

2019 UEA Legislative Tracking Sheet

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HIGHLIGHTED BILLS

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HB120 S6	Student and School Safety Assessment	R. Ward	SJ	GS	This bill enacts provisions related to school safety.	S		S	S	S	
HB130 S1	Public Education Exit Survey	C. Moss	SJ	GS	This bill enacts provisions related to exit surveys for licensed public education employees.	S				S	
HB188 S1	T.H. Bell Program Amendments	L. Snow	SJ	GS	This bill amends provisions related to the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program.	S			S	S	
HB198	Education Accountability Amendments	M. Poulson	SJ	FI	This bill amends provisions related to school overall ratings under the school accountability system.	S		S	S	S	HB198 Issue Brief
HB373 S3	Student Support Amendments	S. Eliason	SJ	GS	This bill amends provisions related to student support and health services.	S			S	S	
HB441 S1	Tax Equalization and Reduction Act	T. Quinn	JB	FI	This bill modifies provisions relating to tax.	O W/C				O	Sub 1 Reduces Education Fund by nearly \$350 million. HB441 Issue Brief
HB495 S1	Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force	M. Schultz	SJ	GS	This bill creates the Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force and repeals the Transportation and Tax Review Task Force.	S				S	
SB4	Public Education Budget Adjustments	L. Hillyard	JB	GS	This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.	W W/C				W	Increase the WPU by 6.5%.
SB149 S1	Teacher and Student Success Act	A. Millner	SJ	GS	This bill creates the Teacher and Student Success Program.	O				O	SB149 Issue Brief
SB177	Scholarships for Special Needs Students	L. Fillmore	JB	FI	This bill creates the Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program and related income tax credits.	O			O	O	Vouchers for private schools. SB177 Issue Brief
SJR3 S3	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution -- Income Tax Amendments	D. McCay	JB	FI	This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to taxes on intangible property and income.	O				O	

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HB2	Public Education Budget Amendments	S. Eliason	JB	FI	This bill provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools and state education agencies; sets the value of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) at \$3,515 for fiscal year 2020; adjusts the number of weighted pupil units to reflect anticipated student enrollment in fall 2019.	W W/C					Increase the WPU by 6.5%.
HB3 S1	Current and New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act	B. Last	JB	GS	This bill balances the overall state budget between funding sources in higher education.	W					
HB27	Public Education Definitions Amendments	V. Peterson	SJ	GS	This bill defines terms that apply to the public education code and amends provisions in the public education code related to defined terms.	N				N	
HB28	Public Education Definitions Coordination	V. Peterson	SJ	GS	This bill amends provisions in the public education code related to defined terms.	N				N	
HB29 S1	Special Education Recodification	V. Peterson	SJ	GS	This bill repeals outdated provisions related to special education; reorganizes, redrafts and updates existing provisions related to special education.	N				N	
HB47 S1	Early Childhood Coordination	L. Snow	SJ	GS	This bill creates the Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council and the Governor's Early Childhood Commission.	S			S	S	
HB48 S2	School Trust Fund Modifications	J. Moss	JB	GS	This bill amends provisions related to school and institutional trust fund management, advocacy and distribution of funds.	S			S	S	
HB49	Repatriation Transition Tax Amendments	S. Eliason	JB	GS	This bill modifies corporate income tax provisions relating to deferred foreign income.	S				S	
HB64 S3	Lobbyist Expenditures Amendments	M. McKell	CC	GS	This bill requires a lobbyist to file certain reports related to the lobbyist's expenditure on a local official or education official; establishes limits for a lobbyist's expenditures on a local official or education official.	W				W	
HB71 S1	Health Education Amendments	R. Ward	CC	GS	This bill provides that health education instruction may include information about the medical characteristics, effectiveness, limitations and risks of contraceptive methods or devices; reorganizes provisions related to instruction in health; requires the State Board of Education to make administrative rules; and makes technical and conforming changes.	S			S	N	
HB74 S2	Open Meetings Amendments	S. Handy	SJ	FI	This bill modifies the purposes for which a closed meeting may be held to include the purpose of discussing a protected audit report that requires the public body's signed response.	W					
HB81 S1	School Counselor Services	S. Pulsipher	SJ	GS	This bill directs the State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding certain services provided by school counselors; and prohibiting school counselors from certain activities.	LI			S	LI	
HB88	Statewide Initiative Process Amendments	M. Nelson	CC	FI	This bill amends provisions related to signatures for a statewide initiative petition.	S				S	
HB92	Violence Data Study	S. Pulsipher	SJ	FI	This bill establishes a grant award for a violence data study.	S W/C				S	Need clear definition of terms.

