PUBLIC EDUCATION BASE BUDGET AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor:  Howard A. Stephenson

House Sponsor:  Steve Eliason

LONG TITLE

General Description:
This bill appropriates funds for the support and operation of public education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
- provides appropriations for the use and support of state education agencies;
- provides appropriations for the use and support of school districts and charter schools;
- sets the value of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) initially at the same WPU value set for the 2014-15 fiscal year:
  - $2,726 for the special education and career and technology add-on programs;
  - $2,972 for all other programs;
- sets the estimated minimum basic tax rate at .001416 for fiscal year 2015-16; and
- provides appropriations for other purposes as described.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2016:
- $7,297,700 from the General Fund;
- $30,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund;
- $2,720,928,300 from the Education Fund; and
$1,235,647,700 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

- **53A-17a-135**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 4

**Uncodified Material Affected:**

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-135** is amended to read:

**53A-17a-135. Minimum basic tax rate -- Certified revenue levy.**

(1) (a) In order to qualify for receipt of the state contribution toward the basic program and as its contribution toward its costs of the basic program, each school district shall impose a minimum basic tax rate per dollar of taxable value that generates $296,709,700 in revenues statewide.

(b) The preliminary estimate for the 2015-16 minimum basic tax rate is .001416.

(c) The State Tax Commission shall certify on or before June 22 the rate that generates $305,172,300 in revenues statewide.

(d) If the minimum basic tax rate exceeds the certified revenue levy as defined in Section **53A-17a-103**, the state is subject to the notice requirements of Section **59-2-926**.

(2) (a) The state shall contribute to each district toward the cost of the basic program in the district that portion which exceeds the proceeds of the levy authorized under Subsection (1).

(b) In accord with the state strategic plan for public education and to fulfill its responsibility for the development and implementation of that plan, the Legislature instructs the State Board of Education, the governor, and the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst in each of the coming five years to develop budgets that will fully fund student enrollment growth.

(3) (a) If the proceeds of the levy authorized under Subsection (1) equal or exceed the cost of the basic program in a school district, no state contribution shall be made to the basic
(b) The proceeds of the levy authorized under Subsection (1) which exceed the cost of the basic program shall be paid into the Uniform School Fund as provided by law.

Section 2. **Appropriations for state education agencies, school districts, and charter schools -- Value of the weighted pupil unit.**

(1) Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, the following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2016.

(2) The value of the weighted pupil unit for fiscal year 2015-16 is initially set at:

(a) $2,726 for:
   (i) Special Education -- Add-on; and
   (ii) Career & Technical Education District Add-on; and

(b) $2,972 for all other programs.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINIMUM SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**ITEM 1 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Basic School Program**

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<th>Schedule of Programs</th>
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<td>From Uniform School Fund</td>
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<td>From Education Fund</td>
<td>2,076,971,300</td>
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<td>From Local Revenue</td>
<td>296,709,700</td>
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**Schedule of Programs:**

- Kindergarten (29,215 WPUs) 86,827,000
- Grades 1 - 12 (555,130 WPUs) 1,649,846,400
- Necessarily Existent Small Schools (9,357 WPUs) 27,809,000
- Professional Staff (53,041 WPUs) 157,637,800
- Administrative Costs (1,505 WPUs) 4,472,900
- Special Education - Add-on (72,991 WPUs) 198,973,400
- Special Education - Preschool (9,753 WPUs) 28,985,900
- Special Education - Self-contained (14,285 WPUs) 42,455,000
- Special Education - Extended School Year (429 WPUs) 1,275,000

ITEM 2 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Related to Basic School Programs

From Education Fund \(467,888,100\)
From Interest and Dividends Account \(37,580,700\)

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<td>Flexible Allocation - WPU Distribution</td>
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<td>Enhancement for At-Risk Students</td>
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<td>Youth in Custody</td>
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<td>Adult Education</td>
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<td>Enhancement for Accelerated Students</td>
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<td>Concurrent Enrollment</td>
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<td>School LAND Trust Program</td>
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<td>Charter School Local Replacement</td>
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<td>K-3 Reading Improvement</td>
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<td>Educator Salary Adjustments</td>
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<td>Matching Funds for School Nurses</td>
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<td>Critical Languages and Dual Immersion</td>
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<td>USTAR Centers (Year-Round Math and Science)</td>
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<td>Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts</td>
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<td>Early Intervention</td>
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<td>Title I Schools Paraeducators Program</td>
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ITEM 3 To State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - Voted and Board Local Levy Programs

From Education Fund 76,495,800
From Local Revenue 355,356,000

Schedule of Programs:

Voted Local Levy Program 319,610,000
Board Local Levy Program 97,241,800
Board Local Levy Program - Reading Improvement 15,000,000

SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMS

ITEM 4 To School Building Programs

From Education Fund 14,499,700

Schedule of Programs:

Capital Outlay Foundation Program 12,610,900
Capital Outlay Enrollment Growth Program 1,888,800

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ITEM 5 To State Board of Education - State Office of Education

From General Fund 302,100
From Education Fund 31,371,000
From Federal Funds 340,417,300
From Dedicated Credits Revenue 5,885,800
From General Fund Restricted - Mineral Lease 3,469,900
From General Fund Restricted - Land Exchange Distribution Account 236,600
From General Fund Restricted - Substance Abuse Prevention 500,800
From Interest and Dividends Account 604,100
From Land Grant Management Fund 2,000
From Revenue Transfers 697,200
From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 18,206,200
From Closing Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances (18,206,200)

Schedule of Programs:

