. State school board should be making rule, it should not be legislated.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2006-1 High School Graduation Requirements](#)

Notes: 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

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HB0110 S3 | ELECTION LAW CHANGES

Sponsor: Hall, Craig



Status: [House Comm - substituted](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

9.

Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to: the election of State Board of Education members and and inactive voters.

Impact on Children:

This bill will allow for a nonpartisan primary election for State School Board members.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2015-3 State Board of Education](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA support legislation which enacts direct, nonpartisan election of State School Board members and opposes partisan election of the same body.

Education



HB0152S01 | VOTED AND BOARD LOCAL LEVY MODIFICATIONS

Sponsor: [Cox, Fred](#)



Status: [House 3rd](#)

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Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

Description:

This bill will increase the amount on the state guarantee on the voted and board local levy. It fixes an error in the formula and allows for an immediate effective date.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will allow for full implementation of a previous bill to increase the equity in the state for school spending resources.

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.

Education

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HB0175 | PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Powell, Kraig](#)



Status: [House Comm - substituted](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

11.

Description:

This bill repeals provisions requiring a public school to provide or obtain certain information about a public school employee.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will remove volunteers from being included as "employees" of a school requiring a full background check to work with children in an educational setting.

PTA Resolution:

Community Involvement



HB0179S01 | CONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF A MINOR

Sponsor: Nelson, Merrill F.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No Fiscal Impact

Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code regarding abuse of a minor.

Impact on Children:

This bill modifies the definition of sexual abuse of a minor, aged 14 and 15, regarding the age differential between the offender and the victim changing it from seven years to four years.

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. .

Safety

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HB0181 | PHYSICAL CONTROL IN SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman



Status: House comm - substituted/amended

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

13.

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the use of physical restraint or force in schools.

Impact on Children:

This bill adds definitions for "physical escort." It also gives directions on what can take place with a student when physical restraint or escort is used when property is being damaged but safety is being comprised.

PTA Resolution: Resolution on Restraint and Seclusion

Notes: That National PTA and its constituent associations support legislation, regulations, policies, and programs that ensure the safety of children in emergency cases where restraint and seclusion is needed. That National PTA and its constituent associations support legislation, regulations, policies, and programs providing that the use of restraint and seclusion practices shall only be used as a last resort in emergency* situations, not as a substitute for comprehensive school-wide supports and accommodations and and seclusion and restraint interventions shall cease as soon as the immediate danger of physical harm ceases to exist.

Safety



HB0182 | CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT EDUCATION AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: Peterson, Val L.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation will increase revenue for the State Board of Regents by enabling them to charge a one-time fee for a student to apply to participate in the concurrent enrollment program. The State Board of Regents anticipates charging a \$5 fee per student. During the 2014-2015 school year, 28,551 distinct students participated in Concurrent Enrollment. Accounting for an increase in participation (Concurrent Enrollment increased by 1,672 students from FY 2014 to FY 2015) and assuming about half will be new participants in the program, it is estimated that the revenue generated for the State Board of Regents will be about \$75,000 ongoing beginning in FY 2017

Description:

This bill repeals, amends, and enacts provisions regarding concurrent enrollment.

Impact on Children:

This bill streamlines the application process and makes it less expensive for students. The bill also expands the program to include dual immersion and update the teaching requirements.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2006-1 High School Graduation Requirements

Notes: 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 and

Education



HB0188 | PAID FAMILY LEAVE

Sponsor: Romero, Angela



Status: House filed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could cost the Division of Finance \$7,000 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2017 to update the payroll systems and reports. To the extent that employees take advantage of the new leave type created by this bill, it could cost state agencies and higher education up to \$9,000, on average, per event in lost productivity. Assuming 1,098 employees use the new benefit, lost productivity could total up to \$9.9 million

Description:

This bill requires an executive agency to provide an eligible employee paid parental leave upon the birth or adoption of the employee's child and requires the Department of Human Resource Management to adopt rules to administer parental leave.

Impact on Children:

Anytime a new child is brought into the home there needs to be time for the family to adjust to their new normal. Allowing new adoptive parents time with their new child will allow strong bonds to grow and give that child the best start possible.

PTA Resolution: FAM 1990-2

Notes: That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to pass laws that will ensure that the best interests of the child be given primary emphasis in adoption matters and

Family Life

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HB0193 S1 | CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: Powell, Kraig

Status: House comm - substitue recommendation

Fiscal Note: No Fiscal Impact

Description:

This bill: ▶ amends the definition of "district local property tax revenues" to include school district revenues expended for recreational facilities and revenues received from certain state guarantees, ▶ defines terms, ▶ amends provisions that require a school

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district to allocate a certain portion of school district tax revenues for charter schools, ▶ amends charter school facility expenditures provisions, ▶ amends provisions related to the board local levy, ▶ creates a levy for charter school funding, ▶ provides for the distribution of revenues from the levy for charter school funding, ▶ establishes the Charter School Levy Account, and ▶ requires certain notice on the charter school funding levy

Impact on Children:

This bill would create greater accountability and transparency for charter schools by creating a separate property tax to fund them rather than diverting revenues from district imposed property taxes.

PTA Resolution: [National PTA Position Statement - Public Charter Schools](#)

Notes: Public Charter Schools must be supported by specifically allocated public funds in amounts that do not exceed and do not divert funding from non-charter public schools.

We appreciate the compromise between HB193 and SB38 S4 that resulted in this substitute. We are concerned about the recreation levy going to charter schools when many charter schools when many charter students return to district schools for sports and other activities.

Education



HB0201 S2 | STUDENT TESTING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Poulson, Marie H.



Status: Governor signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill places restrictions on the use of end-of-level assessment scores for the evaluation and compensation of certain employees.

Impact on Children:

Basing teacher pay upon student performance on a test is likely to punish teachers who work with some of the most challenging, disadvantaged students.

