

Bill Sheet - 2014 General Session of the 60th Legislature

45 Items

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1.



HB0011 | OVERDOSE REPORTING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Moss, Carol Spackman



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill: provides that a person who reports a person's overdose from a controlled substance or other substance may claim an affirmative defense to specified charges of violating the Utah Controlled Substances Act if the person remains with the person who is subject to the overdose and cooperates with responding medical providers and law enforcement officers and . provides that remaining with a person subject to an overdose and cooperating with medical providers and law enforcement is a mitigating factor when determining the penalty for a related violation of the Utah Controlled Substances Act.

Impact on Children:

We need to follow this bill because of the potential to save the lives of the K-12 student population who use drugs and then overdose.

PTA Resolution: [Position Statement taken by the Utah PTA Executive Committee on January 28, 2014 for the 2014 Legislative Session](#)

Notes: Utah PTA supports legislation that allows for mitigation of penalty for any person, including those who are minors, when found in violation of the Utah Controlled Substance Act to assist a friend, acquaintance, or other individual who has overdosed on the Controlled Substance and then further assists law enforcement and medical providers to do all that is possible to save a life.

Student Involvement

2.



HB0023 | SUICIDE PREVENTION REVISIONS

Sponsor: Eliason, Steve



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill amends certain student survey and evaluation provisions related to public school suicide prevention.

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- 1 Christensen, Allen
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Bill Status

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Impact on Children:

Under certain circumstances, allows a school employee or agent to intervene and ask a student questions regarding the student's suicidal thoughts, self-harming behavior, or thoughts of harming others, for the purposes of referring the student to appropriate prevention services, and informing the student's parent, requires a school district or charter school to develop a policy related to school employee intervention measures on or before September 1, 2014, and allows school personnel to ask a student questions related to youth suicide prevention, intervention, or postvention as part of the school's suicide prevention program.

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

3.



HB0030 | CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill modifies Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act, by adding controlled substances.

Impact on Children:

This bill adds new "spice" and emerging drug analogs to the listed controlled substances.

PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

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

Health

4.



HB0041 | CLEAN FUEL SCHOOL BUSES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Sponsor: Handy, Stephen



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates one-time Education Fund to the State Board of Education. The \$20,000,000 can be used for school

buses of certain fuel types and certain infrastructure associated with those fuel types.

Description:

This bill provides grants to replace school buses and to create infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles. Highlighted Provisions: This bill: allows the State Board of Education to award a grant to a school district or charter school to: replace a school bus manufactured before 2002 with a new school bus that uses CNG, propane, or clean diesel fuel, install an alternative fuel fueling station for a school bus that uses alternative fuel and that may be accessed by a governmental entity or the public to fuel an alternative fuel vehicle, or retrofit a bus shop to service and maintain a school bus that uses alternative fuel, requires the State Board of Education to make rules related to the awarding of a grant, including rules that specify criteria for selecting a grant recipient, and require a grant recipient to provide funding matches in an amount that is greater than or equal to the amount of a grant received, and and requires the State Board of Education to:

Impact on Children:

Since its founding, National PTA has worked to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth. Over the years, National PTA has recognized the growing importance of environmental issues and the impact they have on the health and welfare of children and their families. PTA members have a responsibility to promote environmental health and safety, and to help protect our world's finite natural resources.

PTA Resolution: Position Statement Environmental Health and Safety

Notes: Promote "reduce, re-use, and recycle" policies and support incentives for pollution prevention and natural resource conservation activities. Improve the quality of our physical environment by securing and monitoring the enforcement of stricter health and safety standards for contaminants and pollutants. Minimize the production of hazardous waste, and enforce strict compliance with rules that require the safe transportation, storage, management, and disposal of hazardous waste.

Health

5.



HB0071S1 | DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL IMAGES

Sponsor: Poulson, Marie



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill provides a definition of "intimate image", provides exceptions for lawful use of images, provides an exception for lawful practices and functions, including law enforcement functions and medical procedures, provides an exemption for defined telecommunication services, and provides that distribution of an intimate image of an individual, as defined and without that individual's permission, is a third degree felony.