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HB102	Campaign Funds Uses Amendments	S. Pitcher	CC	FI	This bill permits a candidate for public office to use campaign funds to pay childcare expenses while the candidate is engaged in campaign activity.	S W/C				S	Identical bill HB129 passed committee.
HB103	Utah Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self-sufficiency Tax Credit	R. Spendlove	JB	FI	This bill enacts a state earned income tax credit.	S			S	S	
HB118	Incentives for Statewide Assessment Performance	M. Winder	SJ	GS	This bill allows a teacher to use a student's score on certain assessments to improve the student's academic grade or demonstrate the student's competency; prohibits a local education agency from providing a nonacademic reward to a student for taking certain assessments.	S		S	S	S	
HB119 S4	Initiatives, Referenda and Other Political Activities	B. Daw	CC	GS	This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to initiatives, referenda and political activities of public entities.	W			S	N	
HB129 S1	Campaign Amendments	C. Hall	CC	GS	This bill permits a candidate for public office to use campaign funds to pay childcare expenses while the candidate is engaged in campaign activity and permits an officeholder to use campaign funds to pay childcare expenses while the officeholder is engaging in officeholder activities.	S				S	
HB131	Political Committees Amendments	B. Daw	CC	GS	This bill amends provisions related to financial reporting requirements for a political action committee and a political issues committee.	S				S	
HB133 S2	Initiative Amendments	B. Daw	CC	GS	This bill modifies provisions relating to statewide initiatives.	O			S	O	
HB145 S3	Citizen Political Process Amendments	N. Thurston	CC	GS	This bill amends initiative and referendum provisions and nomination petition provisions.	O				O	
HB146	Concurrent Enrollment Amendments	S. Pulsipher	JB	GS	This bill amends requirements for a student to be eligible to participate in concurrent enrollment.	U			S	N	Exception for grades 9 and 10 currently exists.
HB164	Local Boards and Councils Structure Amendments	J. Stenquist	CC	FI	This bill requires a certain minimum number of members of municipal, county, limited purpose local government entity and local school district boards, councils and commissions to be elected at-large.	O				O	
HB168	School Bus Safety Requirements	C. Hall	CC	FI	This bill modifies the Traffic Code by requiring a new school bus purchased after June 30, 2020, to be equipped with seatbelts.	W			LI	W	
HB195 S2	Initiative and Referendum Amendments	S. Handy	CC	GS	This bill amends provisions relating to a statewide initiative or referendum.	S				S	
HB208	Safe Routes to School Program	S. Harrison	CC	GS	This bill requires the Department of Transportation to implement a program to provide safe routes to school.	S		S	S	S	
HB213 S1	Promotion of Student Loan Forgiveness	S. Duckworth	CC	GS	This bill enacts the Promotion of Student Loan Forgiveness Programs Act.	S				S	

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HB217	Open Carry Near Schools Amendments	J. Briscoe	CC	FI	This bill prohibits carrying a dangerous weapon within 500 feet of an elementary or secondary school.	W			S	W	
HB227 S1	Utah Computer Science Grant Act	J. Knotwell	JB	GS	This bill creates the Computer Science for Utah Grant Program.	W		S		W	
HB236 S1	Teacher Salary Supplement Amendments	K. Christofferson	SJ	GS	This bill amends provisions related to the Teacher Salary Supplement Program.	W		S		W	
HB242	State Board of Education Revisions	M. Ballard	CC	FI	This bill reduces the size and modifies the membership of the State Board of Education; provides that members of the State Board of Education are appointed by the governor, with the consent of the Senate; addresses board member terms, removal, and vacancies; provides for the transition from old board members to new board members; removes the State Board of Education from provisions in the Election Code.	O		O	O	O	
HB248	Education Fund Designation Ratio	M. Judkins	JB	FI	This bill provides that no more than 15% of Education Fund revenue may be designated for higher education.	SC		S	S	SC	
HB250 S2	School Fee Revisions	K. Lisonbee	JB	GS	This bill amends provisions related to school fees.	S		S	S	S	
HB260 S4	Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program	D. Owens	SJ	GS	This bill creates the Access Utah Promise Scholarship Program and amends and repeals certain other scholarship programs.	S		S		S	
HB273	School Fees Modifications	A. Robertson	JB	FI	This bill amends provisions related to school fees.	O			S	O	
HB282	Utah Personal Exemption Amendments	T. Quinn	JB	FI	This bill modifies the calculation of the Utah personal exemption for purposes of the taxpayer tax credit.	O				O	
HB286	Financial and Economic Literacy Education Amendments	J. Moss	SJ	GS	This bill amends provisions related to financial and economic literacy education.	S		S		S	
HB291 S1	Concurrent Enrollment Modifications	M. Winder	JB	GS	This bill amends provisions related to instructors for concurrent enrollment courses.	S				S	
HB303 S2	School Community Council Amendments	K. Stratton	JB	GS	This bill modifies provisions related to school community council and charter trust land council requirements.	S			O	S	
HB309	Elections Modifications	M. McKell	CC	FI	This bill amends provisions relating to signature-gathering for a candidate.	S				S	
HB327	School Information Systems Amendments	M. Ballard	JB	FI	This bill requires the State Board of Education to implement an end-to-end system for collecting and reporting public education information.	U			O	N	See SB112.