PTA Resolution: [PS EDU 2016 - Value of Teachers](#)

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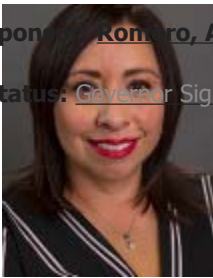
HB0206 S1 | HUMAN TRAFFICKING SAFE HARBOR AMENDMENTS



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Sponsor: Romero, Angela

Status: Governor Signed



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation could increase costs to the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) by \$30,500 ongoing General Fund beginning in FY 2017 from referral of a child engaged in prostitution or sexual solicitation to DCFS upon the first offense instead of after the first offense.

Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code and Juvenile Court Act regarding a child subjected to prostitution or human trafficking.

Impact on Children:

If this bill passes the Division of Child and Family Services will be required to provide services to a child who is engaged in prostitution or sexual solicitation. In addition, it allows that any child engaged in prostitution or sexual solicitation may not be subject to delinquency proceedings. It also amends the definition of abuse in the Juvenile Court Act to include human trafficking of a child for sexual exploitation.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Resoultion-Child Trafficking

Notes: That National PTA and its constituent organizations advocate for the protection of rights of victims and support efforts to provide measures for the physical, psychological, and social recovery of victims of child trafficking.

Safety



HB0217 | SMALL SCHOOL FUNDING



Sponsor: McIff, Kay L.

Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates an additional 646 weighted pupil units and \$2,000,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to the Minimum School Program

Description:

This bill appropriates additional WPU to necessarily existent small schools.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will provide additional funding to small schools.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs.

We support this bill if there is money available after fully funding enrollment growth and a modest increase in the WPU.

Education



HB0221 S10 | IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Moss, Carol
Spackman



Status: Senate/ to House with amendments

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation may cost the Department of Health \$41,000 ongoing for personnel (0.5 FTE) to maintain the online education module and \$25,300 one-time to develop the website through which the online education module will be delivered, all from the General Fund beginning in FY 2017. The Department of Health has indicated it can absorb these costs within existing resources.

Description:

This bill: ▶ amends requirements for a student seeking an immunization exemption, ▶ requires the Department of Health to: • develop an immunization exemption form, • develop an education module, and • make rules, ▶ requires a local health department to issue an immunization exemption form under certain conditions, ▶ requires an individual to present a certificate of completion for an education module as a condition for receiving an exemption from required immunizations, ▶ enacts renewal requirements for an exemption from immunization, ▶ amends requirements for transferring a student's exemption from required immunizations to a new school, ▶ requires a school to maintain a list of students who have not received required immunizations, and ▶ amends provisions related to a conditional enrollment

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will tighten up rules on students who are exempted from receiving vaccinations against communicable diseases which includes an education component for the parents and provides a list of students who have not been immunized.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2011-1 Prevention of the Spread of Communicable Diseases

Notes: That Utah PTA support legislative efforts to protect children and youth from communicable diseases through vaccinations or other prevention methods allowing for medical, religious, and personal exemptions and That Utah PTA support legislation and programs to educate parents on the importance of having their children properly and fully immunized against serious, vaccine-preventable diseases and the importance of preventing their spread.

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HB0221 S10 | IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman



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Status: [House Comm - substituted](#)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation may cost the Department of Health \$41,000 ongoing for personnel (0.5 FTE) to maintain the online education module and \$25,300 one-time to develop the website through which the online education module will be delivered, all from the General Fund beginning in FY 2017. The Department of Health has indicated it can absorb these costs within existing resources.

Description:

This bill: ▶ amends requirements for an exemption from required immunizations, ▶ requires the Department of Health to: • develop an immunization exemption form, • develop an education module, and • make rules, ▶ requires a local health department to issue an immunization exemption form under certain conditions, ▶ requires certain individuals to present a certificate of completion for an education module as a condition for receiving an exemption from required immunizations for a student, ▶ enacts renewal requirements for an exemption from immunization, ▶ amends requirements for transferring a student's exemption from required immunizations to a new school, ▶ requires a school to maintain a list of students who have not received required immunizations, and ▶ amends provisions related to a conditional enrollment

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will tighten up rules on students who are exempted from receiving vaccinations against communicable diseases which includes an education component for the parents and provides a list of students who have not been immunized.

PTA Resolution: [HEA 2011-1 Prevention of the Spread of Communicable Diseases](#)

Notes: "That Utah PTA support legislative efforts to protect children and youth from communicable diseases through vaccinations or other prevention methods allowing for medical, religious, and personal exemptions and That Utah PTA support legislation and programs to educate parents on the importance of having their children properly and fully immunized against serious, vaccine-preventable diseases and the importance of preventing their spread."

Health



HB0226 | EARLY INTERVENTION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [House 3rd Reading Calendar to Rules](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to early intervention for hearing loss.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will offer more early interventions to students born with a hearing disability.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2005-1 Education of Students with Disabilities](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its organizations continue to support the right of each student with a disability to have access to an equal education via whatever means reasonable and necessary to specific disabilities, such as Individualized Education Programs (IEP’s) and 504 Accommodation Plans, which may include transportation, therapy, special services/equipment, reasonable accommodations and other supportive services the child requires to benefit from his/her educational program

National PTA Public Policy: Special Education - 2. Protect the rights of all children with special needs and their parents, and ensure all students with a disability have the resources and support they need for a high-quality education

Education



HB0229 S1 | SYSTEM OF CARE DEVELOPMENT

Sponsor: Redd, Edward H.



Status: [House Comm - substituted](#)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation could cost the Department of Human Services \$1,797,200 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2017 to put in place the interfaces and infrastructure required by this bill.

Description:

This bill clarifies the authority of the Department of Human Services related to developing a system of care for minors with complex emotional and behavioral needs, and modifies the components of a system of care, and authorizes the department to develop an information technology infrastructure to implement the system of care.

Impact on Children:

Substitue 1- renumbers the lines and adds in cleans up the wording, impact to children remains the same Children who are being treated for complex mental health issues need a lot of care. This bill will create the Systems of Care which will help the Department of Human Services ensure they are getting the care and support they need. There will also be support for the families of these children.

PTA Resolution: [HEA 2001-1 Mental Illness](#)

Notes: Utah PTA support prevention and intervention initiatives and appropriate state funding for collaborative efforts between the home, school, private physicians, and community resource agencies to create support networks for families,

Child Health and Safety - 3. Support programs that provide for a child’s health and wellness—including mental health—as they progress through each stage of development into adulthood and help families monitor their child’s well-being

Family Life

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HB0246 | REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: King, Brian S.



