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- 62 [Governor Signed](#)
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[HB0001S01](#) | PUBLIC EDUCATION BASE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [McKay, Daniel](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: ([\\$3,360,306,900](#)) [On-Going](#), [\\$350,000](#) [One-time](#), ([\\$3,359,956,900](#)) [Total](#)

Description:

This bill appropriates funds for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

Impact on Children:

This Bill creates the base budget for funding public education.

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

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

National PTA Public Policy: National PTA Public Policy: Federal Investment in Education 3. Support greater financial investment in our nation's children in programs that support family engagement and early learning, provide well-rounded educational opportunities and improve student safety and health

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Education

Governor
3 Senate/ filed



HB0025 | CANNABINOID PRODUCT BOARD MEMBERSHIP AMMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Daw, Brad M.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

Cannabinoid Product Board Membership Amendments

Impact on Children:

PTA Resolution: [PS HEA2018 Utah Cannabis Guiding Principles](#)

National PTA Public Policy: None

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Health

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HB0041 | MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
[Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill addresses the operation of the statewide mental health crisis line and local mental health crisis lines.

Impact on Children:

This bill ensures that when a child (or any person for that matter) calls a mental health crisis line they will not be put on hold or sent to voice

mail.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness & HEA1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

Notes: Resolved, That each school district's crisis intervention procedures include intervention in feeder schools and in the community, and be it further Resolved, That the Utah Legislature be encouraged to provide adequate funding to provide suicide prevention programs in every district and school in the State of Utah. Resolved, That Utah PTA support prevention and intervention initiatives and appropriate state funding for: (1) collaborative efforts between the home, school, private physicians, and community resource agencies to create support networks for families, (2) developing uniform methods for screening and referral, (3) increasing the number of school psychologists and social workers, and (4) improving training of primary care physicians in mental illness assessment and treatment, and and be it further

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Health



[HB0042](#) | MEDICAID WAIVER FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES



Sponsor: [Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$30,000](#)

Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health to seek a Medicaid waiver for certain mental health crisis resources.

Impact on Children:

This will allow Medicaid to extend waivers to pay for mental health crisis help.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness & HEA1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA support legislation which requires insurance parity for mental illnesses.

Health



HB0046S01 | EDUCATOR LICENSING MODIFICATIONS



Sponsor:
Peterson, Val L.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill modifies the public education code regarding educator licensing

Impact on Children:

Standards regarding teacher preparation, licensing, hiring, recertification and professional development make an important difference in the qualifications and capabilities that teachers bring to their work. Quality teachers are considered one of the most important predictors of student achievement.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2011-1 Excellence in Teaching

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA advocate for policies that strengthen respect and support for public education and the teaching profession and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support 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

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HB0057 | UTAH INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY WORK AND SELF- SUFFICIENCY TAX CREDIT

Sponsor: Westwood, John R.



Status: [House/](#)
[filed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)
[for FY2018](#)

Description:

This bill enacts a state earned income tax credit who are experiencing intergenerational poverty.

Impact on Children:

A Tax credit will give families more money for necessities.

PTA Resolution: [FAM 2014-1 INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA advocate for legislation that funds programs that assist intergenerational poverty families that are dealing with issues such as substance abuse recovery, teen pregnancy, domestic violence and child abuse.

Utah PTA supports this bill as long as the provision of reimbursing the education fund from the general fund remains in the bill.

Community Involvement



[HB0064](#) | **DISTRACTED DRIVER AMENDMENTS**

Sponsor: [Moss,](#)
[Carol Spackman](#)



Status: [House/](#) [filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill prohibits the use of a handheld mobile device while operating a motor vehicle without the use of hands-free technology.

Impact on Children:

The changes would increase the ability to enforce the law by not allowing any manual manipulation and thereby making Utah roads safer for all.

PTA Resolution: [PTA Resolution on Distracted Driving](#)

Notes: That PTA and its constituent associations support the adoption and enforcement of laws that restrict the manipulation of handheld and

portable communication devices while driving

While we appreciate the efforts to improve the safety of Utah's children on Utah's roads, current research shows that hands free is not risk free and is just as distracting as hands on. Utah PTA feels that this bill does not go far enough and hopes this esteemed body continues to work towards zero use of cellphone and such devices by drivers.

Safety



HB0068 | POLITICAL PARTY AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Fawson, Justin L.



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit when their parents participate in a clear and unbiased political process.

PTA Resolution: COMM 2017-1 PARTISAN POLITICS AND REDISTRICTING

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations urge the Utah Legislature to bring the government closer to all Utahns by supporting legislation that protects the public's right to collect signatures in the election/voting process when they feel they have not been heard.

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Community Involvement

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HB0071 | ADOPTION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Hawkes, Timothy D.



Status: [Governor Signed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill modifies language related to adoptions.

Impact on Children:

The bill is intended to help ensure that children are placed in safe families and homes for adoption. Wording changes were necessary to clarify the original intent of this bill.

PTA Resolution: [FAM 1990-2 Child Adoptions](#)

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. Note: This bill passed last year as HB197S01. After it was passed and signed last year, an error was found in the wording which was not intended. This bill corrects that wording error and restores the original intent of the bill. Also a court used this new law to rule in a case that all previously accrued child support that was outstanding would be terminated when the child was adopted. That was never the intention of this bill. So a comment is being added to the bill to clarify that this bill is not intended to terminate pre-existing child support obligations.

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Family Life



[HB0075](#) | CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING



Sponsor: [Nelson, Merrill](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to sexual abuse.

Impact on Children:

Amends the definition of related children for purposes of child protection and therefore, it will protect more children

PTA Resolution: [SAF2016-2 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations promote and support the adoption and enforcement of laws, at all levels of government, to end the recruitment, force or involvement of a minor in conduct or violence of a sexually nature and all forms of sexual exploitation and

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Family Life



[HB0080](#) | CHILD PLACEMENT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:
[Peterson, Jeremy](#)
[A.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill enacts provisions in the Juvenile Court Act related to a child in the custody, protective custody, or temporary custody of the Division of Child and Family Services.

Impact on Children:

Requires the Division of Child and Family Services to determine whether a parent or guardian has an outstanding felony arrest warrant before recommending the return of a child to the custody of the parent or guardian and allows the juvenile court to deny the return of a child to the custody of a parent or guardian if the parent or guardian has an outstanding felony arrest warrant.

PTA Resolution: [National PTA Position Statement on Child Safety and Protection](#)

Notes: Encourage collaboration between law enforcement, the judicial system, and child welfare agencies. Protect children from violence.

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Family Life



HB0087 | SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: **Fawson, Justin L.**



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: 0

Description:

This bill requires an individual to complete a course in suicide prevention in order to obtain or renew a license under the Utah Medical Practice Act or the Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

Impact on Children:

Of all the people who died by suicide, 45 percent of individuals had contact with their primary care provider in the month before death. 77 percent had contact with their primary care provider in the year before death. Over 70 percent of older adults who died by suicide had contact with a primary care provider within a month of death. In South Carolina, 10 percent of persons who died by suicide were seen in an emergency department in the two months before death. Therefore, there are opportunities to screen, identify, intervene, and treat only if 1) health and behavioral health professionals are trained to do so and 2) health and behavioral health systems include this as a part of standard protocols and procedures. zerosuicide.org These statistics INCLUDE our children!!!!

PTA Resolution: HEA2001 - Mental Illness

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA facilitate in the education of parents, local PTA leaders, school teachers and school boards, community organizations, churches, and the general public about cause and effects of mental illnesses in children and youth and

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Health

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HB0087S02 | SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: **Fawson, Justin L.**



Status: [House/](#)
[filed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends portions of the Utah Medical Practice Act and the Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

Impact on Children:

Of all the people who died by suicide, 45 percent of individuals had contact with their primary care provider in the month before death. 77 percent had contact with their primary care provider in the year before death. Over 70 percent of older adults who died by suicide had contact with a primary care provider within a month of death. In South Carolina, 10 percent of persons who died by suicide were seen in an emergency department in the two months before death. Therefore, there are opportunities to screen, identify, intervene, and treat only if 1) health and behavioral health professionals are trained to do so and 2) health and behavioral health systems include this as a part of standard protocols and procedures. zerosuicide.org These statistics INCLUDE our children!!!!