Impact on Children:

The penalty for distribution of intimate images, without the individual's permission, will become a Third Degree Felony. Those involved in pornography will continue to distribute photos that have been taken with a child who was molested or raped, or made to perform sexual acts. This can follow a child throughout their life and impact them on an on-going basis.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Resolution on Sexting: Legal Consequences

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA urge elected and law enforcement officials at all levels of government and, particularly, the Utah State Attorney General and the United States Attorney General to exercise all of the authority under their jurisdiction to curtail the

production, distribution and exhibition of materials which depict in an explicit manner intimate and sexual conduct and violence of a sexually-oriented nature.

Safety & Welfare

6.



HB0077 | TAX CREDIT FOR HOME-SCHOOLING PARENT

Sponsor: Lifferth, David E.



Status: Enacting Clause Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could reduce the Education Fund by \$3,000,000

Description:

This bill defines terms, provides a nonrefundable tax credit for a home-schooling parent, and provides that the tax credit for a home-schooling parent is subject to apportionment.

Impact on Children:

The State of Utah has a responsibility to fund public education. Public education is greatly under-funded. This bill makes tax credits available to parents who home school, even if the students are dual enrolled in public school while being home schooled for some part of the day. While parents have the choice to home school, public funds should not be diverted from public schools as a tax credit for home schooling parents.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Funding for Education

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

Education

7.



HB0081 S1 | PARENTAL REVIEW OF STATEWIDE SUMMATIVE TEST QUESTIONS

Sponsor: Kennedy, M



Status: Enacting Clause Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill expands a committee of parents or guardians of Utah public education students that reviews computer adaptive test questions and requires the State Board of Education to prepare, and publish on the State Board of Education's website, a report containing information about test questions identified by the committee for certain reasons.

Impact on Children:

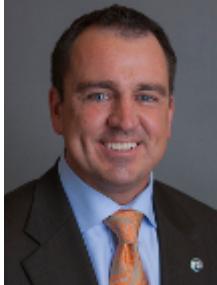
The education experts in the State Office of Education created and continue to create the summative tests. Members of the State Board of Education are elected representatives of the people who review the test questions. It is unnecessary that additional people be brought in to review the work of the State Board.

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.

Education

8.



HB0096 | UTAH SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE

Sponsor: [Hughes, Greg](#)



Status: [Enrolled](#)

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill creates the School Readiness Board, which provides grants to certain early childhood education programs, and may enter into certain contracts with private entities to provide funding for early childhood education programs for at-risk students. It requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Workforce Services to solicit proposals from qualifying early childhood education providers for quality school readiness grants.

Impact on Children:

Studies show that children who receive early interventions through quality preschool programs are less likely to need special education or resource service later. This is very important for at-risk children in a poverty situation.

PTA Resolution: [FAM 2009-1 Early Childhood](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents on the importance of quality early childhood learning experiences, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work collaboratively with existing early childhood programs to better coordinate services, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the state.

Family Life

9.



HB0112S10 | REGULATION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Sponsor: [Ray, Paul](#)



Status: [Enacting Clause Stricken/Bill Failed](#)

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill amends the Utah Code to modify and add provisions related to electronic cigarettes

Impact on Children:

"This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill." This bill prohibits a person from selling or manufacturing electronic cigarettes or electronic cigarette substances without a license from the Department of Health, prohibits a person from selling or manufacturing electronic cigarettes or electronic cigarette substances that contain nicotine that is not pharmaceutical-grade nicotine, prohibits a person from advertising that electronic cigarettes or electronic cigarette substances help an individual stop using tobacco or a product containing tobacco, directs the Department of Health to issue licenses to manufacture or sell electronic cigarettes under certain conditions, provides that the Department of Health can revoke a person's license to sell electronic cigarettes if the person sells an electronic cigarette or an electronic cigarette substance to an individual who is less than 19 years of age, prohibits a business owner from allowing a minor to use an electronic cigarette in the business, prohibits an individual who is less than 19 years of age from buying, attempting to buy, or possessing an electronic cigarette product, and

PTA Resolution: HEA 2007-1 Substance Abuse

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

Health

10.



HB0132 | TEMPORARY HOMELESS YOUTH SHELTER AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Froerer, Gage



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill grants the Office of Licensing rule making authority to make rules establishing age-appropriate and gender-appropriate sleeping quarters in temporary homeless youth shelters, requires a temporary homeless youth shelter to notify the Division of Child and Family Services or a youth services center within 48 hours after the later of: the time that the temporary homeless youth shelter becomes aware that the minor is a runaway, and or the time that the temporary homeless youth shelter begins harboring the minor.

Impact on Children:

There needs to be time to evaluate the teens situation and insure we are adequately securing their safety and protection before returning them to their prior situation.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1976-1 The Runaway Child

Notes: Resolved, Encouraging communities to provide shelter homes, resources and services for the runaway youth

Safety & Welfare

11.

HB0168 S1 | SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS AND FUNDS MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS



Sponsor: Brown, Melvin R.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill could cost the School and Institutional Trust Fund Office \$578,000 in FY 2015 and \$865,000 ongoing in FY2016 from the School and Institutional Trust Fund Management Account (which is funded from the Interest and Dividends Account.) The bill may result in higher costs for managing the trust fund assets and could total \$1 million to \$3 million per year. Depending upon returns and management costs, the revenue allocated to school districts from the Interest and Dividends Account may increase or decrease. The bill could cost the School Children Trust Section \$9,000 ongoing from the Interest and Dividends Account and \$2,000 from the Land Grant Management Fund, starting in FY 2015.

Description:

This bill comes from the recommendations of the Permanent Fund Task Force commissioned by the State Board of Education. The bill will create a best practices structure for the investment of the Permanent Fund. The State Treasurer will chair an Investment Board, which will hire a Director to work to ensure appropriate long-term investment of the fund.

Impact on Children:

The interest and dividends from the Permanent Fund that is distributed to local school community councils. It is essential that the permanent fund is invested well both for the benefit of Utah's current school children and as well as future school children.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-2 School Trust Lands

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

Education

12.



HB0192 | INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITION AMENDMENTS



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill adds a statement to a statewide or local initiative petition signature sheet stating that a signer has read, understands, and agrees to the law proposed by the petition, adds a statement to a statewide or local referendum petition signature sheet stating that a signer has read and understands the law the petition seeks to overturn, and makes technical corrections.

Impact on Children:

The bill will make it incredibly difficult for the citizens of the state to exercise their constitutional right to petition the government through initiatives and direct referenda, thus hampering PTA's efforts to advocate for the best interests of the children of the

State.

PTA Resolution: COM 2008-1 Protecting Utahns Right to Direct Democracy Through Initiatives and Direct Referenda

Notes: Resolved #2: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support the right of the people to participate in direct democracy through initiatives and referenda and oppose any legislation that weakens their ability to do so

Community Involvement

13.



HB0213S01 | CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A STUDENT

Sponsor: Christensen, LaVar



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill modifies the offense of aggravated sexual abuse of a child by providing a definition of the term "position of special trust" and clarifying that the definition includes adult employees and volunteers at public and private schools, provides that specified sexual conduct against victims between 14 and 18 years of age are third degree felonies if committed by a school employee or volunteer, and states in the Criminal Code that a sexual offense against a minor is a ground for the revocation of a teacher's license.

Impact on Children:

Too many of our students have been molested or in some cases raped while attending schools. Utah PTA as a part of our mission is engaged in the protection of children in the schools. It is important to protect our children in their school environment.

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

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

Safety & Welfare

14.



HB0215 S1 | PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS

Sponsor: Handy, Stephen G.



Status: Enacting Clause Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

Requires the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Safety to provide notification to certain entities when a new entry is made against

an employee or volunteer whose fingerprints are held on file regarding any matters involving an alleged offense against property and removes the time limit related to criminal offenses of the same type that the State Board of Education may consider when making licensing decision.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA, as a part of our mission is engaged in the protection of children in our schools. It is important to do all that we can to protect children while they are in their school environment. Several of Utah's school children have been molested or raped by school employees. We must do anything that we can to insure that our children are as protected as possible.

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

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

Safety & Welfare

15.



HB0221 | SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVISIONS

Sponsor:



Cunningham, Rich

Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill will facilitate the State Office of Education's School Children Trust Section's ability to provide training to local school board members, district administrators, and school community council members. This bill also moves forward required dates for School Community Councils to perform certain responsibilities.

Impact on Children:

As parents are trained, they are more effective and empowered in their role as members of School Community Councils.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2011-2 PTA Support for School Community Councils](#)

Notes: Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support quality training for SCCs Resolved, that Utah PTA work with the Utah State Board of Education to develop high level training for local SCCs and School Boards Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support and encourage elected school boards to participate in thorough training which would enable them to know, understand and follow the law to support SCCs

Education

16.