Status: House Comm - motion to recommend failed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may cost the Department of Health one-time computer programming costs of \$43,800 General Fund and \$206,200 federal funds in FY 2017 and ongoing costs beginning in FY 2017 of \$500,000 General Fund and \$4,500,000 federal funds to provide family planning services to low income individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid. Additionally, enactment of this bill might cost the State Board of Education \$90,000 one-time Education Fund to establish curriculum requirements for a comprehensive human sexuality education curriculum. Of this amount the State Board of Education believes it can absorb \$65,000 because that work would be done by staff currently assigned to this kind of work.

Description:

This bill: ▶ directs the Division of Health Care Financing to seek a waiver for family planning services, ▶ establishes requirements for comprehensive human sexuality education, ▶ requires the State Instructional Materials Commission to consult with parents and others when evaluating comprehensive human sexuality curriculum, ▶ prohibits a school from receiving federal abstinence education funding, ▶ repeals certain criminal provisions regarding contraceptive and abortion services, and

Impact on Children:

The sex ed unit taught in Health classes in Utah currently stresses the importance and benefits of abstinence before marriage, and fidelity after marriage. It is a well rounded 1-2 week unit if taught correctly. It includes four major objectives including the physical, mental, social and emotional changes that occur in the life cycle and their interrelationship, discusses skills that promote healthy and positive dating relationships and strategies to avoid unhealthy situations such as violence and coercion, and responsibilities related to sexual development. It does discuss means of prevention of early and/or unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Factual information about contraception is allowed, but promoting or demonstrating contraceptive methods in the classroom is against the law. The bill seeks to change the emphasis from abstinence, to a more in-depth discussion on how to avoid pregnancy and STD's when having sexual relations and completely removes any reference to marriage. This gives youth the impression that extramarital sex is fine as long as you use protection. Utah PTA cannot support comprehensive sex education in the classroom (Resolution HEA 2000, Sex Education in Public Schools) but we can support varied counseling approaches outside of school course work, with parental permission, for those students who need additional sustained support to delay sexual involvement or return to sexual abstinence.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2010 Additional School Strategies to Address Teen Sexual Involvement

Health

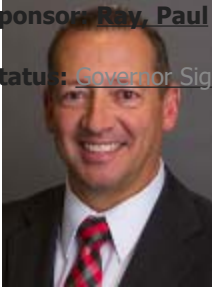


HB0247 | MEDICAID VISION AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: Ray, Paul

Status: Governor Signed



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill amends the Medicaid populations that the Department of Health must include in a request for proposals for Medicaid vision services.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will clarify who is qualified for vision care under Medicaid...children under 21 years of age are covered.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1992-4 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.

National PTA Public Policy: Child Health and Safety - 3. Support programs that provide for a child's health and wellness—including mental health—as they progress through each stage of development into adulthood and help families monitor their child's well-being

Health



HB0272 | VOTED AND BOARD LEEWAY MODIFICATIONS

Sponsor: Briscoe, Joel K.



Status: House filed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may cost \$3,881,200 ongoing from the Education Fund to the Minimum School Program - Voted Local Levy Program. Provisions in this bill increase the number of local property tax increments the State will guarantee through the Voted Local Levy Program over four years. Program funding is distributed to school districts that qualify for the state guarantee rate set in statute. The cost at full implementation cannot be accurately estimated given the number of variables associated with the program, namely, school district tax rates, taxable value of property within each qualifying school district, and the number of weighted pupil units the school district generates through the Minimum School Program. Currently, the majority of school district tax rates are at or below the 0.0016 guaranteed by the state. School districts would need to raise property tax rates in order to qualify for additional state funding in fiscal years 2018 through 2020.

Description:

This bill: ▶ increases the amount of state guarantee money that a school district may receive from the voted local levy guarantee program by increasing the maximum rate the state will guarantee over a certain number of years and and ▶ increases the combined maximum rate the state will guarantee for the voted local levy guarantee program and the board local levy guarantee program over a certain number of years.

Impact on Children:

This bill will increase funding to the "property poor" districts in the state and thus create a greater equity in funding.

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.

Education



HB0301 S1 | SCHOOL BUS ROUTE GRANT PROGRAM



Sponsor: Stanard, Jon E.

Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill creates a grant program to fund certain school bus routes.

Impact on Children:

The passage of this bill would create a grant program to provide transportation funding for routes that are shorter than the currently prescribed distance for K-12 students but are unsafe for a student to walk.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 1998-1 Pedestrian Safety](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA continue to work with the Utah State Legislature to secure adequate funding specifically dedicated to safe school routes and pedestrian safety devices

Safety

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HB0318 S2 | POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACT



Sponsor: Wilson, Brad R.

Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation appropriates \$800,000 from the General Fund, one-time in FY 2017 as follows: \$750,000 to the Legislative Services line item, \$5,000 to the Senate, \$5,000 to the House of

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Representatives, and and \$40,000 to Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Description:

This bill creates the Point of the Mountain Development Commission. It describes the membership and duties of the commission, and provides for staff and expenses.

Impact on Children:

This bill creates a commission to study and develop a plan for future development of the point of the mountain area including the location of the prison. The development of this area will include both commercial and residential growth. This substitute adds a representative from one of the surrounding school districts to the commission to represent the infrastructure needs of schools.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Resolution on Improved Infrastructure Around Schools

Notes: That PTA and its constituent associations encourage local governments to seek out and apply for state and federal infrastructure grants, utilizing funds to build and improve infrastructure, including but not limited to sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, crossing signals, traffic signals and street lighting and and be it further Resolved, That PTA and its constituent associations urge federal, state and local governments to adopt policies that encourage transportation planners and engineers to design and improve roadways to provide safe routes to school.

Trust Lands



HB0333 | ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PRODUCTS, NICOTINE INHALERS, AND RELATED REVENUE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Ray, Paul

Status: House filed



Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill expands the cigarette and tobacco tax to include e-cigarette products which would be taxed at a rate of .86 of manufacturer's sales price with revenues to be deposited into the Electronic Cigarette Product and Nicotine Inhaler Tax Restricted Account. Revenues deposited into this account shall be distributed as specified in the bill. It is estimated that taxing e-cigarette products would generate approximately \$11,100,000 in FY 2017 and \$11,600,000 in FY 2018.

Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to the regulation and taxation of electronic cigarette products and nicotine inhalers and how related revenues are to be spent.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will cause e-cigarettes to be labelled and taxed as tobacco products and directs the monies received from taxes collected from these products to be distributed for cessation programs of the state and local health departments.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2015-2 Electronic Cigarettes and Utah's Youth

Notes: That Utah PTA support effective FDA efforts to regulate ENDS as tobacco products. That Utah PTA seek and support legislation that would include ENDS in the

Utah Code Annotated definition of tobacco products and treat them as such – including the need for licensing, sales restrictions, tax parity, and marketing. That Utah PTA support the position that any revenue generated through taxation of ENDS should support tobacco cessation and prevention programs.

Health Commission Priority Bill

Health



HB0335 | PUBLIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Stratton, Keven J



Status: House filed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill: ▶ requires the State Board of Education to report on certain curriculum, instructional, and training materials to the Education Interim Committee and ▶ amends parent or guardian consent requirements for a student to receive child sexual abuse prevention instruction.

Impact on Children:

This bill will add child abuse prevention as a topic covered in the Human Sexuality Instruction. It also allow the State Board of Education and the Department of Human Services to collaborate at revise the current curriculum to ensure it is age-appropriate. Parents will have prior notice of the instruction and will be required to provide written consent for the student to participate in the instruction.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2009-2 Child Abuse and Neglect

Notes: The Utah PTA and its constituent bodies collaborate with schools and community organizations to increase awareness of the problem of child abuse, neglect, maltreatment, and exploitation and to help educate families, children, and educators about the causes of and strategies to prevent abuse.

Family Life

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HB0343 | SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Stratton, Keven J.



Status: Governor Signed

31.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill provides clarifying language about the reading achievement plan and ensures that technology is installed and configured consistent with school board or charter school governing board policy. It also provides that parents of incoming students can run for a school community council (SCC) position and vote if a SCC election is held in the spring.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides clarification on a few lines of SCC law. It will also ensure all parents of children attending a school will get the opportunity to run for a SCC position and/or participate in elections.

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 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 on items including the required plans.

Trust Lands



HB0358 S1 | STUDENT PRIVACY AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Anderegg,
Jacob L.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates \$930,000 one-time and \$1,055,000 ongoing from the Education Fund beginning in FY 2017 to the State Board of Education to administer the Student Data Protection Act.

Description:

This bill enacts the Student Data Protection Act and amends provisions related to student privacy.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will strengthen the privacy of student data.

PTA Resolution: Student Data Privacy Utah PTA Position Statement

Notes: "Utah PTA supports safeguards to student data privacy that are balanced with the need to provide data for personalized instruction, assessment, and education research. "

Education

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HB0440 | SUICIDE

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PREVENTION AND GUN DATA STUDY

Sponsor: King, Brian S.



Status: House substituted bill

Fiscal Note: Expenditures due to the enactment of this legislation are estimated at \$125,000 from the General Fund one-time in FY 2017 to contract for research related to the study required in the bill.

Description:

This bill modifies the duties of the state suicide prevention coordinator.

Impact on Children:

This bill directs a study of the rate of gun involved suicides.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention

Notes: 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

Health



HB0443 | SCHOOL DROPOUT RECOVERY AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Gibson, Francis D.



Status: House Comm - substituted

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill amends provisions regarding a school's responsibility to attempt to recover students who have dropped out of school.

Impact on Children:

This bill strengthens a school's responsibility to attempt to recover students who have dropped out of school.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Positon Statement Education Emphasis

Notes: Reduce the dropout rate.

Student Involvement

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HCR002 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UTAH CLEAN AIR ACT



Sponsor: Ray, Paul

Status: Governor Signed



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This concurrent resolution: ▶ recognizes the 40th anniversary of the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act, ▶ commends David Hughes Horne and Representative Gerald Woodmansee for their efforts to pass the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act, ▶ acknowledges the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act's contribution to Utah's low smoking rates and partnerships with municipalities and local health departments, and and ▶ expresses continued support for the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act.

Impact on Children:

This resolution acknowledges the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act's contribution to Utah's low smoking rates and partnerships with municipalities and local health departments and expresses continued support for the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act which reduces children's exposure to second hand smoke.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Resolution on Indoor Air Quality

Notes: That the National PTA and its constituent bodies seek and support legislation and funding for protection from indoor air contaminants as research continues to reveal sources and for improved ventilation standards and building codes for schools.

Health



HCR004 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS TO BE A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY



Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman

Status: Governor Signed



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This resolution: ▶ emphasizes the importance of the lives of all people living in Utah, ▶ recognizes Utah's high rates of overdose death compared to most states in the country, and and ▶ strongly urges Utah's Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to recognize this public health crisis and direct resources to reduce the number of overdose deaths in Utah.

Impact on Children:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor declares drug overdose deaths in Utah to be a public health emergency and strongly urges Utah's Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety to immediately direct resources to address this crisis.

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

Notes: That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse and That Utah PTA supports the age-appropriate education of all children and families regarding the dangers and consequences of substance abuse.

Health



HJR014S1 | JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF PUBLIC EDUCATORS

Sponsor: Edwards, Rebecca



Status: [House comm - substituted/Consent calendar](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

Description:

This joint resolution supports the retention of public educators by directing revenue generated from public lands towards a fund to increase educator salaries.

Impact on Children:

This resolution acknowledges the teacher shortage in Utah. It directs that 50% of any new, recurring net revenue generated from the management of public lands that have been transferred to the state of Utah be deposited into a new fund for the purpose of increasing public educator salaries.

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

Notes: Resolved: That Utah PTA support adequate funding for and encourage consideration of financial incentives to recruit and retain highly qualified and effective educators, including appropriation of adequate funding to upgrade salary schedules.

Trust Lands

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SB0014 | AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Van Tassell, Kevin T.