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA facilitate in the education of parents, local PTA leaders, school teachers and school boards, community organizations, churches, and the general public about cause and effects of mental illnesses in children and youth and

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Health



[HB0088](#) | ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE AND OTHER NICOTINE PRODUCT AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Ray, Paul](#)



Status: [House/](#) [filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$3,283,400](#)

Description:

This bill enacts and amends provisions relating to electronic cigarette products, alternative nicotine products, and nontherapeutic nicotine products.

Impact on Children:

This bill will make it harder for children to purchase nicotine products as they will be regulated just as other tobacco products.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2015-2 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND UTAH'S YOUTH](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA support effective FDA efforts to regulate ENDS as tobacco products, and, be it further Resolved, 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, and

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Health



**[HB0100S01](#) |
MEDICALLY
COMPLEX CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITIES
WAIVER PROGRAM**



Sponsor: [Redd, Edward H.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health to establish, through a Medicaid waiver, an ongoing program for children with disabilities and complex medical conditions.

Impact on Children:

This bill would allow children with disabilities or health challenges to receive a Medicaid Waiver to assist in the cost of relating to their medical condition.

PTA Resolution: [FAM2009-1 Early Childhood](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the

state.

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Health



HB0107 | ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PROOF OF AGE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: Poulson,
Marie H.



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill modifies the definition of "proof of age" under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to include additional forms of identification issued by the government of a foreign country.

Impact on Children:

This bill will make it easier for children to obtain "fake" ID's as most individuals who look at ID's will not know what foreign ID's are really suppose to look like.

PTA Resolution: National PTA - ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS
REGARDING ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND DRIVING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE

Notes: Resolved, That National PTA and its constituent organizations will support law enforcement in their efforts to increase public awareness of, and advocate for the enforcement of local, state and federal ordinances which prohibit the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol and ot her drugs, or drug para phernalia by underage persons and and be it further

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Health

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HB0132 | JUVENILE JUSTICE MODIFICATIONS



Sponsor: [Snow, V. Lowry](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill addresses treatment of minors who commit offenses or truancy

Impact on Children:

This bill clarifies changes made to juvenile law and the abilities of a school resource officer made in the 2017 legislative session.

PTA Resolution: [NPTA POSITION STATEMENT—CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION](#)

Notes: Encourage collaboration between law enforcement, the judicial system, and child welfare agencies. Promote alternative dispute resolution techniques that provide a range of possible sanctions.

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Safety



[HB0132S03](#) | JUVENILE JUSTICE MODIFICATIONS

Sponsor: [Snow, V. Lowry](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill addresses treatment of minors who commit offenses or truancy.

Impact on Children:

This bill clarifies changes made to juvenile law in referring to the juvenile Justice system and the abilities of a school resource officer made in the 2017 legislative session.

PTA Resolution: [NPTA POSITION STATEMENT—CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION](#)

Notes: Encourage collaboration between law enforcement, the judicial system, and child welfare agencies. Promote alternative dispute resolution techniques that provide a range of possible sanctions.

National PTA Public Policy: REAUTHORIZE THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT (JJDPA)

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Safety



HB0145 | PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
Eliason, Steve



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to roads where a pedestrian is restricted from certain conduct that may impede and block traffic to include roads with a median or that share a right-of-way with a railway, and also amends provisions related to pedestrian safety in a crosswalk.

Impact on Children:

The changes enacted by this bill would make laws applicable to all crosswalks at all times even when school zone speed limit signs are not flashing thereby increasing pedestrian safety.

PTA Resolution: Resolution on Safety

Notes: That state laws and local ordinances be monitored to assure adequate safety regulations for the protection of children and youth

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Safety

19.

HB0164S02 | EARLYCHILDHOOD TASK FORCE



Sponsor: [Cutler, Bruce R.](#)



Status: [House/](#)
[filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates the Early Learning Task Force, including provisions related to task force membership, quorum requirements, compensation, and task force duties.

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA recognizes the importance of quality early childhood learning experiences and resolves to work collaboratively with existing early childhood programs to better coordinate services and to advocate for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the State.

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

Notes: Experiences in early childhood determine whether a child's developing brain architecture provides a strong foundation for future learning, behavior, and health. Children from lower-income families are at risk of entering kindergarten behind their peers, which is a predictor of subsequent academic performance. Money spent on high quality, comprehensive early childhood programs benefits society in reduced welfare and criminal justice costs.

National PTA Public Policy: "EXPAND AND ENHANCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES National PTA supports federal legislation that improves the development of our nation's earliest learners. Congress must: • Require family engagement policies in the development, implementation and evaluation of all early childhood programs, including home visiting programs • Increase access to high-quality early childhood care and education opportunities for infants and toddlers through the Early Head Start and Head Start programs "

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Education



[HB0175S03](#) |
OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE
CREATION



Sponsor: [Stratton, Keven J.](#)

Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates the Joint Committee on Governmental Oversight and establishes provisions related to the oversight of an administrative rule.

Impact on Children:

This Bill has the potential of undermining the Constitutional authority of the State School Board in policy making relative to the education of Utah's school children and creates another level of bureaucracy.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2015-2 State Board of Education](#)

National PTA Public Policy: WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution designates that “the general control and supervision of the public education system shall be vested in a State Board of Education, and WHEREAS, The Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act (Sec. 63G-3-301 et seq.)⁴ specifies procedures for state agencies to follow in making rules and Sec. 53A-1-40(3)⁵ authorizes the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its authority, Resolved, That Utah PTA recognizes the State Board of Education as the body elected to establish policy and standards for education in the State of Utah, and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA work closely with the State Board of Education in designing and implementing policies and educational standards that benefit the children of the State of Utah.

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Education



**[HB0175S04](#) |
OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE
CREATION**

Sponsor: [Stratton, Keven J.](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates the Joint Committee on Governmental Oversight and establishes provisions related to the oversight of an administrative rule.

Impact on Children:

This Bill may impact the rule making authority granted to the State School Board. This has the potential of undermining the constitutionally granted "general control and supervision of the public education system" of the State School Board in policy making relative to the education of Utah's school children.

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

Notes: WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution designates that "the general control and supervision of the public education system shall be vested in a State Board of Education, and WHEREAS, The Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act (Sec. 63G-3-301 et seq.)⁴ specifies procedures for state agencies to follow in making rules and Sec. 53A-1-40(3)⁵ authorizes the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its authority, Resolved, That Utah PTA recognizes the State Board of Education as the body elected to establish policy and standards for education in the State of Utah, and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA work closely with the State Board of Education in designing and implementing policies and educational standards that benefit the children of the State of Utah.

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Education



[HB0190](#) | JUVENILE OFFENSE AND JURISDICTION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Winder, Mike](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill provides the age at which a juvenile is tried as an adult for the murder or aggravated murder of a law enforcement officer on duty.

Impact on Children:

This bill would remove the certification process for 15 year olds in regards to murder or aggravated murder of an office on duty.

PTA Resolution: [NPTA POSITION STATEMENT—CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION](#)

Notes: • Prohibit youth who are charged with a serious crime from being tried in the adult court system unless there has been an opportunity for a judicial hearing and appeal.

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Safety



[HB0195S02](#) | MEDICAL CANNABIS POLICY

Sponsor: [Daw, Brad M.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates a "right to try" cannabis-based treatment for terminally ill patients.

Impact on Children:

Provides right to try for patients with terminally ill patients. This impacts children to be able to try cannabis in a controlled environment and with under a doctor's care and is a drug policy that promotes a healthy community.

