

Kathleen A. Riebe proposes the following substitute bill:

Public Education Funding Modifications

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires mandates certain program reviews for certain education programs.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- mandates regular program reviews by the Education Interim Committee and the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee for certain programs; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-1-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 3, 460 and 525

53E-1-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 7

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

Section 1. Section **53E-1-201** is amended to read:

53E-1-201 . Reports to and action required of the Education Interim Committee.

(1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following recurring reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:

- (a) the report described in Section 9-22-109 by the STEM Action Center Board, including the information described in Section 9-22-113 on the status of the computer science initiative and Section 9-22-114 on the Computing Partnerships Grants Program;
- (b) the prioritized list of data research described in Section 53B-33-302 and the report on

- 30 research and activities described in Section 53B-33-304 by the Utah Data Research
31 Center;
- 32 (c) the report described in Section 53B-1-402 by the Utah Board of Higher Education on
33 career and technical education issues and addressing workforce needs;
- 34 (d) the annual report of the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section
35 53B-1-402;
- 36 (e) the reports described in Section 53B-28-401 by the Utah Board of Higher Education
37 regarding activities related to campus safety;
- 38 (f) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section
39 53E-1-203;
- 40 (g) the annual report described in Section 53E-2-202 by the state board on the strategic
41 plan to improve student outcomes;
- 42 (h) the report described in Section 53E-8-204 by the state board on the Utah Schools for
43 the Deaf and the Blind;
- 44 (i) the report described in Section 53E-10-703 by the Utah Leading through Effective,
45 Actionable, and Dynamic Education director on research and other activities;
- 46 (j) the report described in Section 53F-2-522 regarding mental health screening
47 programs;
- 48 (k) the report described in Section 53F-4-203 by the state board and the independent
49 evaluator on an evaluation of early interactive reading software;
- 50 (l) the report described in Section 63N-20-107 by the Governor's Office of Economic
51 Opportunity on UPSTART;
- 52 (m) the reports described in Sections 53F-5-214 and 53F-5-215 by the state board
53 related to grants for professional learning and grants for an elementary teacher
54 preparation assessment;
- 55 (n) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-219 by the state board on the
56 Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program;
- 57 (o) the report described in Section 53F-5-405 by the state board regarding an evaluation
58 of a partnership that receives a grant to improve educational outcomes for students
59 who are low income;
- 60 (p) the report described in Section 53B-35-202 regarding the Higher Education and
61 Corrections Council;
- 62 (q) the report described in Section 53G-7-221 by the state board regarding innovation
63 plans;

- 64 (r) the reports described in Section 53F-6-412 regarding the Utah Fits All Scholarship
65 Program.
- 66 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following occasional
67 reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:
- 68 (a) in 2027, 2030, 2033, and 2035, the reports described in Sections 53B-1-116,
69 53B-1-117, and 53B-1-118;
- 70 (b) if required, the report described in Section 53E-4-309 by the state board explaining
71 the reasons for changing the grade level specification for the administration of
72 specific assessments;
- 73 (c) if required, the report described in Section 53E-5-210 by the state board of an
74 adjustment to the minimum level that demonstrates proficiency for each statewide
75 assessment;
- 76 (d) the report described in Section 53E-10-702 by Utah Leading through Effective,
77 Actionable, and Dynamic Education;
- 78 (e) if required, the report described in Section 53F-2-513 by the state board evaluating
79 the effects of salary bonuses on the recruitment and retention of effective teachers in
80 high poverty schools;
- 81 (f) upon request, a report described in Section 53G-7-222 by an LEA regarding
82 expenditure of a percentage of state restricted funds to support an innovative
83 education program;
- 84 (g) the reports described in Section 53G-11-304 by the state board regarding proposed
85 rules and results related to educator exit surveys; and
- 86 (h) the report described in Section 26B-5-113 by the Office of Substance Use and
87 Mental Health, the state board, and the Department of Health and Human Services
88 regarding recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based
89 health services.
- 90 (3) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, on a reoccurring basis
91 the Education Interim Committee shall review the programs described in the following
92 sections of code:
- 93 (a) Section 53F-2-416, Appropriation and distribution for the Teacher and Student
94 Success Program;
- 95 (b) Section 53F-2-510, Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program;
- 96 (c) Section 53F-9-306, Teacher and Student Success Account;
- 97 (d) Title 53G, Chapter 7, Part 13, Teacher and Student Success Program;

98 (e) Title 53F, Chapter 6, Part 4, Utah Fits All Scholarship Program; and

99 (f) Section 53F-2-502, Dual language immersion.

100 Section 2. Section **53E-1-202** is amended to read:

101 **53E-1-202 . Reports to and action required of the Public Education**

102 **Appropriations Subcommittee.**

103 (1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following recurring
104 reports are due to the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee:

105 (a) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section
106 53E-1-203;

107 (b) the report described in Section 53E-10-703 by the Utah Leading through Effective,
108 Actionable, and Dynamic Education director on research and other activities; and

109 (c) the report by the STEM Action Center Board described in Section 9-22-109,
110 including the information described in Section 9-22-113 on the status of the computer
111 science initiative.

112 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions, the Public Education Appropriations
113 Subcommittee shall complete, if required, the study described in Section 53F-4-304 of
114 scholarship payments.

115 (3) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, on a reoccurring basis
116 the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee shall review the programs described
117 in the following sections of code:

118 (a) Title 53E, Chapter 10, Part 3, Concurrent Enrollment;

119 (b) Section 53F-2-408, Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program;

120 (c) Section 53F-2-409, Concurrent enrollment funding;

121 (d) Section 53F-2-415, Student health and counseling support -- Qualifying personnel --
122 Distribution formula -- Rulemaking; and

123 (e) Section 53F-2-305, Professional staff weighed pupil units.

124 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

125 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.