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Status: [House substituted bill](#)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$20,000 one-time in FY 2016, and \$2,000,000 ongoing in FY 2017, from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to implement the five-year Pilot Teacher Retention Grant and Pilot Regional Service Center Title IV programs outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill: ▶ creates a pilot program to fund stipend, recruitment, and retention of teachers who teach in American Indian and Alaskan Native concentrated schools, ▶ creates a pilot program for regional service centers to fund individuals facilitating Title VII, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and

Impact on Children:

This bill is an effort to strengthen education for American Indian and Native Alaskan children in the state of Utah.

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

Notes: 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

Education



SB0038 S4 | SCHOOL FUNDING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Stephenson, Howard A.](#)

Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill includes certain local revenue sources and expenditures in the Charter School Local Replacement formula, namely, the Voted Local Levy, Board Local Levy, Capital Outlay Programs, and local school district expenditures on community recreation activities. The bill also eliminates a 2-year lag in estimating the Local Replacement Rate by requiring the use of projected local property tax collections beginning in FY 2018. At full implementation in FY 2018, estimates indicate that the total cost to the state may increase by \$41,500,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to the Minimum School Program - Charter School Local Replacement Program. The FY 2017 amount is associated with including the revenue and expenditure sources in the formula with an estimated cost of \$13.8 million ongoing. The amount increases in FY 2018 based on growth in the included revenue and expenditure sources and projecting local property tax collections with an estimated cost of \$27.7 million ongoing.

Description:

" This bill: ▶ amends the definition of ""district local property tax revenues"" to include school district revenues expended for recreational facilities and revenues received from certain state guarantees, ▶ defines terms, ▶ amends provisions that require a school district to allocate a certain portion of school district tax revenues for charter schools,

▸ amends charter school facility expenditures provisions, ▸ amends provisions related to the board local levy, ▸ creates a levy for charter school funding, ▸ provides for the distribution of revenues from the levy for charter school funding, ▸ establishes the Charter School Levy Account, and ▸ requires certain notice on the charter school funding levy"

Impact on Children:

This bill would create greater accountability and transparency for charter schools by creating a separate property tax to fund them rather than diverting revenues from district imposed property taxes.

PTA Resolution: [National PTA Position Statement - Public Charter Schools](#)

Notes: Public Charter Schools must be supported by specifically allocated public funds in amounts that do not exceed and do not divert funding from non-charter public schools.

We appreciate the compromise between HB193 and SB38 S4 that resulted in this substitute. We are concerned about the recreation levy going to charter schools when many charter schools when many charter students return to district schools for sports and other activities.

Education



SB0043S01 | FIREARM SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN



Sponsor: Weiler, Todd

Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$75,000 one-time from the Education Fund to the Attorney General to implement the Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention Pilot Program outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill provides for firearm safety and violence prevention instruction in public schools.

Impact on Children:

If passes, this bill would create an opt in pilot program to teach 8th graders the following: what to do if there is an active shooter, what to do if they come across a firearm, what to do if someone is handling a firearm around them.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 1995-1 Firearms Responsibility/Injury Prevention](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA support educational programs and intervention strategies designed to do the following: 1) Teach firearm responsibility through use of Utah PTA approved and recognized programs. 2) Encourage parents to talk with and educate their children about gun safety and responsible firearm usage. That Utah PTA work with state and other agencies to educate parents and children of the potential dangers of firearms if handled inappropriately or stored in a way that allows children easy access to these firearms.

Utah Supports educational programs that teach firearm safety. However, there isn't enough information on the efficacy of the proposed program. In addition this is a societal not an education issue, therefore, the funding should come from the general fund or from private donors.

Safety



SB0046 | STATE EDUCATION GOVERNANCE REVISIONS

Sponsor: Jackson, Alvin B.



Status: Senate Comm sent to Rules

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation could cost the Lieutenant Governor's Office \$16,200 from the General Fund in each election cycle beginning in FY 2017, or \$8,100 annually, to verify an estimated 150,000 signatures collected by partisan and nonpartisan elected State Board of Education candidates. Beginning in January 2019, the reduction in State Board of Education membership from 15 to 13 members could decrease annual state expenditures from the Education Fund by \$40,100 on average, including \$10,400 for salaries and meeting pay, \$10,400 for travel reimbursements, and \$19,300 for benefits and taxes.

Description:

This bill: ▶ provides that, subject to passage of a certain constitutional amendment relating to the selection of a State Board of Education, the State Board of Education will consist of 13 members, including four members elected in a partisan election, four members elected in a nonpartisan election, and five nonpartisan members appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate, ▶ provides that one partisan and one nonpartisan State Board of Education member will be elected from each congressional district, ▶ establishes residency and other requirements relating to a State Board of Education member, ▶ establishes procedures and requirements relating to the election and appointment of State Board of Education members, ▶ establishes campaign finance and conflict reporting requirements, and ▶ enacts provisions relating to filling midterm vacancies

Impact on Children:

This bill will create a State School Board which is composed of 4 members elected in a partisan manner, 4 in a nonpartisan manner, and 5 appointed by the governor. We believe that any school board not elected directly by the people in a nonpartisan manner introduces politics into public education and removes the focus from the education of the children of our state onto politics and political games.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2015-3 State School Board

Notes: That Utah PTA support legislation which enacts direct, nonpartisan election of State School Board members and opposes partisan election of the same body.

Education



SB0067 | PARTNERSHIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Sponsor: **Millner, Ann**



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$5,000,000 ongoing from the General Fund to the State Board of Education to implement the Partnership for Student Success grant

program outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill creates the Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program, provides requirements for the program, including requiring the State Board of Education to administer the program.

Impact on Children:

These grants will be available to low performing schools with a high percentage of families in poverty. The idea is to create cross coordination with schools, municipalities, non-profits, and private businesses to support these students from elementary through high school. There are other pilot programs around the state who have seen a dramatic change in their graduation rate, truancy statistics, testing scores, and grade level proficiency.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2015 – 2 SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent organizations encourage and work in conjunction with state resources and community partners to support the implementation and staffing of community schools.