PTA Resolution: [PS HEA2018 Utah Cannabis Guiding Principles](#)

Notes: When considering the cultivation, production, distribution and medical use of cannabis, lawmakers should adopt drug policies that promote a healthy community. We support unbiased, independent medical professionals, scientists, and researchers determining what medical products are safe for use in our society and allow them to cultivate and process cannabis for academic or medical purposes. We do not support the recreational use of marijuana in any form.

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[HB0195S03](#) | MEDICAL CANNABIS POLICY



Sponsor: [Daw, Brad M.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates a "right to try" cannabis-based treatment for terminally ill patients.

Impact on Children:

Help children with end of life situations

PTA Resolution: [PS HEA2018 Utah Cannabis Guiding Principles](#)

Notes: We acknowledge research showing that specific patients may achieve medical benefits from components in the cannabis plant.

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Health



[HB0197S01](#) | CANNABIS CULTIVATION AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Daw, Brad M.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill deals with the cultivation, processing, and sale of cannabis.

Impact on Children:

Allows cultivation of cannabis in a controlled environment and makes it harder for children to access cannabis.

PTA Resolution: [PS HEA2018 Utah Cannabis Guiding Principles](#)

Notes: We support unbiased, independent medical professionals, scientists, and researchers determining what medical products are safe for use in our society and allow them to cultivate and process cannabis for academic or medical purposes. We do not support the recreational use of marijuana in any form.

Health



[HB0197S02](#) | CANNABIS CULTIVATION AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Daw, Brad M.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill deals with the cultivation, processing, and sale of cannabis.

Impact on Children:

In the study conducted by U of U last year with patients with epilepsy, a concern was raised that it was hard to research and see if the cannabis had helped because they did not know the strength each patient (this included children) had taken. This bill would create guidelines to correct this.

PTA Resolution: [PS HEA2018 Utah Cannabis Guiding Principles](#)

Notes: We support continued research aimed at providing patients access to cannabis-based medications only under the following conditions: FDA approved, pharmacy dispensed, non-smoked medications. We support unbiased, independent medical professionals, scientists, and researchers determining what medical products are safe for use in our society.

Health

27.

[HB0207S01](#) | FATHERHOOD AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS INITIATIVES

Sponsor: [Winder, Mike](#)



Status: [House/](#)
[filed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates the Utah Commission on Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit when fathers are actively involved in their lives.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2013-1 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT](#)

Notes: Utah PTA Dad's Initiative Mission is to enhance positive relationships between fathers and their children and encourage cooperative parenting by educating, empowering and encouraging fathers to stay actively involved in their children's lives.

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Community Involvement



[HB0228](#) | CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING



Sponsor: [Romero, Angela](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to child sexual abuse prevention training and instruction.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill would remove the sunset clause in current statute allowing the child abuse prevention training and instruction for teachers to continue.

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

National PTA Public Policy: IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF CHILDREN

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Safety



[HB0232](#) | HEALTH EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Ward, Raymond P.](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill repeals language prohibiting instruction in the advocacy or encouragement of the use of contraceptive methods or devices.

Impact on Children:

Health authorities recommend consistent and correct use of condoms to reduce the risk of STDs and however, condoms provide different levels of protection for various STDs and teen brain development and decision-making ability makes correct condom use problematic among teens

PTA Resolution: [HEA2010-2 Additional School Strategies to Address Teen Sexual Involvement](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA support schools' efforts to provide, with parental permission, district approval, and in accordance with state law, information about contraceptive methods and devices and their benefits and limitations for grades 9-12 in settings outside of the required courses while stressing the advantages of abstinence and

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Health

30.

[HB0234](#) | COMPULSORY EDUCATION



REVISIONS

Sponsor: [Moss, Jefferson](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends the definition of "valid excuse" in the compulsory education code.

Impact on Children:

This bill would help those children that suffer from mental illness to be a valid excuse for missed school days.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2000-1 Mental Illness](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA support prevention and intervention initiatives and appropriate state funding for: (1) collaborative efforts between the home, school, private physicians, and community resource agencies to create support networks for families, (2) developing uniform methods for screening and referral, (3) increasing the number of school psychologists and social workers, and (4) improving training of primary care physicians in mental illness assessment and treatment and and be it further

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Health



[HB0235S01](#) | FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



Sponsor: [Cutler, Bruce R.](#)

Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates the Family School Partnership Pilot Program which provides grants to elementary schools with the highest percentage of students who were absent at least 10% of the school days during the

2017-18 school year. The grant will fund an initial home visit for a student enrolled in grade 3 or below to focus on building relationships between the family and school.

Impact on Children:

Studies from the Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah and elsewhere indicate that chronic absenteeism is a proven predictor of lower academic performance and higher dropout rates. Other studies showing best practices indicate that parents and community who work together to promote good attendance and to address the challenges that keep children from getting to and staying in school and provide early identification programs have a positive effect on school attendance.

PTA Resolution: [EDU-2014-2 Chronic Absenteeism](#)

Notes: RESOLVED, That Utah PTA urge the Utah State Board of Education to adopt policies for early identification of students who are chronically absent, provide targeted prevention, positive support, and outreach strategies and services which include parents and families that address chronic absenteeism, and develop community-wide awareness strategies, and be it further RESOLVED, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage district school boards or charter school boards to adopt policies to examine their own chronic absenteeism data, implement prevention programs, positive support, and outreach strategies and services for students and families, and and develop community-wide awareness strategies to address chronic absenteeism.

Utah PTA recognizes the value of home visits and family engagement partnerships, however, we feel that creating a line item in the state budget is an unnecessary step for a program that charters an school istricts could prioritize without state oversight.

Education



**[HB0237S01](#) |
CONCURRENT
ENROLLMENT
ENHANCEMENTS**

Sponsor: [Winder, Mike](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to eligible instructors for concurrent enrollment courses.

Impact on Children:

This Bill requires that policies be put in place for an individual to be an eligible instructor for a concurrent enrollment course. The purpose of the Bill is to establish more consistency that will provide more opportunities for students to take CE courses.

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

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage rigor in student academic pursuits, but also value each student's diverse needs and post high school plans by encouraging statewide practices and requirements that achieve balance and flexibility in student curriculum and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support school rigor in a wide variety of subjects and oppose efforts that too narrowly define academic rigor solely as language arts, math, and science.

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Education



[HB0238](#) | SCHOOL TRUST FUND AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Moss, Jefferson](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to school trust funds by amending the contents of the Trust Distribution Account within the Uniform School Fund, amending provisions related to the funding of the School LAND Trust Program, and amending the powers and duties of the School and Institutional Trust Fund Office in regard to the School and Institutional Trust Fund Management Account, and

Impact on Children:

In 2017 voters passed Amendment B which amended the State School Fund provisions of the Utah Constitution which modified the description of what can be distributed from the State School Fund from "interest and dividends" to "earnings", limited annual distributions from the State School Fund to 4% of the fund, and and modified the standard governing how the state is required to invest money in the Fund. This Bill aligns statute with the changes that were made by the passage of Amendment B. This changed will help to increase and stabilize the distribution from

the permanent State School Fund through the School LAND Trust program. Trust Land Funds are distributed to all public schools and spent through the plans designed by local School Community Councils which consist of parents, teachers, and administrators.

PTA Resolution: [EDU-2015 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 be it 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, and

National PTA Public Policy: National PTA Resolution on SCHOOL TRUST LANDS AND FUNDS approved June 2006 RESOLVED, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations shall advocate for management of the school trusts that is consistent with legally recognized trust principles of sound financial management to provide the maximum benefit to the children in public education who are the beneficiaries of those trusts and to ensure that these funds do not supplant existing educational funding.

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Trust Lands



[HB0264](#) | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM



Sponsor:
[Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill enacts language authorizing grants for school-based counselors and social workers which will help to provide targeted school-based mental health supports in elementary schools.