HB0223 | SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS PROVISIONS

Sponsor: [Nielson, Jim](#)



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill requires the direct, nonpartisan election of members to the State Board of Education and repeals the involvement of the governor and the nominating and recruiting committee for the State Board of Education in the selection process.

Impact on Children:

Having direct, non-partisan State School Board elections helps to safeguard public education from political conflicts and dysfunction.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education

Notes: Resolved 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

17.



HB0228 S1 | UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS AND REPORTING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Greene, Brian
M.



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill: provides that members of the Utah State Board of Education are elected through partisan elections, modifies the reporting requirements of state school board office candidates and officeholders, and removes the nominating committee, and related provisions, for selecting candidates to run for the Utah State Board of Education.

Impact on Children:

Introducing partisan politics to the election of State School Board members conflicts could result in dysfunction which would affect the quality of public education.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-1 State Board of Education

Notes: Resolved, 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

18.

HB0241 | SCHOOL RECORDS AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: Froerer, Gage

Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This is amendments to the bill HB134 Sub 3 from 2013. The changes are taking out all the lines of what the schools cannot do with the information and replacing it with the schools need to follow the FERPA Laws.

Impact on Children:

Parent notification files are kept private unless there is a parental release or FERPA-followed court ordered warrant.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2007-1 Parenting

Notes: Resolved 1, 3, 5, and 6.

Student Involvement

19.



HB0254S1 | HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Seelig, Jennifer M.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill provides that a child is not subject to a delinquency proceeding for prostitution unless the child has been referred to the Division of Child and Family Services on at least one prior occasion for an alleged act of prostitution.

Impact on Children:

Children who are lured or forced into prostitution should not be charged for a delinquency proceeding for prostitution. This directly impacts them for life and is often not their fault. These children become victims of those who lure them into this lifestyle by promising them shelter, food, gifts, etc.

PTA Resolution: Child Trafficking

Notes: Resolved, 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 & Welfare

20.

HB0257 | AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE OF THE CHILD AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: Wilson, Brad

Status: Enrolled



Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill modifies the offense of aggravated sexual abuse of a child by providing a definition of the term "position of special trust"

Impact on Children:

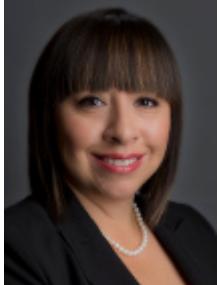
Children should be protected and feel safe with the trusted adults in their lives. This bill defines "position of special trust" in regards to adults in a position of authority which enables them to exercise undue influence over a child.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2009-2 Child Abuse and Neglect

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

Family Life

21.



HB0286S2 | CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION

Sponsor: Romero, Angela



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

The substitution adds that the State Board of Education in partnership with the Department of Health and non-profits organizations that specialize in sexual abuse and prevention will work together to approve instructional materials for the school districts and charter to use.

Impact on Children:

This substitute requires schools and charters use materials that have been approved by the State Board of Education. It also allows parents to be notified in advance and allows them to excuse their child from participating or allows them to be in attendance while curriculum is being taught.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2009-2 Child Abuse and Neglect

Notes: That 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, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support prevention and intervention programs that teach positive parenting skills, coping strategies for caretakers, and appropriate response techniques for children, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for adequate laws to protect children in all areas of child abuse, neglect, maltreatment, and exploitation.

Family Life

22.

HB0305 | SAFETY BELT LAW REVISIONS



Sponsor: Perry, Lee



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill: repeals the provision that provides that the failure to use a child restraint device or to wear a safety belt does not constitute contributory or comparative negligence on the part of a person seeking recovery for injuries and and repeals the prohibition against introducing the failure to use a child restraint device or to wear a safety belt as evidence in any civil litigation on the issue of negligence, injuries, or the mitigation of damages.

Impact on Children:

Since we have started requiring children to wear child restraints we have decreased the loss of children 61%.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1998-2 Standard Seat Belt Legislation

Notes: Resolved, 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.

Safety & Welfare

23.



HB0320 S1 | EDUCATORS' PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Sponsor: Last, B



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill may cost the State Board of Education \$50,000 one-time for an independent consultant to conduct a statewide survey related to educator professional learning.