Education

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SB0071 | CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: **Okerlund, Ralph**



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could cost the Division of Finance \$7,000 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2017 to update the payroll systems and reports. To the extent that employees take advantage of the new leave type created by this bill, it could cost state agencies and higher education up to \$9,000, on average, per event in lost productivity. Assuming 1,098 employees use the new benefit, lost productivity could total up to \$9.9 million.

Description:

This bill modifies the attorney general's and Children's Justice Centers' requirements in operating the Children's Justice Center Program. It also clarifies how appropriations may be spent, modifies membership of a Children's Justice Center's local advisory board and modifies membership of the Advisory Board on Children's Justice.

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Impact on Children:

The Children's Justice Center provides support for victims of child abuse. This bill will improve the process of interviewing the child and investigating the offense. It also ensures the child will have the greater support and access to medical and mental health services.

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.

Child Health and Safety - 3. Support programs that provide for a child's health and wellness—including mental health—as they progress through each stage of development into adulthood and help families monitor their child's well-being

Family Life



SB0078 | STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE SELECTION

Sponsor: Millner, Ann



Status: [House/ Rules to 3rd Reading Calendar](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

Description:

This bill: ▶ describes the criteria and requirements relating to selecting candidates for the State Board of Education, ▶ modifies dates in relation to selecting candidates for the State Board of Education, and ▶ repeals the State Board of Education nominating procedures on January 1, 2017

Impact on Children:

This bill improves the current state nominating committee for the State School Board.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2015-3 State School Board](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA support legislation which enacts direct, nonpartisan election of State School Board members and opposes partisan election of the same body.

Education

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SB0082 S3 | CHILD WELFARE MODIFICATIONS

Sponsor: Harper, Wayne A.



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

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Fiscal Note: If this legislation passes, state expenditures will be impacted by the Division of Child and Family Services

establishing a psychotropic medication pilot program consisting of an oversight team for children in foster care at a cost of \$340,500 General Fund and \$332,200 federal funds ongoing beginning in FY 2017 and \$20,000 (\$18,200 General Fund and \$1,200 federal funds) one-time in FY 2017. State expenditures will also be impacted by an increase for preparation and court time necessary due to the legislation for the Office of the Attorney General (\$68,000 General Fund) and the Guardian ad Litem (\$45,600 General Fund) ongoing beginning in FY 2017

Description:

*Substitution added in language to include the foster child's health care provider to the oversight team. "This bill amends the name of the Child Abuse Advisory Council to the Child Welfare Improvement Council. It also requires child welfare caseworkers within the Division of Child and Family Services (the division) to use evidence-informed or evidence-based safety and risk assessments to guide decisions concerning a child throughout a child protection investigation or proceeding. It requires a juvenile court to consider the division's safety and risk assessments to determine whether a child should be removed from the custody of the child's parent or guardian. It also modifies the division's requirements for completing background checks before placing a child in emergency placement. Also, it requires the division, through contract with the Department of Health, to establish and operate a psychotropic medication oversight pilot program for children in foster care to ensure that foster children are being prescribed psychotropic medication consistent with their needs. It also includes a sunset to the pilot program. "

Impact on Children:

These are some of our most at-risk children. We need to do everything we can to ensure they are placed in the best possible situation and receive all the care and services available to them. By requiring the Division of Child and Family service to use evidence based safety and risk assessments they will be better informed and able to act in the best interest of the child. This bill will also form a pilot program to better serve the children who need mental health services and medication that are in the Foster Care system.

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."

Child Health and Safety - 3. Support programs that provide for a child's health and wellness—including mental health—as they progress through each stage of development into adulthood and help families monitor their child's well-being

Family Life



SB0091 S2 | BOARD OF EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Hillyard, Lyle W.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

"This bill: ▶ allows the State Board of Education to: • enforce Title 53A, State System of Public Education, under certain circumstances, • audit the use of certain state funds, • require a local education agency to, in certain contracts between a local education agency and a third party contractor, include certain provisions, or • appoint an attorney for certain purposes, and ▶ gives rulemaking authority

Impact on Children:

All schools must comply with federal and state laws governing public schools that require fiscal transparency, responsibility and accountability.

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

Education



SB0098 | ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION SPENDING

Sponsor: [Dabakis, Jim](#)



Status: [Senate filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [Senate received note from Fiscal Analyst](#)

Description:

This bill requires a school district, charter school, and institution of higher education to spend a certain amount of state funds on arts and cultural education.

Impact on Children:

PTA Resolution:

Individual Development

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SB0101 | HIGH QUALITY SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM EXPANSION

Sponsor: [Millner, Ann](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [.Enactment of this bill appropriates \\$9.0 million ongoing from the Education Fund to the State Board of](#)

[Education and \\$2.5 million ongoing from the General Fund to the Department of](#)



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Workforce Services to implement the High Quality School Readiness Program outlined in the bill. Enactment of this bill may also cost the Department of Workforce Services \$100,000 one-time in the current fiscal year for set-up and programming expenses.

Description:

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Services to determine eligibility for an Intergenerational Poverty Scholarship and creates the Student Access to High Quality School Readiness Programs Grant Program to expand access to high quality school readiness programs for eligible students. This bill also creates the Intergenerational Poverty School Readiness Scholarship Program and, establishes early childhood education training. It also requires the State Board of Education to contract with an independent evaluator to conduct an ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of high quality school readiness programs.

Impact on Children:

This bill will provide more funding for high quality early education for low income at-risk students. With early intervention these student have a chance to enter kindergarten without needing further special education services. This bill also provides funding for evaluation of the effectiveness for this programs.

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.

National PTA Public Policy: Early Learning and Childhood Education - 1. Ensure family engagement initiatives begin at birth, at home and in other early learning environments to guarantee coordinated family engagement throughout childhood

Family Life



SB0109 S1 | SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Millner, Ann



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill, based on the passage of a constitutional amendment, may increase amount of funding distributed to the public schools through the School LAND Trust Program from the Trust Distribution Account created in the bill. The account is funded from the permanent State School Fund. Estimates indicate that a total of \$80 to \$84 million may be distributed compared to the current \$42 to \$48 million.