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HB340	School Absenteeism and Truancy Amendments	L. Snow	SJ	FI	This bill amends provisions related to truancy.	S			S	N	
HB344	Student Asthma Relief Amendments	M. Wheatley	CC	GS	This bill enacts provisions governing the administration of stock albuterol by certain entities to an individual.	W			S	N	
HB360	School Water Testing Requirements	S. Handy	CC	FI	This bill enacts provisions related to monitoring and mitigating lead in drinking water in schools and child care centers.	W				N	
HB363 S1	School Transportation Amendments	M. Ballard	CC	FI	This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish a working group to study and make recommendations related to unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school.	W				W	
HB374	Modifications to Education Funding	N. Thurston	JB	FI	This bill establishes a limit on the amount of an increase to the value of the weighted pupil unit funded through the weighted pupil unit value tax rate; requires a local education agency governing board to hold a public meeting regarding the use of funds from the Teacher and Student Success Account.	W			O	W	
HB375	School Employee Background Checks	C. Hall	SJ	GS	This bill exempts certain exempt providers from a background check administered by the Department of Health.	S				S	
HB391 S2	Modifications to Governmental Immunity Provisions	K. Ivory	SJ	GS	This bill waives governmental immunity for an injury claim resulting from a sexual battery or sexual abuse of a child against a student by a school employee unless the school was subject to a specified policy and had taken reasonable steps to implement and enforce the policy.	W				W	
HB403	Charter School Funding Amendments	L. Snow	JB	FI	This bill amends provisions related to the charter school levy and charter school levy state guarantee.	W				W	
HB404 S1	Juvenile Justice Reform Amendments	L. Snow	SJ	GS	This bill creates a restricted account and modifies the custody, commitment and jurisdiction relating to a minor in juvenile court.						
HB409	Changes to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	S. Pulsipher	JB	GS	This bill amends several provisions related to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.	W					
HB426	Student Information Systems	K. Ivory	JB	FI	This bill allows a local education agency to receive a reimbursement from the State Board of Education for a student information system.						
HB459	Political Activities of Public Entities Act Amendments	K. Coleman	CC	FI	This bill prohibits a public official or an employee of a public entity from using public funds, public resources, public email or public distribution lists for certain politically-related purposes and provides criminal or civil penalties for violating the provisions of this bill.	O					
HB463	Early Literacy Amendments	V. Peterson	SJ	GS	This bill authorizes a school to use a license for early interactive reading software for students in grades 2 or 3 to advance beyond grade level.						

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HB476	School Threat Amendments	A. Stoddard	SJ	FI	This bill creates the crime of threats against schools.						
HB483	School Construction Projects Amendments	M. Ballard	CC	FI	This bill amends requirements for a local education agency (LEA) related to school construction.						
HB488	Amendments to Concurrent Enrollment	E. Hutchings	JB	FI	This bill amends provisions related to concurrent enrollment courses and funding.						
HB496	Tax Credit for School Safety Expenses	T. Seegmiller		FI	This bill modifies the Individual Income Tax Act by enacting a tax credit for certain education employee school safety expenses.						
HCR9	Concurrent Resolution Commending Jordan School District on its Fleet of Natural Gas School Buses	C. Acton	CC	GS	This resolution commends Jordan School District for its contribution to improved public health and fiscal responsibility through acquiring school buses that operate on compressed natural gas.	S				S	
HCR14	Concurrent Resolution Encouraging High Expectations for Students with Disabilities	R. Spendlove	JB	GS	This resolution describes the benefits students of all abilities obtain when students with disabilities participate in general education classrooms; and encourages all stakeholders in the educational system to have and maintain high expectations for all students, including students with disabilities.	S			S	S	
HJR13 S2	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution -- State Board of Education	M. Ballard	CC	FI	This joint resolution of the Legislature proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to the State Board of Education.	O		O	O	O	
HJR18	Joint Rules Resolution on Base Budgeting Provisions	J. Moss	JB	E	This resolution modifies joint rules related to base budgeting.	U				U	
SB1	Public Education Base Budget Amendments	L. Hillyard	JB	GS	This bill provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts, charter schools and state education agencies; sets the value of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) initially at \$3,395 for fiscal year 2020; provides appropriations for other purposes as described.	S				S	
SB14 S2	Education Reporting Requirements	A. Millner	SJ	GS	This bill amends provisions related to education reports.	N				N	
SB15 S1	Education Recodification Repealers	A. Millner	SJ	GS	This bill repeals public education code provisions.	N				N	

