

**Public Education Funding Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Arthur**

Senate Sponsor:

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

This bill provides additional funding for the Minimum School Program in certain fiscal years with enrollment decline.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- provides additional funding for the Minimum School Program in certain fiscal years with enrollment decline; and
- makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53F-9-201.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 456

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

Section 1. Section **53F-9-201.1** is amended to read:

**53F-9-201.1 . Appropriations to the Minimum School Program from the Uniform School Fund.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Base budget" means the same as that term is defined in legislative rule.
- (b) "Enrollment growth and inflation estimates" means the cost estimates regarding enrollment growth and inflation described in Section 53F-2-208.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection 53F-9-204(3), for a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021, when preparing the Public Education Base Budget, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall include appropriations to the Minimum School Program

31 from the Uniform School Fund, and, subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3), the Public  
32 Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account, in an amount that is greater than  
33 or equal to the sum of:

34 (a) the ongoing Income Tax Fund and Uniform School Fund appropriations to the  
35 Minimum School Program in the current fiscal year; and

36 (b) subject to Subsection 53F-9-204(3)(b)[-] :

37 (i) enrollment growth and inflation estimates[-] ; and

38 (ii) for a fiscal year in which enrollment declines, to increase the value of the  
39 weighted pupil unit, as defined in Section 53F-2-102, an amount equal to a  
40 projected reduction in appropriations to the Minimum School Program from the  
41 Uniform School Fund for the given fiscal year related to a decline in student  
42 enrollment that the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends to the  
43 Executive Appropriations Committee, in consultation with the state board and the  
44 Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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

49 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

50 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.