Description:

This bill changes the Interest and Dividends Account to the Trust Distribution Account within the Uniform School Fund and sets the distribution formula for the permanent State School Fund. It directs the School and Institutional Trust Fund Office (SITFO) to annually review the distribution formula and make recommendations, if necessary, to the Legislature.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. It will increase and stabilize the distribution from the permanent State School Fund. It will insure that the distribution of the fund through the School LAND Trust program reflects the needs of current beneficiaries as well as

continuing to grow the fund balance for future beneficiaries.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2015-1 School Trust Lands](#)

Notes: Resolved: That Utah PTA encourage 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 public schools and and be if further resolved That Utah PTA encourage the Utah State Legislature to support all distributions from the permanent State School Fund being dispersed to each K-12 public school to improve student academic performance.

Trust Lands



SB0113S01 | SUBJECTING A MINOR TO SEXUAL MATERIAL

Sponsor: Weiler, Todd



Status: Senate Comm - substituted

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could increase incarceration costs from the General Fund to the Department of

Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code penalties regarding specified offenses against children.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides that if the defendant in specified offenses exposes the victim, who is a minor, to pornography, the courts and the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole shall consider the defendant's act as an aggravating factor in their deliberations.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2002-1 Internet Pornography](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage and support legislation that includes appropriate penalties for predators who send pornographic material to children and youth.

Safety

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SB0125 S1 | AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Escamilla, Luz



Status: Governor Signed

51.



Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill: requires the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Workforce Services, to make rules that describe high quality standards for programs.

Impact on Children:

When students can participate in high quality after school programs studies show an increase in academic achievement, higher graduation rates, more parent involvement, and greater community support.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2015-2 Support For Community Schools

Notes: Utah PTA urge state legislators to facilitate implementation of community schools to provide services for the whole child and the families in each school community.

Family Life



SB0143 S1 | COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
Stephenson,
Howard A.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Assuming that approximately 10 percent of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) opt to participate in the Competency-Based Education Grants Program and it takes multiple years for the program to be implemented, enactment of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \$480,000 ongoing and \$324,500 one-time from the Education Fund in FY 2017 to develop the grant program, make system changes, and issue the Planning Grants provided in the bill. In FY 2018, costs may increase to \$1,880,000 ongoing from the Education Fund. This cost may vary depending on the number of Implementation Grants awarded. In future years, the cost of the program may increase as additional Planning, Implementation, and Expansion grants are awarded

Description:

This bill establishes the Competency-Based Education Grants Program.

Impact on Children:

This bill will provide a grant process to explore competency-based education.

PTA Resolution:

Education



SB0149 S1 | SCHOOL GRADING MODIFICATIONS



Sponsor: Millner, Ann



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the letter grade that is assigned to the percentage of points earned under school grading.

Impact on Children:

This bill will dramatically increase the number of schools able to receive an "A" or "B" grade in the current school grading system established by the Utah legislature.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2014-1 Public School Accountability

Notes: "That Utah PTA support systems of accountability for public schools that take into account qualitative characteristics, including a welcoming environment, family engagement efforts, administrative leadership, and community collaboration and in addition to quantitative measurements, such as educator qualifications, student absenteeism, average student tested proficiency and student academic growth. That Utah PTA advocates against the implementation of any accountability system that reduces the evaluation of a school to a single grade or score, that ranks schools beyond statistical confidence, and that grades on a bell curve."

We oppose school grading and however, we appreciate the efforts made to make improvements.

Education

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SB0152 | ACCELERATED FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSE AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: Stephenson, Howard A.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$300,000

ongoing from the Education Fund beginning in FY 2017.

Description:

This bill provides for the development of concurrent enrollment courses for accelerated foreign language students.

Impact on Children:

This will expand foreign language opportunities to concurrent enrollment.

PTA Resolution: EDU 1990-5 Language Instruction

Notes: That Utah PTA support language instruction offerings be continued throughout high school, including advanced classes for students preparing to use language

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professionally, in translation/interpretation, diplomacy, or international business.

Education



SB0158 | JUVENILE COURT AND CHILD ABUSE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Harper, Wayne A.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill amends the definition of "sexual abuse" in the Juvenile Court Act.

Impact on Children:

Currently the DCFS is required to investigate all reports of same-age peers having consensual sex. This is a parental or value issue and not an issue for the government. This bill will allow the DCFS not to get involved unless its suspected that force or coercion is involved. This will also protect families from the unintended trauma that happens in these circumstances. Currently under the law the DCFS has to treat any perpetrator the same. We want to avoid a child from being treated the same as a 40 year sexual predator who is abusing children.

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.

Child Health and Safety - 3. Support programs that provide for a child’s health and wellness—including mental health—as they progress through each stage of development into adulthood and help families monitor their child’s well-being

Family Life

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SB0244S1 | SCHOOL FUNDING PROVISIONS



Sponsor: Fillmore, Lincoln

Status: Senate filed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$21,400,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to increase the state guarantee rate for the Voted & Board Local Levy Programs as outlined in the bill. In addition to the direct appropriation, enactment of

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this bill may cost the State Board of Education in FY 2017, \$20,200,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to replace the school district contribution to the Charter School Local Replacement Program. Bill provisions require that funding equal to 1 percent of the Basic School Program be allocated each year, beginning in FY 2018, to increase the state guarantee rate on the Voted & Board Local Levy Programs. This increase is estimated at approximately \$26,000,000 ongoing from the Education Fund in FY 2017 and will vary in future years depending on the prior year appropriation for the Basic School Program. The FY 2017 amount is reduced by (\$26,000,000) one-time from the Education Fund because the 1 percent of Basic School Program adjustment for the state guarantee rate takes effect in FY 2018. All components together may cost the State Board of Education \$41,600,000 ongoing in FY 2017 and \$67,600,000 ongoing in FY 2018 from the Education Fund to fund the programs outlined above.

Description:

This bill amends the state contribution guarantee amount for the voted and board local levies and enacts language stating the use of guarantee funds can be for any educational purpose.

Impact on Children:

This bill would require 1/3 of future funds available for a WPU increase to go toward increasing the state guarantee rate. The Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) is given to every school on a per pupil basis. The state guarantee rate goes to school districts who have a high property tax effort, but low property tax values. This bill would take funding from the WPU, which helps all children, and give it to the state guarantee rate which helps children in property poor districts.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Funding for Education

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.