Assessment and Accountability 18,235,900
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152 Educational Equity 366,200
153 Board and Administration 7,906,000
154 Business Services 1,937,200
155 Career and Technical Education 20,787,200
156 District Computer Services 6,967,200
157 Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act 113,182,100
158 Law and Legislation 280,000
159 Math Teacher Training 500,000
160 Public Relations 155,400
161 School Trust 678,600
162 Special Education 181,335,800
163 Teaching and Learning 31,155,200

164 ITEM 6 To State Board of Education - Utah State Office of Education - Initiative Programs

165 From General Fund 3,995,600
166 From Education Fund 16,854,100
167 From General Fund Restricted - Autism Awareness Account 10,000
168 From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 7,967,300
169 From Closing Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances (7,967,300)

170 Schedule of Programs:

171 Electronic High School 997,600
172 Upstart Early Childhood Education 4,763,900
173 ProStart Culinary Arts Program 353,100
174 CTE Online Assessments 341,000
175 General Financial Literacy 174,000
176 Carson Smith Scholarships 3,995,600
177 Paraeducator to Teacher Scholarships 24,500
178 Electronic Elementary Reading Tool 1,600,000
179 ELL Software Licenses 3,000,000
180 Autism Awareness 10,000
181 Early Intervention 4,600,000
182 Intergenerational Poverty Interventions 1,000,000
ITEM 7 To State Board of Education - State Charter School Board
From Education Fund 3,452,300
From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 1,002,800
From Closing Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances (1,002,800)
Schedule of Programs:
  State Charter School Board 3,452,300

ITEM 8 To State Board of Education - Utah Charter School Finance Authority
From Education Fund Restricted - Charter School Reserve Account 50,000
Schedule of Programs:
  Utah Charter School Finance Authority 50,000

ITEM 9 To State Board of Education - Educator Licensing Professional Practices
From Professional Practices Restricted Subfund 2,119,700
Schedule of Programs:
  Educator Licensing 2,119,700

ITEM 10 To State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Child Nutrition
From Education Fund 142,000
From Federal Funds 141,444,600
From Dedicated Credit - Liquor Tax 39,262,300
From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 48,000
From Closing Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances (48,000)
Schedule of Programs:
  Child Nutrition 180,848,900

ITEM 11 To State Board of Education - Fine Arts Outreach
From Education Fund 3,325,000
From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 65,900
From Closing Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances (65,900)
Schedule of Programs:
  Professional Outreach Programs 3,271,000
  Subsidy Program 54,000

ITEM 12 To State Board of Education - State Office of Education - Educational Contracts
From Education Fund 3,137,800
ITEM 13 To State Board of Education - Science Outreach

From Education Fund 2,600,000
From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 167,100
From Closing Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances (167,100)

Schedule of Programs:

Informal Science Education Enhancement 1,907,900
Requests for Proposals 225,000
Science Enhancement 417,100
Integrated Student and New Facility Learning 50,000

ITEM 14 To State Board of Education - Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

From Education Fund 24,191,200
From Federal Funds 94,500
From Dedicated Credits Revenue 1,138,600
From Revenue Transfers 3,934,500
From Revenue Transfers - Medicaid 1,250,000
From Beginning Nonlapsing Appropriation Balances 599,100

Schedule of Programs:

Instructional Services 14,435,700
Support Services 16,772,200

ITEM 15 To State Board of Education - School and Institutional Trust Fund Office

From School and Institutional Trust Fund Management Account 865,000

Schedule of Programs:

School and Institutional Trust Fund Office 865,000

ITEM 16 To State Board of Education - Charter School Revolving Account

From Interest Income 46,200
From Repayments 1,543,900
From Beginning Fund Balance 6,741,000
From Ending Fund Balance (6,741,000)

Schedule of Programs:
Charter School Revolving Account 1,590,100

ITEM 17 To State Board of Education - School Building Revolving Account
From Interest Income 55,800
From Repayments 1,465,600
From Beginning Fund Balance 9,579,200
From Ending Fund Balance (9,579,200)

Schedule of Programs:
School Building Revolving Account 1,521,400

Section 3. Expendable Funds and Accounts.
The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. Where applicable, the
Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts among funds and
accounts as indicated. Outlays and expenditures from the recipient funds or accounts may be
made without further legislative action according to a fund or account's applicable authorizing
statute.

ITEM 18 To State Board of Education - Child Nutrition Program Commodities Fund
From Dedicated Credits Revenue 200

Schedule of Programs:
Child Nutrition Program Commodities Fund 200

ITEM 19 To State Board of Education - Utah Community Center for the Deaf Fund
From Dedicated Credits Revenue 5,200
From Interest Income 100
From Beginning Fund Balance 13,800
From Ending Fund Balance (5,500)

Schedule of Programs:
Utah Community Center for the Deaf Fund 13,600

ITEM 20 To State Board of Education - Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Donation Fund
From Dedicated Credits Revenue 256,300
From Interest Income 2,400
Schedule of Programs:

Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Donation Fund 258,700

Section 4. **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers.**

The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following amounts among the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from the recipient funds must be authorized elsewhere in an appropriations act.

ITEM 21 To Fund and Account Transfers - General Fund Restricted - School Readiness Account

From General Fund 3,000,000

Schedule of Programs:

General Fund Restricted - School Readiness Account 3,000,000

Section 5. **Fiduciary Funds.**

The Legislature has reviewed proposed revenues, expenditures, fund balances, and changes in fund balances for the following fiduciary funds.

ITEM 22 To State Board of Education - Education Tax Check-off Lease Refunding

From Trust and Agency Funds 27,500
From Beginning Fund Balance 17,500
From Ending Fund Balance (9,700)

Schedule of Programs:

Education Tax Check-off Lease Refunding 35,300

Section 6. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Legislative Review Note**
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