Impact on Children:

This bill is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. The student to counselor ration in Utah is much higher than the American School Counselor Association, a

nongovernmental professional development organization recommends. This bill would help to give more access to our elementary school students. Elementary school counseling programs play an integral role in preparing students to be college and career ready and elementary school counselors provide academic, personal, social, and life skills development opportunities that are necessary for student success and life-long learning.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2017-2 Support for Counselors, Psychologists, and Social Workers in Schools](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA actively advocate for funding to effectively train school counselors, psychologists, and social workers in trauma informed practices, how to implement awareness programs, and to recognize danger signals and to make appropriate referrals of children who are at risk for suicide and mental health issues, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations actively advocate for increased funding for additional trained counselors, psychologists, and social workers to assist and educate families and youth in both elementary and secondary schools participating in the public school system.

National PTA Public Policy: IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF CHILDREN Federal laws should promote and enhance the emotional, mental and physical well-being of students both in and out of school. Congress must: • Improve access and funding for qualified, school-based health and wellness practitioners

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Education



[HB0281](#) | VOTER ELIGIBILITY AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
[Briscoe, Joel K.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill provides that an individual who is 17 years of age may register for and vote in a primary election if the individual will be 18 years of age on or before the date of the general election.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit as they learn about the Primary Election Process first hand.

PTA Resolution: [COMM 2017-1 PARTISAN POLITICS AND REDISTRICTING](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations urge the Utah Legislature to bring the government closer to all Utahns by supporting legislation that protects each voter's right to be heard in an election without partisan politics controlling the election process.

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Community Involvement



[HB0286](#) | **REPRODUCTIVE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS**



Sponsor: [Fawson, Justin L.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends and enacts provisions related to instruction in child sexual abuse prevention and reproductive health.

Impact on Children:

Recommend to place this on watch as I am still trying to understand everything in this bill and to work with the legislator.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2010-1 HEA2010-2](#)

Notes: Resolved to be determined based on more information forthcoming.

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Health

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[HB0286S01](#) | REPRODUCTIVE EDUCATION



AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Fawson, Justin L.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends and enacts provisions related to instruction in health and sex education.

Impact on Children:

Youth will be taught in health classes the harmful effects of pornography and also refusal skills.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016 The Impact of Pornography on Youth](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations educate students, parents, schools and communities about the impact of viewing pornography and the resources, tools, and services available to prevent exposure, combat addiction, and aide in recovery and That Utah PTA and its constituent associations encourage and call for members, policy makers, schools and community organizations to actively raise awareness and to address those conditions and situations that contribute to the sexual exploitation of a minor.

Family Life



[HB0293](#) | EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Last Bradley, G.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2019: to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Programs, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \\$15,000,000, to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Programs, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \\$5,000,000, to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Basic School Program, as an](#)

ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$500,000 to the Education Fund Restricted -- Local Levy Growth Account, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$36,117,300, to the State Board of Education -- Minimum School Program -- Basic School Program, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, (\$36,117,300), and from Local Revenue, \$36,117,300, and and to the State Board of Education -- Minimum School Program -- Voted and Board Local Levy Programs, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund Restricted -- Local Levy Growth Account, \$36,117,300.

Description:

This bill amends and enacts provisions related to public education funding.

Impact on Children:

This is a Utah PTA Priority Bill. This Bill provides approximately 37 million dollars in new revenue by setting a floor for the basic property tax rate of .0016. The increases the come through the assessed values for the next five years will be used for equalization to fund districts whose property tax yields are below the state average.

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

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies The Utah PTA 2017-2018 Legislative Priorities 1. Fully fund ongoing obligations and commitments including student enrollment growth. 2. 5.5% WPU increase which includes 2.5% necessary to maintain current levels of services, with additional funds being used to attract, develop and retain quality educators, reduce class sizes, and support local improvement initiative and programs. 3. Expand education funding revenues to increase equitable opportunities without devaluing the WPU.

National PTA Public Policy: National PTA Public Policy: Federal Investment in Education 3. Support greater financial investment in our nation's children in programs that support family engagement and early learning, provide well-rounded educational opportunities and improve student safety and health

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Education

[HB0293S01](#) | EDUCATION FUNDING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Last, Bradley G.](#)

Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)



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Education

[HB0295](#) | DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE MODIFICATIONS

Sponsor: [Eliaison, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill modifies penalties for driving under the influence if the individual is also convicted for driving in the wrong direction during the same

occurrence.

Impact on Children:

This bill increases penalties for repeat offenders with the aim to keep Utah roads safer in regards to drivers under the influence.

PTA Resolution: [HEA 1981-1](#)

Notes: That PTA continue to work to encourage more stringent laws and penalties concerning driving under the influence of alcohol.

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Safety



[HB0295 S01](#) | DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE MODIFICATIONS



Sponsor: [Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$10,100 on-going](#)

Description:

This bill modifies penalties for driving under the influence if the individual is also convicted for driving in the wrong direction during the same occurrence.

Impact on Children:

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PTA Resolution: [HEA 1981-1 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE](#)

Notes: That PTA continue to work to encourage more stringent laws and penalties concerning driving under the influence of alcohol.

Safety



HB0296 | TOBACCO AGE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:
Eliason, Steve



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill amends the age when a person may lawfully obtain, possess, and use tobacco products and creates a restricted account.

Impact on Children:

Studies from KC show that raising the age from 19 to 21 of Tobacco Use actually decreases the use of children 11-18 using tobacco.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2007-1 Substance Abuse National PTA Resolution on Substance and Alcohol Abuse Awareness and Prevention](#)

Notes: WHEREAS, The incidence of substance abuse—be it prescription, illicit, or legal—is continually on the rise among children and adults, Resolved, That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse, and be it further Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations work for increased awareness of existing regulations and laws which protect children from these hazards to their health and well being, and and be it further

we would hope e-cigarettes would be changed to age 21.

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HB0299 | STATE INCOME AND SALES TAX REDUCTION

Sponsor: Schultz, Mike



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)



Description:

This bill modifies the state individual income tax rate and the state sales and use tax rate and requires the Division of Finance to deposit .45% of certain state sales and use tax revenue into the Income and

Sales Tax Growth Account.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit when the vote of the people is not overshadowed by the will of the legislative branch.

PTA Resolution: [COMM 2008-1 PROTECTING UTAHNS RIGHT TO DIRECT DEMOCRACY THROUGH INITIATIVES AND POPULAR REFERENDA](#)

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

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Community Involvement



[HB0308](#) | TELEHEALTH MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM



Sponsor: [Ivory, Ken](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$590,000](#)

Description:

This bill creates a telehealth mental health pilot project grant program.

Impact on Children:

This creates a pilot program for schools to try telehealth mental support systems for students, teachers, counselors and parents.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA facilitate in the education of parents, local PTA leaders, school teachers and school boards, community organizations, churches, and the general public about cause and effects of mental illnesses in children and youth, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA collaborate with other agencies to compile and widely distribute current information about mental health resources to parents and organizations which serve children and youth, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support prevention and intervention initiatives and appropriate state funding for: (1) collaborative efforts between the home, school, private physicians, and community resource agencies to create support networks for families, (2) developing uniform methods for screening and referral, (3) increasing the number of school psychologists and social workers, and (4) improving training of primary care physicians in mental illness assessment and treatment, and and be it further

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Health



[HB0308S01](#) | **TELEHEALTH MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM**

Sponsor: [Ivory, Ken](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$590,000 on-going](#)

Description:

This bill creates a telehealth mental health pilot project grant program.

Impact on Children:

This will be a pilot program to help provide telehealth mental services for schools.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA support prevention and intervention initiatives and appropriate state funding for: (1) collaborative efforts between the home, school, private physicians, and community resource agencies to create support networks for families, (2) developing uniform methods for screening and referral, (3) increasing the number of school psychologists and social workers, and (4) improving training of primary care physicians in mental illness assessment and treatment and and be it

further Resolved, That Utah PTA support legislation which requires insurance parity for mental illnesses.

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Health



HB0319 | EARLY CARE AND LEARNING COORDINATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: **Chavez-Houck, R**



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$5,500

Description:

This bill creates a commission in the Department of Workforce Services and an advisory council in the Department of Health.