PTA supports efforts to help property poor districts and to ensure adequate education funding for all children. However, we are concerned that the money will be taken from the WPU which helps ALL students. We feel this concept should be studied further during interim.

Education



SCR003 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE EDUCATION STATE PLAN



Sponsor: Van Tassell, Kevin T.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This concurrent resolution supports the creation of an American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan.

Impact on Children:

This bill focuses efforts on improving the education of American Indian and Alaskan Natives in the State of Utah.

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

Notes: 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

National PTA Public Policy: Elementary and Secondary Education - 3. Ensure all students receive quality instruction from well-prepared teachers and have access to well-rounded and rigorous curriculum that facilitate student learning and growth

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SCR008 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TEST AND TRAINING RANGE LAND EXCHANGE

Sponsor: Stevenson, J.

Status: Governor Signed



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This concurrent resolution approves the land exchange proposed by the Federal Government for the expansion of the Test and Training Range at Hill Air Force Base. It authorizes SITLA to exchange approximately 99,000 acres of school trust lands captured by the expansion for lands of equal value.

Impact on Children:

This bill will give SITLA the opportunity to trade with the federal government for lands with greater economic development potential. Revenues from these lands are deposited in the Permanent State School Fund and distribution from the fund go directly to Utah's public schools through the School LAND Trust program.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2015-1 School Trust Lands](#)

Notes: Resolved: That Utah PTA work to encourage Federal and State officials to fulfill their responsibilities under the Enabling Act by assisting the State in proper management of School Trust Lands for their intended purpose to support public schools, and in cases where management for trust purposes would conflict with other important purposes, such as protection of archaeological, aesthetic, or other environmental or cultural resources, that the Federal Government or State purchase, or trade the affected lands for other lands of comparable value, and

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SCR009 | CONCURRENT



RESOLUTION ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Sponsor: Weiler, Todd



Status: Senate to Governor

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes that pornography is a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms.

Impact on Children:

This resolution: ▶ recognizes that pornography is a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of individual and public health impacts and societal harms and and ▶ recognizes the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change at the community and societal level in order to address the pornography epidemic that is harming the citizens of Utah and the nation.

PTA Resolution: SAF 2002-1 Internet Pornography

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.

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SCR011 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE RESCHEDULING OF MARIJUANA



Sponsor: Shiozawa, Brian E.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Congress to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II drug and encourages researchers to investigate the benefits of medical marijuana.

Impact on Children:

This bill will help protect children by reclassifying marijuana as a Category II controlled substance (a medical classification) and encourages research on the use of marijuana for medical purposes.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Resolution on Substance and Alcohol Abuse Awareness and Prevention

Notes: That the National PTA and its constituent organizations encourage and support educational and prevention programs for students, parents and caregivers regarding the dangers of substance and alcohol abuse, including but not limited to prescription, non-prescription (over the counter), illegal drugs, inhalants, and alcohol. Prevention programs should include a parent or caregivers' component that reinforces the facts about substance and alcohol abuse and their harmful effects

Health



SCR019 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION



Sponsor:
Adams, J. Stuart



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [No fiscal impact](#)

Description:

This resolution: ▶ declares that parents should have decision making authority over primary and secondary education in the state, ▶ notes that the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution limits the authority of the federal government to those powers enumerated in the Constitution, which do not include education, ▶ urges the United States Congress to end all current and prohibit any further interference with state decisions regarding education by the United States Department of Education, and and ▶ demands the prohibition of federal programs that incentivize states to adopt certain academic standards or that require states to pass specific education legislation in order to maintain federal funding.

Impact on Children:

This resolution calls for the federal government to not be involved in education in any way.

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SJR001 | PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION--STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGES

Sponsor: **Jackson, Alvin B.**



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Status: [Senate comm sent to Rules](#)

Fiscal Note: [Enactment of this legislation could cost the Elections Office \\$15,300 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2017 to publish and distribute the proposed amendment to voters.](#)

Description:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to: ▶ modify a provision relating to the State Board of Education, ▶ modify how the State Board of Education is established, ▶ require some members to be elected, as provided by statute, and some to be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and and ▶ provide for qualifications of appointed members to be specified by statute.

Impact on Children:

This joint resolution will put before the voters a constitutional amendment which will allow the governor to appoint some of the members of the State School Board

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2015-3 State School Board](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA support legislation which enacts direct, nonpartisan election of State School Board members and opposes partisan election of the same body.

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SJR004 | PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION-- EDUCATION FUNDING

Sponsor: [Dabakis, Jim](#)

Status: [Senate comm - sent to Rules](#)



Fiscal Note: [Enactment of this legislation could cost the Elections Office \\$15,300 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2017 to publish and distribute the proposed amendment to voters.](#)

Description:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to: ▶ exclude the higher education system from a provision limiting how revenue from taxes on intangible property or income is to be used, so that the revenue may be used to support the public education system only.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill will put on the ballot an amendment to the Utah Constitution which will remove higher education from receiving any funding from the State Income Tax and designates that all money from the State Income Tax flows only to public education.

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

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SJR012 | PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - CHANGES TO SCHOOL FUNDS

Sponsor: Millner, Ann



Status: Lt. Governor preparing to be placed on the ballot in November

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this legislation could cost the Elections Office \$15,300 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2017 to publish and distribute the proposed amendment to voters.

Description:

This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution relating to the investment and holding of the State School Fund. It allows for investment earnings to be distributed rather than just interest and dividends. It sets a cap on distributions from the State School Fund at 4% of the fund. If passed, the lieutenant governor would submit the proposal to voters this fall.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. It will increase and stabilize the distribution of the permanent State School Fund. It will insure the distribution from the School LAND Trust program reflects the needs of current beneficiaries as well as continuing to grow the fund balance for future beneficiaries.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2015-1 School Trust Lands

Notes: Resolved: That Utah PTA encourage 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 public schools and and be if further resolved That Utah PTA encourage the Utah State Legislature to support all distributions from the permanent State School Fund being dispersed to each K-12 public school to improve student academic performance.

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