Description:

This bill: requires a school district or charter school to implement professional learning that meets specified standards, requires the State Board of Education, school districts, and charter schools to: determine resources needed to implement professional learning that meets specified standards, and evaluate the impact of professional learning efforts and resources, and and requires a school district or charter school to use state or federal money designated for professional learning to implement professional learning that meets specified standards.

Impact on Children:

Professional development is essential to keep teachers with up-to-date skills and techniques for quality instruction. The time teachers have for professional development is precious and the resources they have should be up to high standards. When teachers are highly qualified, children thrive in school.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2011-1 Excellence in Teaching

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA support high standards for teacher preparation, licensing, hiring, re-certification, professional development, particularly for beginning teachers, and ongoing training as curriculum changes, in order to promote the academic achievement of all students.

Education

24.



HB0329 | PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH PROTECTION

Sponsor: Eliason, Steve



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill modifies programs to protect youth.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides money for schools to implement evidence-based practices and programs, or emerging best practices and programs, for preventing suicide, and imposes requirements regarding a parent seminar on youth protection offered by school districts, including: the number of parent seminars to be offered annually, and the curriculum.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention

Notes: That these programs include in-service classes for school personnel, classroom discussions, films, awareness presentations for parents, coordination of school and community resources, confidential record keeping, and other materials and methods as they are developed and approved.

Health

25.



HB0342 S2 | POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sponsor: Layton, Dana L.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish: a time line for the review of core curriculum standards in certain curriculum areas by a standards review committee, and a standards review committee to review, and recommend revisions to, core curriculum standards, specifies the membership of a standards review committee, and directs the State Board of Education to take into consideration the comments and recommendations of a standards review committee in revising core curriculum standards.

Impact on Children:

The education experts in the State Office of Education created and continue to create the State Education Core Standards. Members of the State Board of Education are elected representatives of the people who review the standards. It is unnecessary that additional people be brought in to review the work of the State Board.

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.

Education

26.



HB0384 | CONCUSSION AND HEAD INJURY AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Ray, Paul



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill makes technical corrections to the Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Act.

Impact on Children:

A school nurse may assess a child who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or traumatic head injury during school hours on school property regardless of whether the nurse has received specialized training in the evaluation and management of a concussion.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Resolution on Head Injury Reporting

Notes: Resolved, That PTA and its constituent associations educate its members, and school personnel on the seriousness of head injuries and the need to report them to parents and/or guardians for monitoring and further follow up.

Health

27.



HB0406S1 | SCHOOL BUS TRAFFIC SAFETY AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:



Cosgrove, Tim M

Status: Enacting Clause Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

Description:

This bill allows school districts to contract for technology, applied to the exterior of a school bus, that produces an image of any motor vehicle that passes a school bus in violation of state law, requires that the technology transmit to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the location where the violation occurred an image of the motor vehicle taken at the time of the violation, allows the local law enforcement agency, upon receipt of the image, to conduct, in its discretion, an investigation of the violation and to issue a citation or otherwise seek to initiate a prosecution, and requires notification to all households within a school district's boundaries if a school district utilizes the technology.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides a way to prevent accidents, educates parents, and keeps children safe.

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

Notes: Resolved, The PTA support and encourage strict enforcement by law enforcement agencies toward violators of this law. Resolved, The PTA support and encourage a program to further education of the public through various news media regarding this law and the serious consequences to our children when this law is violated.

Safety & Welfare

28.



HCR0010 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LAND EXCHANGE ACT

Sponsor: Noel, M.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This resolution urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that would affirm the federal land grant process and to eliminate barriers to federal-state land exchanges. It encourages federal legislation that would require federal land management agencies to give priority to land exchanges that remove state land grant properties from areas of federal land that restrict the state's ability to generate revenue. It also encourages that land exchange transactions be accomplished in 2 years or less.

Impact on Children:

Trust lands generate revenue for our schools. Land exchanges allow SITLA the ability to better manage the trust lands. Trust land revenue is distributed to School Community Councils through the School LAND Trust Program. Trust Lands monies are the only discretionary funds schools receive that parents are able to target on students' critical academic needs.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-2 School Trust Lands

Notes: Resolved: That Utah PTA works 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 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.

Education

29.

HCR004 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Brown, Melvin R.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:



Description:

This bill recognizes the 20 years of successful management of Utah's School Trust Lands.