Impact on Children:

The council shall advise the commission and annually provide to the commission a statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early childhood education, health, and development programs and services for children in early childhood, a statewide assessment concerning the availability of high-quality pre-kindergarten services for low-income children, and including: identifying opportunities for and barriers to collaboration and coordination among federally funded and state-funded child health and development, child care, and early childhood education programs and services ...

PTA Resolution: FAM 2002-2 Early Childhood Representation in Utah

Notes: Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work collaboratively with existing programs serving children ages birth through five, to better coordinate all services and and be it further Resolved, that Utah PTA and its constituent bodies continue to lobby for policies and funding to improve early childhood services throughout the state.

National PTA Public Policy: EXPAND AND ENHANCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES National PTA supports federal legislation that improves the development of our nation's earliest learners. Congress must: • Require family engagement policies in the development, implementation and evaluation of all early childhood programs, including home visiting programs • Increase access to high-

quality early childhood care and education opportunities for infants and toddlers through the Early Head Start and Head Start programs

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Education



HB0324 | TOBACCO REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: **Last,
Bradley**



Status: **Governor Signed**

Fiscal Note: **\$27,000 on-going, \$2,000 one time**

Description:

This bill establishes new requirements for the licensing of a tobacco retailer and amends the definition of smoking.

Impact on Children:

This will protect children by enforcing the law to have tobacco shops close to public gathering places.

PTA Resolution: **National Resolution on Substance and Alcohol Abuse Awareness and Prevention**

Notes: That the National PTA and its constituent organizations work for increased awareness of existing regulations and laws which protect children from these hazards to their health and well being and

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HB0324S01 | TOBACCO REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: **Last,
Bradley**



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$2000 one time](#)

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PTA Resolution: [National Resolution on Substance and Alcohol Abuse Awareness and Prevention](#)

Notes: That the National PTA and its constituent organizations work for increased awareness of existing regulations and laws which protect children from these hazards to their health and well being and

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Health



[HB0326](#) | **INTERGENERATIONL POVERTY INITIATIVE**



Sponsor: [Redd,
Edward H.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$1,000,000](#)

Description:

This bill establishes a pilot program to address intergenerational poverty.

Impact on Children:

There is created the Intergenerational Poverty Plan Implementation Pilot Program to provide funding for counties to implement local solutions to address intergenerational poverty. The idea is to help counties with resources to solve their intergenerational poverty problems. Hopefully, the counties could use the money to help families get out of poverty and thus bless the lives of the children in those poverty stricken families.

PTA Resolution: [FAM 2014-1 Intergenerational Poverty](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA advocate for legislation that funds programs that assist intergenerational poverty families that are dealing

with issues such as substance abuse recovery, teen pregnancy, domestic violence and child abuse and and be it further Resolved, 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.

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Family Life



HB0331 | AIR POLLUTION MITIGATION EDUCATION PROGRAM



Sponsor: [Kennedy, Michael](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$1,100](#)

Description:

This bill requires the Driver License Division and the State Board of Education to each create rules regarding the creation and dissemination of educational materials to students in driver education and applicants for a driver license on ways drivers can help improve air quality and the harmful effects of vehicle emissions.

Impact on Children:

This will help children learn what to do to promote clean air.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2008-2 Idle Free Clean Air Zones](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies conduct and/or support broad education of school employees, parents, students, and the public about the health, environmental, and economic impacts of idling and ways to reduce idling and

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Health



HB0333 | Domestic Violence Response Amendments

Sponsor:
Spendlove, Robert M.



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$438,800 one time

Description:

This bill amends provisions of the Utah Code relating to domestic violence.

Impact on Children:

This bill recommends that those who violate the protective order must wear a GPS tracking device to notify police and victims if perpetrator comes within a certain distance of the victim. Hopefully, this would help parents keep their children away from a perpetrator and keep their children from watching someone they love be abused.

PTA Resolution: FAM1996-3 Domestic Violence Education

Notes: That Utah PTA work to support stronger legislation that focuses on intervention for and prevention of domestic violence.

Utah PTA is in favor of protecting domestic violence victims by requiring perpetrators with protective orders to wear GPS devices which would notify police and victims when the perpetrator is within a certain number of miles from the victim. Utah PTA also is in favor of increasing penalties for repeat offenders, but not increasing penalties for first time offenders

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HB0334 | HUMAN TRAFFICKING AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:
Romero, Angela



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill clarifies and amends certain language regarding human trafficking and creates an offense for trafficking a vulnerable adult.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill would remove the statute of limitations on trafficking of a child offenses, clarifies that victims of human trafficking can pursue civil actions and replaces references to "children engaged in prostitution" with "children engaged in commercial sex."

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016-2 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations promote and support the adoption and enforcement of laws, at all levels of government, to end the recruitment, force or involvement of a minor in conduct or violence of a sexually nature and all forms of sexual exploitation.

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Safety



[HB0343](#) | YOUTH AND CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Brooks,
Walt](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to the welfare of children and minors.

Impact on Children:

Amends the definition of sexual abuse, amends provisions related to runaway children, allows a court to grant temporary emancipation pending an emancipation adjudication, and

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016-2 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations promote and support the adoption and enforcement of laws, at all levels of government, to end the recruitment, force or involvement of a minor in

conduct or violence of a sexually nature and all forms of sexual exploitation and and be it further

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[HB0343](#) | YOUTH AND CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Brooks, Walt](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [URL](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to the welfare of children and minors.

Impact on Children:

Passage of the this bill will increase responsibility in identifying, reporting, and responding to runaway minors. As well as add protection to minor's rights.

PTA Resolution: [NPTA Position Statement - Child Safety and Protection](#)

Notes: Assist in the identification and return of missing or runaway children.

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[HB0343 S01](#) | YOUTH AND CHILD WELFARE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Brooks, Walt](#)

Status: [Governor Signed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)



Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to the welfare of children and minors.

Impact on Children:

Passage of the this bill will increase responsibility in identifying, reporting, and responding to runaway minors. As well as add protection to minor's rights especially in regards to sexual abuse.

PTA Resolution: [NPTA Position Statement - Child Safety and Protection](#)

Notes: Assist in the identification and return of missing or runaway children.

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Safety



[HB0345](#) | DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Kwan, Karen](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to driving under the influence and novice drivers.

Impact on Children:

Delay for the effective date of the reduction of the blood alcohol concentration limit from .08 to .05 until December 30, 2022 delays taking a step in making Utah's roads safer for Utah's families.

PTA Resolution: [HEA 1981-1 Driving Under the Influence](#)

Notes: That PTA continue to work to encourage more stringent laws and penalties concerning driving under the influence of alcohol

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HB0370 | SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MEDICAL EXAMINER PROVISIONS



Sponsor: [Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill makes modifications to suicide prevention and medical examiner provisions.

Impact on Children:

This bill will expands the scope of youth suicide prevention programs in public school districts and charter schools, and creates the suicide prevention workgroup within the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, and

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness & HEA1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA facilitate in the education of parents, local PTA leaders, school teachers and school boards, community organizations, churches, and the general public about cause and effects of mental illnesses in children and youth, The actual number of suicides and suicide attempts may be as great as four times the number reported, since they are often classified as either accidents or homicides, 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, and and be it further

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HB0370S01 | SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MEDICAL EXAMINER PROVISIONS



Sponsor:
[Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$250,000 one time](#)

Description:

This bill makes modifications to suicide prevention and medical examiner provisions.

