

Keven J. Stratton proposes the following substitute bill:

Education Legislation Advisory Commission Amendments

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Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

House Sponsor:

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

29 **36-36-101 . Definitions.**

30 As used in this chapter, "commission" means the Education Legislation Advisory
31 Commission created in Section 36-36-102.

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

33 **36-36-102 . Education Legislation Advisory Commission created.**

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

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

40 (2) The commission membership shall include:

41 (a) the following eight voting members:

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

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

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

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

53 (b) the following nonvoting members:

54 (i) the state superintendent of public instruction or the state superintendent's designee;

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

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

57 (iv) 16 individuals the Legislative Management Committee shall appoint to the
58 commission from a list of individuals the State Board of Education and state
59 superintendent recommend including:

- 60 (A) four elected members of the State Board of Education, no more than three of
61 whom may be from the same political party;
62 (B) two members of local school district boards;

- 63 (C) two school district superintendents;
64 (D) three public school teachers, none of whom may be from the same school or
65 grade level;
66 (E) one charter school director;
67 (F) one special education professional;
68 (G) one charter school teacher; and
69 (H) two parents from separate school districts whom the Legislative Management
70 Committee may select after consultation with the Utah Parent Teacher
71 Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

92 (7)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), Legislative Joint Rules, Title 7, Chapter
93 1, Part 2, Creation and Organization of Legislative Committees, governs quorum
94 requirements for the commission.

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

97 (i) determining a quorum; or

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

99 (8)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the chair of the commission

100 may allow a nonvoting member described in Subsection (2)(b) to cast a ceremonial
101 vote.

102 (b) The commission shall record a ceremonial vote in the records of the commission.

103 (c) The commission may not count a ceremonial vote of a nonvoting member toward the
104 outcome of any vote or action of the commission.

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

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

108 (b) A commission member who is an employee of the state may not receive

109 compensation in addition to the member's regular state compensation for the

110 member's service on the commission but may be reimbursed by the state for expenses

111 incurred if preapproved by a cochair of the committee as described in Subsections
112 (6)(a) and (b).

113 (c)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (9)(c)(ii), a commission member who is not

114 described in Subsection (9)(a) or (b) may not receive compensation for the

115 member's service on the committee beyond what is allocated for their service by

116 their employing entity.

117 (ii) A commission member may be reimbursed by the state for expenses incurred if

118 preapproved by a cochair of the commission as described in Subsections (6)(a)

119 and (b).

120 (10) At the request of the Legislative Management Committee, the State Board of

121 Education, and the state superintendent shall create and deliver to the Legislative

122 Management Committee a list of individuals in accordance with Subsection (2)(b)(iv).

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

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

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

128 **36-36-103 . Duties and powers of commission.**

129 (1) The commission shall:

130 (a) consider and make recommendations to the Education Interim Committee, the Public

131 Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Higher Education Appropriations
 132 Subcommittee on the following policies:

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

134 (A) members of the Legislature;

135 (B) the State Board of Education;

136 (C) the Board of Higher Education;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

147 (2) The commission may:

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

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

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

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

155 **63I-1-236 . Repeal dates: Title 36.**

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

157 (2) Section 36-29-111, Public Safety Data Management Task Force, is repealed July 1,
 158 2029.

159 (3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed January 1,
 160 2030.

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

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

164 Section 5. **Effective Date.**

165 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.