

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 445, State Capitol
February 24, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Bill Wright, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice Arent
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Becky Edwards
Rep. Steven Eliason
Rep. Greg H. Hughes
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. John G. Mathis
Rep. Kay L. McIff
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn Newbold
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Ken W. Sumsion

STAFF PRESENT: Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. McIff, Rep. Powell, Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Wright absent for the vote.

H.B. 397 Charter School Start-up Amendments (Rep. B. Dee)

Rep. Dee introduced the bill which provides money for charter school start-up costs.

Supt. Larry Shumway, Utah State Office of Education, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 16 through 20:*

- 16 professional development or technical assistance for governing board members and
- 17 staff of new charter schools; ~~{and}~~

18 ▶ directs the State Board of Education to make rules for the award and use of
 grants
19 for charter school start-up costs ~~{·}~~ ;
 and
 ▶ repeals provisions related to charter school start-up costs on July 1, 2017.
20 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

2. *Page 2, Line 29:*

29 53A-1a-513, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 371
 = 63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 303, 330, and 419

3. *Page 6, Line 181:*

181 (ii) a final report on the expenditure of the grant money.
 Section 3. Section 63I-2-253 is amended to read:
 63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.
 (1) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2012.
 (2) Subsection 53A-1-603(5) is repealed July 1, 2015.
 (3) Section 53A-1a-513.5 is repealed July 1, 2017.
 (4) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.
 ~~{(4)}~~ (5) Subsection 53A-13-110(4) is repealed July 1, 2013.
 ~~{(5)}~~ (6) Section 53A-15-1215 is repealed July 1, 2012.

4. *Page 7, Lines 190 through 194:*

190 Charter School Start-up Costs \$2,500,000
191 The Legislature intends that the appropriation under this section:
192 (1) is ongoing, subject to availability of funds;
 (2) is for fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 only;
 (3) be used as provided in Section 53A-1a-513.5; and
193 ~~{(2)}~~ (4) not lapse at the end of each fiscal year ~~{2013}~~ .
194 Section 4. Effective date.

The motion passed with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Mathis, and Rep. Newbold voting in opposition. Rep. Arent, Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out as amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Arent, Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Wright absent for the vote.

H.B. 420 Parent Education Initiative (Rep. S. Eliason)

Rep. Eliason introduced the bill which requires school districts to offer a seminar to parents with certain information.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Mr. Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
Ms. Susan Edwards, Canyons School District
Ms. Pamela Atkinson, community advocate

Ms. JoDee Sundberg, Alpine School District and Utah School Boards Association, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to amend the bill as follows:

On line 31 delete "shall" and insert "may"

The motion failed with Rep. Edwards, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Moss, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Sumsion, and Rep. Wright voting in favor of the motion. Rep. Arent, Rep. McIff, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Christensen moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Sumsion and Rep. Wright voting in opposition. Rep. Arent, Rep. McIff, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

H.B. 123 Education Savings Accounts (Rep. J. Dougall)

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to adopt **1st Substitute H.B. 123**. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Arent, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Mathis, Rep. McIff, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

The following commented on the bill:

Mr. Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
Ms. Patti Harrington, Utah School Superintendents Association and Utah School Boards Association

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 5, Lines 121 through 122:

121 (b) The maximum number of education savings accounts that may exist for any year

of
122 the pilot project is ~~{2,500}~~ 500 .

2. *Page 6, Lines 164 through 165:*

164 (9) (a) The State Board of Education shall close an education savings account
~~{10}~~ six years
165 after the account is opened.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Arent and Rep. Powell absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Sumsion moved to pass the bill out as substituted and amended with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Arent, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Edwards, Rep. McIff, Rep. Moss, and Rep. Poulson voting in opposition. Rep. Powell was absent for the vote.

H.B. 336 Electronic High School Amendments (Rep. S. Sandstrom)

Rep. Sandstrom introduced the bill which modifies provisions relating to the Electronic High School.

Mr. Matt Piccalo, Sutherland Institute, spoke in opposition to the bill.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

Supt. Larry Shumway, Utah State Office of Education
Ms. Tami Pyfer, Utah State Board of Education
Ms. Trisha Syversen, Davis School District

Dr. Martell Menlove, Utah State Office of Education, addressed committee members' questions.

MOTION: Rep. Poulson moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. McIff, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

H.B. 500 Education Reporting Efficiency Amendments (Rep. R. Wilcox)

Rep. Wilcox introduced the bill which directs the State Board of Education to determine how to modify or eliminate reporting requirements.

Ms. Kim Frank, Utah Charter Network, spoke in support of the bill.

Dr. Martell Menlove, Utah State Office of Education, commented on the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. McIff, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to place **H.B. 500** on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, Rep. McIff, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Wright were absent for the vote.

H.B. 147 Online Education Amendments (*Rep. B. Last*)

Rep. Last introduced the bill which modifies requirements for providing online courses to students.

The following spoke in support of the bill:

- Dr. Martell Menlove, State Board of Education
- Ms. Heidi Ross, Tooele County School District
- Mr. Patrick Colclough, Granite School District
- Ms. Patty Norman, Davis School District
- Ms. Erin Preston, Providence Hall Charter School

The following spoke in opposition to the bill:

- Ms. Judi Clark, Parents for Choice in Education
- Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Utah Taxpayers Association
- Mr. Jeff Rogers, Utah Technology Council

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed with Rep. Christensen and Rep. Newbold voting in opposition. Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

H.B. 156 Public Education Program Amendments (*Rep. M. Newbold*)

Rep. Newbold introduced the bill which eliminates public education programs and requirements.

The following commented on the bill:

- Dr. Martell Menlove, State Board of Education
- Mr. Kory Holdaway, Utah Education Association
- Mr. Preston Cochrane, Fair Credit Foundation and Council on Economic Education
- Ms. Susan Spiers, Utah Association of Certified Public Accounts
- Mr. Scott Simpson, UCUA

Mr. Al Bingham, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Mathis moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 13:*

- 12 ▶ { ~~eliminates the requirement to take a course in financial literacy to~~
 ~~graduate from~~
13 ~~high school;~~} requires the State Board of Education to provide a general
 financial literacy test-out option;

2. *Page 6, Lines 160 through 163:*

- 160 (a) use competency-based standards and assessments; { ~~and~~ }
161 { + } (b) **include instruction that stresses general financial literacy from basic**
 budgeting to
162 **financial investments, including bankruptcy education** and a general financial
 literacy test-out option ; and { + }
163 { + } (c) { + } { ~~(b)~~ } increase graduation requirements in language arts,
 mathematics, and science to

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to hold the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Mathis, Rep. Newbold, and Rep. Gibson voting in opposition. Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart, and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Edwards moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m. with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Lockhart and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair

