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**Education Legislative Committee Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill creates the Legislative Education Evaluation Commission.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines a term;
- creates the Legislative Education Evaluation Commission (commission);
- outlines the commission's membership;
- establishes a repeal date for the commission; and
- grants the commission various powers and duties.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-1-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 320, 506 and 507

ENACTS:

**36-36-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**36-36-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**36-36-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **36-36-101** is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 36. LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION EVALUATION COMMISSION****36-36-101 . Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, "commission" means the Legislative Education Evaluation Commission.

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31 Section 2. Section **36-36-102** is enacted to read:

32 **36-36-102 . Legislative Education Evaluation Commission created.**

33 (1) There is created the Legislative Education Evaluation Commission to:

- 34 (a) study education-related issues in the state;  
35 (b) consider education-related issues that stakeholders bring to the commission;  
36 (c) propose education-related legislation; and  
37 (d) make recommendations regarding education issues in the state.

38 (2) The commission membership shall include:

- 39 (a) four members of the Senate, whom the president of the Senate appoints, no more  
40 than three of whom may be from the same political party, including:  
41 (i) the cochair of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;  
42 (ii) the cochair of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and  
43 (iii) the cochair of the Education Interim Committee;  
44 (b) four members of the House of Representatives, whom the speaker of the House of  
45 Representatives appoints, no more than three of whom may be from the same  
46 political party, including:  
47 (i) the cochair of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;  
48 (ii) the cochair of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and  
49 (iii) the cochair of the Education Interim Committee; and  
50 (c) subject to Subsection (2)(b), members, whom the Legislative Management  
51 Committee appoints, from a list the cochairs of the commission described in  
52 Subsection (5) recommended, including:  
53 (i) the state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee;  
54 (ii) four elected members of the State Board of Education;  
55 (iii) the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee;  
56 (iv) one member of a local school board;  
57 (v) one district superintendent; and  
58 (vi) one public school teacher.

59 (3)(a) The Legislative Management Committee shall appoint or reappoint the members  
60 described in Subsection (2)(c) to a two-year term.

61 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the Legislative  
62 Management Committee, in consultation with the cochairs of the commission, shall  
63 appoint a replacement for the unexpired term in accordance with the membership  
64 requirement for the vacant position described in Subsection (3)(a).

- 65 (4) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall, to the  
 66 extent possible, appoint members under Subsections (2)(a) and (b) that represent both  
 67 rural and urban areas of the state.
- 68 (5)(a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed  
 69 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.
- 70 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House  
 71 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the commission.
- 72 (6)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), Legislative Joint Rules, Title 7, Chapter  
 73 1, Part 2, Creation and Organization of Legislative Committees, governs quorum  
 74 requirements for the commission.
- 75 (b) The commission may not include members of the commission described in  
 76 Subsection (2)(c) for purposes of:
- 77 (i) determining a quorum; or  
 78 (ii) counting votes toward an action of the commission.
- 79 (7)(a) Compensation and expenses of a member of the commission who is a legislator  
 80 are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative  
 81 Compensation and Expenses.
- 82 (b) A commission member who is an employee of the state may not receive  
 83 compensation in addition to the member's regular state compensation for the  
 84 member's service on the commission.
- 85 (c) A commission member who is not described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b) may not  
 86 receive compensation or expenses for the member's service on the commission.
- 87 (8) The commission may create one or more subcommittees to advise the commission on  
 88 any issue related to education.
- 89 (9) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to  
 90 the commission.

91 Section 3. Section **36-36-103** is enacted to read:

92 **36-36-103 . Duties and powers of commission.**

- 93 (1) The commission shall:
- 94 (a) consider and make recommendations to the Education Interim Committee, the Public  
 95 Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Higher Education Appropriations  
 96 Subcommittee on the following issues:
- 97 (i) education issues stakeholders raise, from stakeholders including:
- 98 (A) the State Board of Education;

- 99            (B) the Utah Board of Higher Education;  
100            (C) an institution of higher education listed in Section 53B-1-102;  
101            (D) local education agencies as defined in Section 53E-1-102; and  
102            (E) members of the Legislature;  
103            (ii) proposed education-related legislation as the commission cochaurs determine;  
104            (iii) findings and recommendations from legislative audits regarding education;  
105            (iv) potential legislation for consideration by the Education Interim Committee; and  
106            (v) other education issues of statewide importance as the commission cochaurs  
107            determine; and  
108            (b) consult with the stakeholders listed in Subsection 36-36-102(3)(a)(i) to fulfill the  
109            commission's duties under this section.

110 (2) The commission may:

- 111            (a) meet up to six times per calendar year without approval from the Legislative  
112            Management Committee; and  
113            (b) make a recommendation to the Education Interim Committee on potential committee  
114            legislation.

115            Section 4. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

116            **63I-1-236 . Repeal dates: Title 36.**

- 117            (1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.  
118            (2) Section 36-29-111, Public Safety Data Management Task Force, is repealed July 1,  
119            2029.  
120            (3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed January 1,  
121            2030.  
122            (4) Section 36-29-112, Justice Court Reform Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2025.  
123            (5) Title 36, Chapter 36, Legislative Education Evaluation Commission, is repealed  
124            December 1, 2027.

125            Section 5. **Effective Date.**

126            This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.