Impact on Children:

This past year over \$37 million dollars came to School Community Councils through the School LAND Trust Program. Trust Lands monies are the only discretionary funds schools receive that parents are able to target on students' critical academic needs.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2004-2 School Trust Lands

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

Education

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HCR006 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS TO EXTEND PARENTAL LEAVE TO CERTAIN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sponsor: Poulson, M



Status: Enacting Clause Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This resolution encourages employers to adopt flexible work schedules and paid parent and guardian leave to their employees of up to one day per child for the purpose of attending parent-teacher conferences, school-related activities, or in the case of an emergency, recognizes that employees should make a reasonable attempt to schedule conferences and school-related activities for which leave may be taken outside of regular work hours, recognizes that, in scheduling conferences for which leave may be taken, the State Board of Education should be allowed to require schools and school districts to exercise best efforts to accommodate the schedules of parents and guardians of children, and recognizes that employers should have the discretion to grant employees leave provisions or leave benefits that are greater than the leave described in this resolution.

Impact on Children:

This is a PTA Priority Bill. Research has shown that the most significant predictor of a student's academic success is parental engagement in the student's education, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background, or parents' educational level and when parents are involved, students exhibit more positive attitudes, as well as decreased alcohol use, violence, and antisocial behavior.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2013-1 Family Engagement in Education

Notes: 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 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.

Education

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SB0038S1 | SNOW COLLEGE CONCURRENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sponsor: Okerlund, R



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates \$1,300,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to Snow College in FY 2015 to establish the Rural Superintendent Concurrent Education Program.

Description:

This bill requires Snow College to establish and administer the Rural Superintendent Concurrent Education Program to provide concurrent enrollment courses delivered through interactive video conferencing and advisory support to secondary school students.

Impact on Children:

Students in the rural school districts have limited opportunities for advanced courses in secondary schools. This bill would establish opportunities for concurrent enrollment classes for rural students, as well as students at other schools across the state, through interaction video conferencing.

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

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SB0042 | EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sponsor: Osmond, Aaron



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$6,000,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to implement the Early Childhood Education program outlined in the bill.

Description:

The bill establishes the High Quality Preschool Pilot Program to fund certain preschool programs to serve at-risk students, details components of high quality preschools that schools shall adopt to receive. Requires the State Board of Education to solicit proposals from qualifying education agencies to receive award grants for preschool programs, monitor and evaluate the programs, award one-time grants for computer labs, hardware,

and software to be used by eligible students and their parents, and develop policies and enact rules, establishes reporting requirements, and provides for partnerships with private providers.

Impact on Children:

Providing early intervention programs for at risk students can have a drastic effect on the achievement gap. Studies show students who receive early education support are less likely to need special education or resource assistance later.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2009-1 Early Childhood

Notes: The Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents on the importance of quality early childhood learning experiences. The Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work collaboratively with existing early childhood programs to better coordinate services. The Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the state.

Family Life

33.



SB0043 | INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY INTERVENTIONS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Reid, Stuart C.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$5,000,000 from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education to support the Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill creates the Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program to fund additional educational opportunities, outside of the regular school day offerings, for students affected by intergenerational poverty.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a priority for the Utah PTA. Children living in a intergenerational poverty situation are at a high risk for many adverse childhood experiences including but not limited to low school performance, high drop out rates, substance abuse, and violent situations. Studies show intervention through quality after school programs reduce those risks, improve school performance, and promote positive social development.

PTA Resolution: National PTA on After School Programs

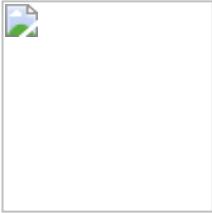
Notes: Resolved, That the National PTA urges local and state governments and the federal government to make an increased investment in funding quality after-school programs, accessible to all children, and where possible using school facilities and

Family Life

34.

SB0054S02 | ELECTIONS AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Bramble, Curtis

**Status:**GovernorSigned**Fiscal**

Note: Enactment of this bill could increase staff time and facility costs to verify signatures. These costs are dependent upon the number of signatures submitted to the Lt. Governor's Office for verification.

Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to nomination of candidates, primary and general elections, and ballots.