Impact on Children:

This bill will expand the scope of youth suicide prevention programs in public school districts and charter schools, and creates the suicide prevention workgroup within the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, and

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness & HEA1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

Notes: "That Utah PTA facilitate in the education of parents, local PTA leaders, school teachers and school boards, community organizations, churches, and the general public about cause and effects of mental illnesses in children and youth, The actual number of suicides and suicide attempts may be as great as four times the number reported, since they are often classified as either accidents or homicides, 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, and and be it further"

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[HB0380S01](#) | UTAH SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Last, Bradley G.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the School Readiness Initiative

Impact on Children:

This Bill is making changes to an already existing "pay for success" program for High Quality Preschools. It is moving the program from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to the Department of Workforce Services which will allow for better oversight of the program. It's intent is to use current funding to get more students into High Quality Preschools. The Board is directed to create an entry exam and use the KEEP test to determine the effectiveness of the program.

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

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents on the importance of quality early childhood learning experiences, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work collaboratively with existing early childhood programs to better coordinate services, and and be it further 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: EXPAND AND ENHANCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES National PTA supports federal legislation that improves the development of our nation's earliest learners. Congress must: • Require family engagement policies in the development, implementation and evaluation of all early childhood programs, including home visiting programs • Increase access to high-quality early childhood care and education opportunities for infants and toddlers through the Early Head Start and Head Start programs

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Education



**[HB0388](#) | PUBLIC
EDUCATION FUNDING
ALLOCATION
ASSURANCE**

Sponsor: [Christensen, L](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill provides that an annual allocation from the Education Fund for K-12 education has a minimum funding level assurance of at least 90%.

Impact on Children:

This Bill will allow only 10% of education funding to go towards Higher Education.

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

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

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[HB0400](#) | CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor:
[Eliason, Steve](#)



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Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$2000 On-Going](#)

Description:

This bill amends the Utah Controlled Substances Act. This bill requires a prescriber to discuss the risks of using an opiate with a patient or the patient's guardian before issuing an initial opiate prescription.

Impact on Children:

Many children become addicted to Opiates after taking pain medication for an injury sustained in an accident through sports or other means. Because parents are not knowledgeable about the risks our children are suffering and abusing substances after their injuries are healed.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2007-1](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse, a That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse, and a

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HB0400S01 | CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

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Many children become addicted to Opiates after taking pain medication for an injury sustained in an accident through sports or other means. Because parents are not knowledgeable about the risks our children are suffering and abusing substances after their injuries are healed.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2007-1](#)

Notes: "That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse, a That Utah PTA supports legislative action that promotes education or cessation programs regarding substance abuse, and a"

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HB0404 | LAND TRUSTS PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY ACT

Sponsor: [Last,
Bradley G.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office and amends provisions related to school and institutional trust lands

Impact on Children:

Utah PTA continues to be an important voice in ensuring that the school children of Utah are fairly dealt with in relation to the trust and and that the School LAND Trust program supports parents, teachers, and administrators in preparing a plan that determines their students' greatest academic need.

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, Resolved That Utah PTA encourage the State Legislature to protect the permanent State School Fund for dedication to K-12 public education, and be it further, and 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, and and be it further Resolved That Utah PTA and its constituent organizations encourage participation on committees and local school community councils making decisions about the use of the funding and work to ensure funds are used wisely to improve academic excellence in the schools.

Utah PTA continues to be an important voice in ensuring that the school children of Utah are fairly dealt with in relations to the Trust. Utah PTA supports HB404 as a starting point to further discussion to determine the best oversight of the Trust. We have concerns about moving the advocacy function to the State Treasurer's office, but feel the advocacy role needs to be insulated from political pressure.

Trust Lands



[HB0408](#) | PUBLIC EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Moss, J](#)

Status: [Governor
Signed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$501,400 On-Going](#)

Description:

This bill creates the program Utah Leading through Effective, Actionable, and Dynamic Education.

Impact on Children:

This Bill requires \$500,000 from the Education Fund to create a new position in USBE that will create an electronic clearinghouse for current education research and best practices.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 2014-1 Public School Accountability](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA recognize the State Board of Education as the appropriate body to form standards of accountability and methods of school evaluation based on these standards and and that any legislative requirements should be made collaboratively with the State Board of Education and the expertise of the State Office of Education.

Utah PTA recognizes the value of collecting an electronic clearinghouse for current education research and best practices, however, we feel that the continuance of ULEAD should be directed by the Utah Board of Education and not as a mandate from the legislature. We also feel that the Director position should be selected by USBE, not an outside committee of representatives from special interest groups.

Education



[HB0430](#) | AFFORDABLE HOUSING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
[Edwards,](#)
[Rebecca P.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill creates a commission in the Department of Workforce Services on Housing Affordability.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit when they have stable, safe and affordable housing.

PTA Resolution: [Stability in Housing Position Statement](#)

Notes: Therefore, Utah PTA supports adequate funding for federal and state housing programs that increase the number of affordable housing units and Permanent Housing Options as researched and proven long term solutions for homelessness and transiency.

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Community Involvement



[HB0462](#) | HOMELESS SERVICES AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
[Eliason, Steve](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$3,300,000 on going from general fund, \\$3,300,000 restricted from general fund](#)

Description:

This bill amends sales and use tax provisions and provisions related to the Housing and Community Development Division.

Impact on Children:

This bill brings private entities, non-profit organizations and state and local government together to better address the affordable housing crisis and the issues faced by a family experiencing and trying to climb out of homelessness.

PTA Resolution: [Stability in Housing Position Statement](#)

Notes: Utah PTA supports adequate funding for federal and state housing programs that increase the number of affordable housing units and Permanent Housing Options as researched and proven long term solutions for homelessness and transiency.

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Community Involvement



Sponsor:
[Briscoe, Joel K.](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill enacts and amends provisions relating to affordable housing by authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for certain affordable housing projects.

Impact on Children:

When affordable housing is not available, family stability is affected, housing is affordable when families pay less than 30 percent of their income for housing, and when families pay more than that, they are considered cost burdened and may experience difficulties meeting other basic needs such as food, clothing, transportation or medical care.

PTA Resolution: [Stability in Housing Position Statement](#)

Notes: Utah PTA supports adequate funding for federal and state housing programs that increase the number of affordable housing units and Permanent Housing Options as researched and proven long term solutions for homelessness and transiency.

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Community Involvement



[HB0471](#) | INITIATIVE AMENDMENTS

Sponsor: [Daw, Brad M.](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill changes the effective date of certain laws enacted by a statewide initiative petition.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit when the vote of the people is not overshadowed by the will of the legislative branch.



PTA Resolution: [COMM 2008-1 PROTECTING UTAHNS RIGHT TO DIRECT DEMOCRACY THROUGH INITIATIVES AND POPULAR REFERENDA](#)

Notes: 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.

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Community Involvement



[HB0476](#) | AGGRAVATED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR

Sponsor: [Ray, Paul](#)



Status: [House/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0 FY2018](#)

Description:

This bill increases the penalty for sexual exploitation of a minor under certain circumstances.

Impact on Children:

This bill increases the penalty for sexual exploitation of a minor when the offense is committed by a relative or an individual in a position of special trust in relation to the minor, or against a minor under 13 years of age.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016-2 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations promote and support the adoption and enforcement of laws, at all levels of government, to end the recruitment, force or involvement of a minor in conduct or violence of a sexually nature and all forms of sexual exploitation.

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Safety



HB0489 | REVISIONS TO ELECTION LAW

Sponsor: Fawson, Justin L.



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill amends the Election Code by reinstating the election system in effect before passage of 2014 General Session S.B. 54, Elections Amendments.

Impact on Children:

One of the most critical ways that individuals can influence governmental decision making is through voting. Utah PTA advocates for adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth, including voting rights of all adults in Utah and encourage all Utahns be actively involved in the voting process.

PTA Resolution: Comm 2017-1 PARTISAN POLITICS AND REDISTRICTING

Notes: Utah PTA and its constituent associations urge the Utah Legislature to bring the government closer to all Utahns by supporting legislation that protects the public's right to collect signatures in the election/voting process when they feel they have not been heard.

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Community Involvement

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HB0490 | SPECIAL NEEDS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sponsor: McCay, D.



Status: House/ filed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill creates the Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program and related income tax credits.