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SB37	Interventions for Reading Difficulties Sunset Amendments	A. Millner	SJ	GS	This bill amends the Interventions for Reading Difficulties Pilot Program, including extending the sunset date.	S		S		S	
SB55 S1	Charter Trust Land Council Amendments	L. Escamilla	JB	GS	This bill permits grandparents of students enrolled in a charter school to serve on the charter school's charter trust land council.	S				S	
SB61	Poll Hours for Early Voting	J. Iwamoto	CC	GS	This bill removes the poll hour closing requirement on the last day of early voting.	S				S	
SB106 S1	Mental Health Services in Schools	L. Fillmore	SJ	GS	This bill enacts provisions relating to coverage of certain mental health services by the Medicaid program and certain health insurers.	W			S	W	
SB108 S1	Modifications to Government Records Provisions	W. Harper	SJ	GS	This bill modifies provisions of the Government Records Access and Management Act.	W				N	
SB112	Public Education Information Systems Uniformity Act	J. Anderegg	JB	GS	This bill requires the State Board of Education to have a system for collecting and reporting public education data.	S W/C		S	S	S	One-time money.
SB115 S1	High-need School Amendments	K. Riebe	SJ	GS	This bill provides for grants to local education agencies to employ additional educators in high-need schools.	S			W	S	
SB143	Public Education Vision Screening	L. Escamilla	CC	GS	This bill modifies provisions regarding public education vision screening.	S	S		S	S	
SB164 S2	Student Data Privacy Amendments	J. Anderegg	JB	GS	This bill repeals provisions related to the State Board of Education sharing student data.	S				W	
SB166 S3	School Readiness Amendments	A. Millner	SJ	GS	This bill amends and enacts preschool provisions.	S		S	S	N	
SB173	Dual Language Immersion Amendments	J. Anderegg	SJ	GS	This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish a pilot program related to dual language immersion.	S				N	
SB179 S3	Truth in Taxation Amendments	L. Fillmore	JB	GS	This bill modifies public hearing requirements in the property tax code.	N				W	
SB198 S2	Human Trafficking Prevention Training	T. Weiler	SJ	GS	This bill creates training requirements for human trafficking prevention and awareness and requires school districts and charter schools to provide biennial training regarding human trafficking prevention and awareness to school personnel, parents, guardians and students.	W					

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SB208	National Certification Teacher Incentive Amendments	K. Mayne	SJ	GS	This bill amends and enacts provisions related to National Board certification for teachers.	S					
SB216	Political Committee Amendments	D. Thatcher	CC	GS	This bill amends provisions relating to political action committees and political issues committees.	W					
SB218 S1	Reading Assessment Expansion Amendments	J. Stevenson	SJ	FI	This bill expands a diagnostic assessment system for reading.				S		
SB236	State Board of Education Candidacy Amendments	A. Millner	CC	GS	This bill amends provisions of the Election Code relating to becoming a candidate for the office of State Board of Education member.	O					
SB242 S1	Presidential Primary Amendments	C. Bramble	CC	GS	This bill eliminates provisions that allow a presidential primary election to be held on the date of a regular primary election.						
SB245	School Community Awareness	K. Mayne	SJ	GS	This bill enacts provisions related to providing notice regarding school turnaround, school closure and school boundary changes.	S					
SB261	Human Trafficking Prevention Education	T. Weiler	SJ	FI	This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish curriculum requirements that include instruction in human trafficking prevention.	W					
SB267	Amendments to Initiatives	K. Riebe	CC	FI	This bill modifies provisions relating to statewide initiatives.						
SCR3	Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Public Employees' Health Plans	D. Hemmert	JB	GS	This concurrent resolution directs the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to offer certain benefits with respect to employee health benefit packages.	W				W	