

PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

2020 FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mike Schultz

Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for an annual increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides for an annual increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit in the Public Education Base Budget until a certain cumulative amount; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53F-9-201.1 (Contingently Effective 01/01/21), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 207

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53F-9-201.1 (Contingently Effective 01/01/21)** is amended to read:
53F-9-201.1 (Contingently Effective 01/01/21). Appropriations to the Minimum School Program from the Uniform School Fund.



28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Base budget" means the same as that term is defined in legislative rule.

30 (b) "Enrollment growth and inflation estimates" means the cost estimates regarding
31 enrollment growth and inflation described in Section 53F-2-208.

32 (2) Except as provided in Subsection 53F-9-204(3), for a fiscal year beginning on or
33 after July 1, 2021, when preparing the Public Education Base Budget, the Office of the
34 Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall:

35 (a) include appropriations to the Minimum School Program from the Uniform School
36 Fund, and, subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3), the Public Education Economic Stabilization
37 Restricted Account, in an amount that is greater than or equal to the sum of:

38 ~~(a)~~ (i) the ongoing Education Fund and Uniform School Fund appropriations to the
39 Minimum School Program in the current fiscal year; and

40 ~~(b)~~ (ii) subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3)(b), enrollment growth and inflation
41 estimates~~[-]; and~~

42 (b) except as provided in Subsection (4), an appropriation to increase the value of the
43 weighted pupil unit that is greater than or equal to 10% of the difference between, as
44 determined by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst:

45 (i) the estimated amount of ongoing Education Fund and Uniform School Fund
46 revenue available for the Legislature to appropriate for the next fiscal year; and

47 (ii) the amount of ongoing appropriations from the Education Fund and Uniform
48 School Fund in the current fiscal year.

49 (3) The total annual amount deposited into the Uniform School Fund, including the
50 deposits through the distributions described in Sections 59-7-532 and 59-10-544, for a given
51 fiscal year may not exceed the amount appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for that
52 fiscal year.

53 (4) (a) If an appropriation to increase the value of the weighted pupil unit described in
54 Subsection (2)(b) would cause the cumulative amount of increases to the value of the weighted
55 pupil unit, beginning for fiscal year 2022, to exceed \$140,500,000, the Office of the Legislative
56 Fiscal Analyst:

57 (i) shall include in the Public Education Base Budget an appropriation to increase the
58 value of the weighted pupil unit that would cause the cumulative amount of increases to equal

59 \$140,500,000; and

60 (ii) is exempt from future application of Subsection (2)(b).

61 (b) Nothing in this section limits the Legislature's ability to appropriate additional

62 amounts to increase the value of the weighted pupil unit.