Impact on Children:

This bill allows for a corporate and individual income tax credit for donations to the program which decrease the amount of money available for public school funding. It also creates a "scholarship program" for private school funding and other educational expenses.

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

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.

National PTA Public Policy: OPPOSING VOUCHERS, TUITION TAX CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS AS SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION AID The National PTA opposes education voucher proposals for public and nonpublic preschool, elementary and secondary school students. The National PTA opposes tax credits and deductions for elementary and secondary school tuition and other education-related expenses for public and nonpublic school students. The National PTA believes that these funding methods would have a detrimental effect on our public school system. Such funding would promote division without diversity, create division and separation within the community and negate the long struggle to desegregate our schools and our society. It is the opinion of the National PTA that vouchers and similar systems would violate the constitutionally mandated separation of church and state.

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Education



**[HJR020](#) | JOINT
RESOLUTION
SUBMITTING A
QUESTION TO
VOTERS**

Sponsor: [Edwards, Rebecca P.](#)



Status: [House/ to Lieutenant Governor](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This joint resolution directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to 11 the legal voters of the state to determine whether the

voters support an increase in motor and special fuel tax rates for public education and local roads.

Impact on Children:

Passage of this Bill will allow for an opinion question to be placed on the ballot to determine whether the voters support an increase in the motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon for public education. This would give the legislature an understanding of public support to increase funding for public education through increased taxes.

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

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

National PTA Public Policy: ADEQUATELY FUND EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGH A REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS.

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Education



[SB0027S01](#) | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Weiler, Todd](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Impact on Children:

This bill would help protect children from domestic violence by adding numerous responsibilities for a " law enforcement officer who responds to an allegation of stalking." This officer "shall use all reasonable means to protect the victim and prevent further violence." This includes items found in lines 246-267 to help keep the victims from any further threat or harm.

PTA Resolution: [FAM 1996-3 Domestic Violence Education](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA work to support stronger legislation that focuses on intervention for and prevention of domestic violence.

National PTA Public Policy: National PTA has a position of preventing violence. This bill requires the law enforcement officer to" [confiscate] the weapon or weapons involved in the alleged stalking and "

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Family Life



[SB0031S01](#) | UTAH MOBILE CRISIS OUTREACH TEAM ACT



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



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill enacts the Utah Mobile Crisis Outreach Team Act.

Impact on Children:

Provides a Mobile Crisis Outreach Team for children and parents who are in need of immediate crisis mental health.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness & HEA1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

Notes: WHEREAS, Nearly two-thirds of all children and adolescents with mental health problems are not receiving needed help because of social stigma, inadequate identification methods, or lack of equitable access to treatment and cost of services, Resolved, That Utah PTA collaborate with other agencies to compile and widely distribute current information about mental health resources to parents and organizations which serve children and youth, and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support prevention and intervention initiatives and appropriate state funding for: (1) collaborative efforts between the home, school, private physicians, and community resource agencies to create support networks for families, (2) developing uniform methods for screening and referral, (3) increasing the number of school psychologists and social workers, and (4) improving training of primary care physicians in mental illness assessment and treatment, and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support legislation which requires insurance parity for mental illnesses.

Health



SB0032 | MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE COMMISSION SUNSET AMENDMENTS



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



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$4,500](#)

Description:

This bill amends the sunset date for the Mental Health Crisis Line Commission to July 1, 2023

Impact on Children:

This bill extends the date for the SAFE UT app to be used and funded which specifically is connected to a school to provide prevention methods between the crisis line and an administrator/counselor at the school.

PTA Resolution: [HEA2001 - Mental Illness & HEA1998-3 Youth Suicide Prevention](#)

Notes: Resolved, That the Utah Legislature be encouraged to provide adequate funding to provide suicide prevention programs in every district and school in the State of Utah.

Health

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SB0081 | CHILDREN JUSTICE CENTER

Sponsor: [Okerlund, Ralph](#)

Status: [Governor Signed](#)



Fiscal Note:
[\(\\$90,000\) on-going](#)



Description:

This bill requires the attorney general to establish a Children's Justice Center, satellite office, or multidisciplinary team in Juab County.

Impact on Children:

It helps provide a Children Justice Center in Juab County and provide services for abused children in Juab and Millard Counties. Currently the children in those counties have to travel to another county for services.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016-2 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor FAM 2009-2 Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations advocate for the protection of rights of victims and support provided measures for the physical, psychological, and social recovery of victims of sexual exploitation. That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies advocate for adequate laws to protect children in all areas of child abuse, neglect, maltreatment, and exploitation.

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Family Life



[SB0087S01](#) | SCHOOL SECURITY LOCKS

Sponsor: [Weiler, Todd](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends the International Building Code and International Fire Code regarding: hardware height on a door for certain occupancies for purposes of a lockdown or a lockdown drill and door operations provisions for locks and bolt locks, and latching and unlatching, for certain occupancies for purposes of a lockdown or a lockdown drill

Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill would allow for local control to make decisions on how schools will address security and safety of their students during a

lockdown by changing international building and fire codes.

PTA Resolution: [Resolution on Safety](#)

Notes: That state laws and local ordinances be monitored to assure adequate safety regulations for the protection of children and youth.

National PTA Public Policy: PROTECT YOUTH, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES FROM GUN AND OTHER VIOLENCE

-While the effectiveness of these devices are unproven in an active shooter situation Utah PTA feels that local control over decision making is the most effective and urges local schools and districts to research best practices and recommendations while balancing all safety concerns when considering school security locks.

Safety



[SB0117](#) | LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS



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



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to dual language immersion.

Impact on Children:

Language study improves reasoning ability and mastery of one's native language. It creates greater understanding, tolerance, appreciation and respect for other languages and cultures and may increase the ability to communicate with other ethnic and cultural groups. It may also allow students to take advantage of opportunities that are available only in other languages and may provide enhanced employment opportunities once school is completed.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 1990-5 Language Instruction](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage local districts to offer students language-learning experiences in elementary school and that parents who speak a language other than English be encouraged to teach their children both languages at home and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA support language instruction offerings be continued

throughout high school, including advanced classes for students preparing to use language professionally, in translation/interpretation, diplomacy, or international business.

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Education



SB0130 | CANNABIDIOL PRODUCT ACT

Sponsor:
Vickers, Evan J.



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: \$0

Description:

This bill enacts and amends provisions related to cannabidiol products.

Impact on Children:

This bill will provide a method for research, cultivation and distribution of cannabis in a controlled method so it will be safer for children.

PTA Resolution: PS HEA2018 Utah Cannabis Guiding Principles

Notes: Research also shows fewer youth believe marijuana use is harmful and marijuana use among youth is steadily rising. When considering the cultivation, production, distribution and medical use of cannabis, lawmakers should adopt drug policies that promote a healthy community. We support unbiased, independent medical professionals, scientists, and researchers determining what medical products are safe for use in our society and allow them to cultivate and process cannabis for academic or medical purposes. We do not support the recreational use of marijuana in any form.

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SB0130S02 | CANNABIDIOL PRODUCT ACT

Sponsor: Vickers, Evan J.



Status: [Governor Signed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

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Impact on Children:

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PTA Resolution:

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Health



[SB0134S02](#) |

MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Weiler, Todd](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends the Utah Criminal Code regarding an Internet service provider's responsibility to offer content filtering methods for material harmful to minors.

Impact on Children:

Requires an Internet service provider to notify consumers and the Division of Consumer Protection of the ability to block material harmful

to minors, provides a civil fine for failure to comply with the preceding paragraph, and

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016-2 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent associations call for business establishments to remove from public display sexually oriented material and to make such material unavailable to minors and support its members in contacting businesses to request such action.

The original SB0134 required ISPs to notify their customers each year that filtering out materials harmful to minors was offered by their company. Now the ISPs are only required to notify customers once during 2018. Utah PTA is disappointed that new customers acquired by the ISPs will not be notified of the filtering availability on a regular basis.

