

1 **Joint Rules Resolution - Implementation of Education-related Legislation**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lisa Shepherd

Senate Sponsor: Heidi Balderree

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This joint rules resolution modifies the effective date of certain bills.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This resolution:

- 7 ▸ defines "bill that addresses public education";
- 8 ▸ establishes a default effective date for a bill that addresses public education; and
- 9 ▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

10 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

11 None

12 **Other Special Clauses:**

13 This resolution provides a special effective date.

14 **Legislative Rules Affected:**

15 AMENDS:

16 **JR4-1-203**

17 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

18 Section 1. **JR4-1-203** is amended to read:

19 **JR4-1-203 . Effective date of bills.**

20 (1) As used in this rule:

21 (a) "Bill that addresses public education" means a bill whose primary effect is to enact, amend, or repeal one or more provisions of the Utah Code that affect Utah's public education system, including Utah Code provisions within:

- 22 (i) Title 53E, Public Education System -- State Administration;
- 23 (ii) Title 53F, Public Education System -- Funding; or
- 24 (iii) Title 53G, Public Education System -- Local Administration.

25 (b) "Bill that addresses public education" does not include a bill that exclusively appropriates money.

31 (2)(a)(i) Unless otherwise directed by the Legislature and subject to Subsections [(2)
32 and (3),] (3) and (4), a bill becomes effective 60 days after the adjournment of the
33 session at which [it] the bill is passed.

34 [(b)] (ii) The 60 days begins to run the day after the day on which the Legislature
35 adjourns sine die.

36 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), unless otherwise directed by the Legislature, the
37 effective date of a bill that addresses public education is July 1 of the calendar year
38 immediately following the calendar year of the session at which the bill is passed.

39 [(2)] (3)(a) The effective date of a bill may not be a date later than January 1 of the
40 second calendar year immediately following the calendar year of the session at which
41 the bill is passed.

42 (b) A bill with a contingent effective date is not subject to Subsection [(2)(a)] (3)(a).

43 [(3)] (4)(a) If the effective date of a bill is contingent, before the bill may be introduced:
44 (i) the bill sponsor shall inform the legislative general counsel of the contingent
45 effective date; and
46 (ii) the legislative general counsel shall, on behalf of the bill sponsor, request
47 approval of the contingent effective date from the president and speaker.

48 (b) A bill that has a contingent effective date that is not approved by the president and
49 the speaker may not be introduced.

50 (c) Subsections [(3)(a)] (4)(a) and (b) do not apply to a bill that has a contingent effective
51 date that is contingent on voter approval of an amendment to the Utah Constitution.

52 [(4)] (5) A rules committee, a standing committee, the Senate, or the House of
53 Representatives is prohibited from suspending the provisions of Subsection [(2) or (3)]
54 (3) or (4).

55 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

56 This resolution takes effect May 6, 2026.