Impact on Children:

The right of parents to have full access and participation in deciding who makes decisions for the education and welfare of their children is of a crucial nature. As a child advocacy organization we need to assure that parents will have a strong voice to influence who will represent them and the children of Utah.

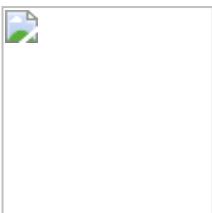
PTA Resolution: Utah PTA Position Statement 2014 on Count My Vote

Notes: " Because Utah PTA supports the democratic process and encourages its membership to be active participants in the election of child/parent-friendly representatives in the various elected bodies, and, because one of the principles PTA bases its efforts "to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth" is "the observance and understanding of the rights and obligations of responsible citizenship and ethical government, " and, because Utah PTA "supports the right of the people to participate in direct democracy through initiatives and referenda", and, because Utah voter turnout is one of the lowest in the nation, and, because Utah is the last state to limit ballot access to only a caucus-convention system, and, because the Mission of Count My Vote is " to increase voter participation and broaden engagement in Utah elections by modernizing its election system through a citizens' initiative petition", and therefore, Utah PTA is in support of the efforts of the Count My Vote Citizens' Initiative to increase participation of Utah's citizens in responsible citizenship."

We believe the people should have the right to vote on the process of elections.

Community Involvement

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SB0057 | AUTISM SERVICES AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Shiozawa,
Brian E.



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:**Description:**

This bill amends the Insurance Code to provide health benefit plan coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

Impact on Children:

This bill: defines terms, requires a health benefit plan to provide coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder, grants rulemaking authority to the insurance commissioner, describes minimum coverage amounts and limits for the insurance coverage, provides for the annual adjustment of the coverage amounts based on the Consumer Price Index, and provides an exemption for small employers if premium costs increase by more than.

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

Health

36.

SB0058 | CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Dabakis, Jim



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This bill amends provisions of Title 15A, Chapter 5, State Fire Code Act, relating to carbon monoxide detection.

Impact on Children:

This bill requires that certain buildings or structures used for educational purposes for students through grade 12 be equipped with carbon monoxide detection in accordance with the provisions of this bill and makes technical and conforming changes.

PTA Resolution: NPTA Resolution on Indoor Air Quality NPTA Safety Resolution

Notes: That the National PTA and its constituent bodies urge its local units to work with school administrators and boards of education, and Department of Defense Civil Engineering and Housing to ensure that school heating, ventilation, and air conditioning operation and maintenance plans comply with the highest current standards supplied by accepted experts and

Safety & Welfare

37.

SB0098 | PARAEDUCATOR FUNDING

Sponsor: Mayne, K



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriate \$100,000 ongoing from the Education Fund to the Minimum School Program, Related to Basic School Program--Title One Priority Schools Paraeducator Program.

Description:

This bill amends language to conform with new federal accountability standards. It provides \$100,000 as an on-going appropriation to Title 1 schools for para-educators.

Impact on Children:

This bill will extend a program that provides para-professionals to Title 1 schools.

PTA Resolution: EDU 1990-7 Trained Adult Professionals

Notes: Resolved, that Utah PTA actively seek increased funding for additional trained adult professionals (psychologists, counselors and social workers) to assist and educate

families and youth through the public school system.

Education

38.

SB0109S02 | RADON AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Sponsor: Osmond, Aaron



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates \$100,000 one-time from the General Fund in FY 2015 to the Department of Health to educate the public on radon and its effects.

Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health, in consultation with the Division of Radiation Control, to develop a campaign to educate the public regarding radon gas, including health risks, testing options, and remediation.

Impact on Children:

Children live in the homes and can be adversely affected by radon.

PTA Resolution: HEA 1998-2 Radon

Notes: Resolved #1, That Utah PTA, together with its constituent bodies, work to inform parents about the concerns of radon exposure and provide access for parents to inexpensive radon detecting kits for their homes.

Health

39.

SB0121 | TOBACCO SETTLEMENT RESTRICTED ACCOUNT

Sponsor: Christensen, Allen



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill amends the Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account to move transfer monies in the Account from going to the Children's Health Insurance Program into Medicaide to cover the transfer of coverage of children now being covered under the Affordable Care Act.

Impact on Children:

This bill amends the purposes of the \$10,452,900 appropriation from the fund to the Department of Health to include children in the Children's Health Insurance Program and the state Medicaid program.