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[SB0134S03](#) | **MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS AMENDMENTS**



Sponsor: [Weiler, Todd](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends the Utah Criminal Code regarding an Internet service provider's responsibility to offer content filtering methods for material harmful to minors.

Impact on Children:

Give notice to parents that filtering is available for their Internet and make it more readily available to filter to protect the children.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016 The Impact of Pornography on Youth](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations educate students, parents, schools and communities about the impact of viewing pornography and the resources, tools, and services available to prevent exposure, combat addiction, and aide in recovery and

Family Life



SB0145 | SCHOOL FUNDING REVISIONS

Sponsor: **Fillmore, Lincoln**



Status: **Governor Signed**

Fiscal Note: This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2019: to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Programs, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$15,000,000, to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Programs, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$5,000,000, to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Basic School Program, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$500,000, to the Education Fund Restricted -- Local Levy Growth Account, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$36,117,300, and and to the State Board of Education -- Minimum School Program -- Voted and Board Local Levy Programs, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund Restricted -- Local Levy Growth Account, \$36,117,300.

Description:

This bill amends and enacts provisions related to public education funding.

Impact on Children:

This bill uses funds from the Education Budget to fund districts whose property tax yields are below the state average.

PTA Resolution: EDU 2010-2 Education Funding

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to urge the legislature to make public education revenue allocations and funding effort a high priority and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage the legislature to adequately fund critical educational needs, including but not limited to, class size reduction, teacher salaries, technology, textbooks and supplies The Utah PTA 2017-2018 Legislative Priorities 1. Fully fund ongoing obligations and commitments including student enrollment growth. 2. 5.5% WPU increase which includes 2.5% necessary to maintain current levels of services, with additional funds being used to attract, develop and retain quality educators, reduce class sizes, and support local improvement initiative and programs. 3. Expand education funding revenues to increase equitable opportunities without devaluing the WPU.

National PTA Public Policy: National PTA Public Policy: Federal Investment in Education 3. Support greater financial investment in our nation's children in programs that support family engagement and early learning, provide well-rounded educational opportunities and improve student safety and health

Utah PTA supports equalization efforts that are accomplished through new sources of revenue and do not devalue the WPU. This Bill uses money from the Education fund that could be directly applied to the WPU and therefore, does not match our legislative priorities.

Education



[SB0145S01](#) | SCHOOL FUNDING REVISIONS

Sponsor: [Fillmore, Lincoln](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0 FY2018](#)

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nation's children in programs that support family engagement and early learning, provide well-rounded educational opportunities and improve student safety and health

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Education



[SB0162](#) |



INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY MATCHING EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN

Sponsor: [Vickers, Evan J.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$300,000](#)

Description:

This bill modifies provisions of the Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act.

Impact on Children:

Creates the Education Savings Matching Pilot Program to provide matching contributions to 529 savings accounts on behalf of children experiencing intergenerational poverty and

PTA Resolution: [FAM 2014-1 Intergenerational Poverty](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA advocate for legislation that funds programs that assist intergenerational poverty families that are dealing with issues such as substance abuse recovery, teen pregnancy, domestic violence and child abuse and and be it further

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Family Life

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[SB0194](#) | **EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM**



Sponsor: [Millner, A.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to a program for early literacy.

Impact on Children:

This Bill changes the K-3 Reading Improvement Program into the Early Literacy Program. It requires schools to create a plan that will ensure core instruction in phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, oral language, and and writing. It creates flexibility for schools but maintains the current streams of funding with the potential of increases growth.

PTA Resolution: [EDU 1997-1 Literacy](#)

Notes: Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage support of efforts and programs to increase reading comprehension in all subject areas (story problems in math, information, facts and figures and meaning in history, science, etc.), and and be it further Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies encourage the Governor and the State Legislature to make literacy a priority for all Utah students.

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Education



[SB0194S01](#) | **EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM**

Sponsor: [Millner, A.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

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Education



[SB0202](#) | AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AMENDMENTS



Sponsor:
[Escamilla, Luz](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$250,000 On-Going](#)

Description:

This bill authorizes a grant program to provide funding for certain programs offered to elementary and secondary students outside of the regular school day.

Impact on Children:

Children benefit when they have a safe place to go after school and provides quality enrichment to their education.

PTA Resolution: [National PTA Resolution 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

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Community Involvement



SB0209S02 | 529 SAVINGS PLAN AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: [Harper, Wayne A.](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions relating to 529 savings plans

Impact on Children:

H.B 209 was proposed to prevent the 529 Savings Plans from being used for K-12 education funding in Utah, (This was allowed following a change in federal law with the recent tax reform) Substitute 2 removes all of the safeguards that were put in the original bill. This would now allow public education funds to be used for private and religious schools and we do not know how this will impact the overall funding budget.

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

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.

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SB0210 | INTOXICATED DRIVING LIMIT CHANGES

Sponsor: [Dabakis, Jim](#)



Status: [Senate/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This bill modifies the effective date on a statutory change of the blood alcohol limit for driving under the influence

Impact on Children:

Delay for the effective date of the reduction of the blood alcohol concentration limit from .08 to .05 until three other states passes the 0.05 change not only delays taking a step in making Utah's roads safer for Utah's families but takes the power away from Utah and places it into the hands of other states.

PTA Resolution: [HEA 1981-1 Driving Under the Influence](#)

Notes: That PTA continue to work to encourage more stringent laws and penalties concerning driving under the influence of alcohol

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Safety



[SB0213](#) | HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION TRAINING

Sponsor: [Weiler, Todd](#)

Status: [Senate/ filed](#)



Fiscal Note: [\\$4700 one time](#)

Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the issuance and renewal of a commercial driver license to require training about human trafficking.

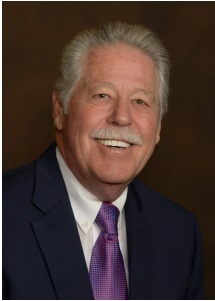
Impact on Children:

Passage of this bill would require commercial drivers to learn the signs of individuals who are being trafficked and how to help as they tend to pass through the same areas.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 2016-2 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor](#)

Notes: That Utah PTA and its constituent associations encourage and call for members, policy makers, schools and community organizations to actively raise awareness and to address those conditions and situations that contribute to the sexual exploitation of a minor.

Safety



SB0235S03 | HOMELESS SHELTER FUNDING AMENDMENTS



Sponsor: **Davis,**
Gene



Status: Governor Signed

Fiscal Note: \$2,500,000 one time

Description:

This bill creates the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account and authorizes the use of the restricted account's funds.

Impact on Children:

This bill provides additional money to hire more medical and police services for cities that host homeless resource centers which house vulnerable families.

PTA Resolution: Stability in Housing Position Statement

Notes: Utah PTA supports adequate funding for federal and state housing programs that increase the number of affordable housing units and Permanent Housing Options as researched and proven long term solutions for homelessness and transiency.

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Community Involvement

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SCR0012 | CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON REDUCING GANG ACTIVITY



Sponsor: [Mayne, Karen](#)



Status: [Governor Signed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This concurrent resolution urges state and local governments to work together to reduce gang activity.

Impact on Children:

This bill aims to decrease gang violence and affiliation thus improving social, academic and physical well-being of children.

PTA Resolution: [SAF 1994-1 GANGS](#)

Notes: Resolved, that local, council, region, and state PTA become actively involved in the education, prevention and intervention of gang related activity

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Community Involvement



[SJR016](#) | PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION -- PUBLIC EDUCATION GOVERNANCE

Sponsor: [Dabakis, J.](#)



Status: [Senate/ filed](#)

Fiscal Note: [\\$0](#)

Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature proposed to amend the Utah Constitution to eliminate the State Board of Education's general control and supervision of the public education system and to vest those responsibilities in a state superintendent of public instruction, appointed by the Governor.

Impact on Children:

The State Board of Education is designed to be a body representative of a geographic area and thus responsive, foremost, to voters. A superintendent appointed by the governor would not be accountable to the voters and

could be subject to political pressure.

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

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