

Education Legislation Advisory Commission Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates the Education Legislation Advisory Commission.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines a term;
- creates the Education Legislation Advisory Commission;
- outlines the commission's membership;
- grants the committee various powers and duties; and
- establishes a repeal date for the committee.

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

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

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

CHAPTER 36. Education Legislation Advisory Commission**Part 1. Education Legislation Advisory Commission****36-36-101 . Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, "commission" means the Education Legislation Advisory

Commission created in Section 36-36-102.

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

36-36-102 . Education Legislation Advisory Commission created.

(1) There is created the Education Legislation Advisory Commission to:

- (a) study education-related issues in the state;
- (b) consider education-related issues that stakeholders bring to the commission;
- (c) propose and provide feedback to legislators on proposed education-related legislation; and
- (d) make recommendations regarding education issues in the state.

(2) The commission membership shall include:

(a) the following eight voting members:

(i) four members of the Senate, whom the president of the Senate appoints, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party, including:

- (A) the cochair of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;
- (B) the cochair of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and
- (C) the cochair of the Education Interim Committee; and

(ii) four members of the House of Representatives, whom the speaker of the House of Representatives appoints, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party, including:

- (A) the cochair of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;
- (B) the cochair of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee; and
- (C) the cochair of the Education Interim Committee; and

(b) the following nonvoting members:

(i) the state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee;

(ii) the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee;

(iii) the governor's senior advisor for education or the governor's designee; and

(iv) 15 individuals the Legislative Management Committee shall appoint to the commission from a list of individuals the State Board of Education and state superintendent recommend including:

- (A) four elected members of the State Board of Education, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party;
- (B) two members of local school district boards;
- (C) two school district superintendents;
- (D) three public school teachers, none of whom may be from the same school or

grade level;

(E) one charter school director;

(F) one charter school teacher; and

(G) two parents from separate school districts whom the Legislative Management Committee may select after consultation with the Utah Parent Teacher Association.

(3)(a) If the Legislative Management Committee chooses to not appoint an individual on the list described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv), the Legislative Management Committee may ask the State Board of Education and state superintendent to submit an additional list of recommendations.

(b) The Legislative Management Committee may not appoint an individual who is not recommended by the State Board of Education and state superintendent.

(4)(a) The Legislative Management Committee shall appoint or reappoint the members described in Subsection (2)(b)(iv) to a two-year term.

(b) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the Legislative Management Committee, in consultation with the cochair of the committee, shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term, in accordance with the membership requirement for the vacant position described in Subsection (4)(a).

(5) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall, to the extent possible, appoint members under Subsection (2)(a) that represent both rural and urban areas of the state.

(6)(a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (2)(a)(i) as a cochair of the commission.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) as a cochair of the commission.

(7)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), Legislative Joint Rules, Title 7, Chapter 1, Part 2, Creation and Organization of Legislative Committees, governs quorum requirements for the commission.

(b) The commission may not include members of the commission described in Subsection (2)(b) for purposes of:

(i) determining a quorum; or

(ii) counting votes toward an action of the commission.

(8)(a) Compensation and expenses of a member of the commission who is a legislator

are governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

(b) A commission member who is an employee of the state may not receive compensation in addition to the member's regular state compensation for the member's service on the commission but may be reimbursed by the state for expenses incurred if preapproved by a cochair of the committee as described in Subsections (6)(a) and (b).

(c)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (8)(c)(ii), a commission member who is not described in Subsection (8)(a) or (b) may not receive compensation for the member's service on the committee beyond what is allocated for their service by their employing entity.

(ii) A commission member may be reimbursed by the state for expenses incurred if preapproved by a cochair of the commission as described in Subsections (6)(a) and (b).

(9) At the request of the Legislative Management Committee, the State Board of Education, and the state superintendent shall create and deliver to the Legislative Management Committee a list of individuals in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(iv).

(10) The commission may create one or more subcommittees to advise the commission on any issue related to education.

(11) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the commission.

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

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

(1) The commission shall:

(a) consider and make recommendations to the Education Interim Committee, the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee on the following policies:

(i) education issues stakeholders raise, from the following stakeholders:

(A) members of the Legislature;

(B) the State Board of Education;

(C) the Board of Higher Education;

(D) an institution of higher education listed in Section 53B-1-102; and

(E) local education agencies as defined in Section 53E-1-102;

(ii) proposed education-related legislation as the commission cochairs determine;

(iii) findings and recommendations from legislative and internal audits regarding education;

(iv) potential legislation for consideration by the Education Interim Committee; and

(v) other education issues of statewide importance as the commission cochairs determine; and

(b) consult with the stakeholders listed in Subsection 36-36-102(3)(a)(i) to fulfill the commission's duties under this section.

(2) The commission may:

(a) meet up to six times per calendar year with an option to meet two more times subject to commission cochair determination without approval from the Legislative Management Committee;

(b) make recommendations to the Education Interim Committee on potential committee legislation; and

(c) make recommendations to the House and Senate Education Standing Committees.

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

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

(1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.

(2) Section 36-29-111, Public Safety Data Management Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2029.

(3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.

(4) Section 36-29-112, Justice Court Reform Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2025.

(5) Title 36, Chapter 36, Education Legislation Advisory Commission, is repealed December 1, 2028.

Section 5. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.