PTA Resolution: National PTA Elements of Comprehensive Health Programs Position Statement and National PTA National Health Reform and Access to Care for Children, Youth, Families, and Pregnant Women Position Statement

Health

40.

SB0128 | SAFETY BELT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Robles, Luz



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No 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 and makes technical changes.

Impact on Children:

Since we have started requiring children to wear child restraints we have decreased the loss of children 61%.

PTA Resolution: SAF 1998-2 Standard Seat Belt Legislation

Notes: Resolved, 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.

Safety & Welfare

41.

SB0140 | ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST FUNDING

Sponsor: Mayne, K



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: Enactment of this bill appropriates \$100,000 from the Education Fund to the Enhancement for Accelerated Students program in the Minimum School Program for distribution to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) as outlined in the bill.

Description:

This bill allows the State Board of Education to allocate money appropriated for the Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program for advanced placement test fees of low-income students.

Impact on Children:

Students from low-income families are often unable to pay for the advanced placement tests for the courses they take. This bill will provide funding for these students to reward them for taking challenging courses and preparing for success in college.

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

42.

SB0148 | UPSTART PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Adams, J.
Stuart



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill establishes the UPSTART program as permanent, non-pilot program and repeals a repeal date related to the UPSTART program.

Impact on Children:

PTA supports quality educational programs for children and is committed to quality early education. Upstart is a monitored online program focusing on reading and math skills for pre-school students. Its purpose is to help at-risk children achieve kindergarten readiness.

PTA Resolution: FAM 2009-1 Early Childhood

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents on the importance of quality early childhood learning experiences, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work collaboratively with existing early childhood programs to better coordinate services, and be it further That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the state.

Family Life

43.

SB0157 | SCHOOL-BASED BUDGETING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Stephenson,
Howard A.



Status: Enacting Clause
Stricken/Bill Failed

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This bill requires a school district to distribute, by July 1, 2018, 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:

The quality of education will be negatively impacted if principals, who are education experts, are forced to be business administrators instead. School districts, with accountants and human resource departments, can provide these services more efficiently and economically.

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

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

Education

44.

SB0232S01 | SCHOOL SAFETY TIP LINE

Sponsor: [Thatcher, Daniel W.](#)



Status: [Enrolled](#)

Fiscal Note:

Description:

This is a Utah PTA priority bill. This bill provides for the creation of a statewide School Safety Tip Line to provide a means for a public school student, parent, school employee, or citizen to make an anonymous report concerning unsafe, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such activities, designates the abbreviated dialing code "311" for use by the School Safety Tip Line beginning September 1, 2015, establishes the School Safety Tip Line Governing Board, requires the State Board of Education to revise certain policies and curricula to include information related to the School Safety Tip Line, requires a School Safety Tip Line operator to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week and be staffed by licensed social workers, requires a local school board or a charter school governing board to revise certain policies to include information related to the School and provides that a record or report of information received through the School Safety Tip Line is classified as a protected record under the Government Records Access and Management Act, and

Impact on Children:

This bill establishes a statewide School Safety Tip Line

PTA Resolution: [SAF1997-1 Safe Schools/Safe Schools Policies](#)

Notes: Resolved #2: That Utah PTA continues to work for enhanced legislation that promotes safe schools.

Health

45.

SCR003 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED

CHILDREN

Sponsor: Jones, Patricia



Status: Enrolled

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.

Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges that cooperative efforts be undertaken to improve the oral health of Utah's underserved population.

Impact on Children:

This Concurrent Resolution would urge that oral health for the underserved population of Utah be addressed by the cooperative efforts of government, health care training programs, practicing health care professionals, business and community leaders, and insurance companies and recognizes the University of Utah's School of Dentistry for its commitment to serve these underserved populations with critical prevention and intervention dental care and to work closely with the other vested parties to improve the oral health management of these very vulnerable groups.

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

Notes: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge that oral health for the underserved population of Utah be addressed by the cooperative efforts of government, health care training programs, practicing health care professionals, business and community leaders, and insurance companies. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the University of Utah's School of Dentistry for its commitment to serve these underserved populations with critical prevention and intervention dental care and to work closely with the other vested parties to improve the oral health management of these very vulnerable groups. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Utah School of Dentistry, the Utah Department of Health, the Utah Medical Association, the Utah Association of Independent Insurance Agents, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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