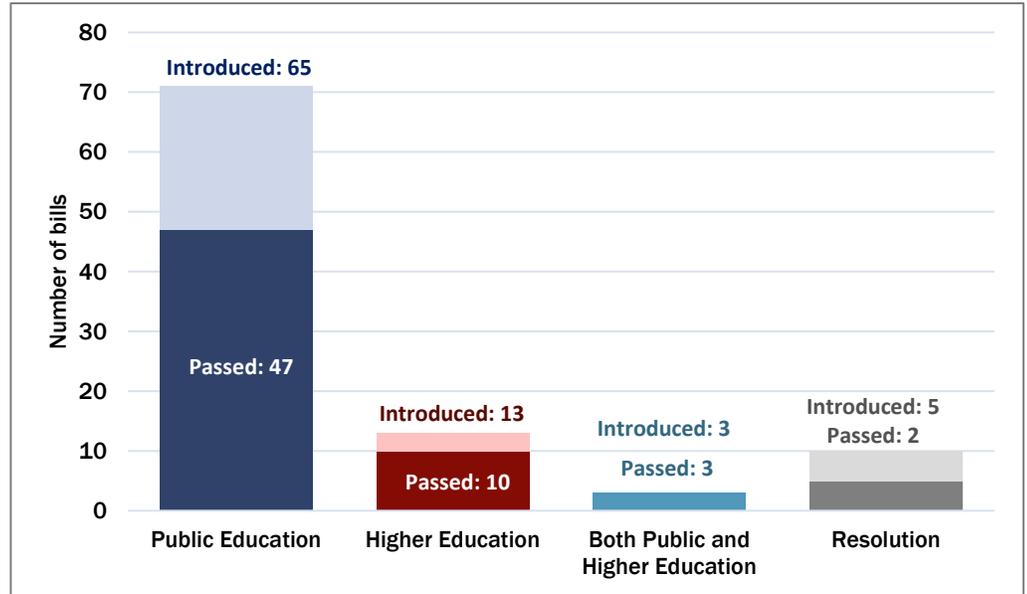


2020 General Session Education Bills

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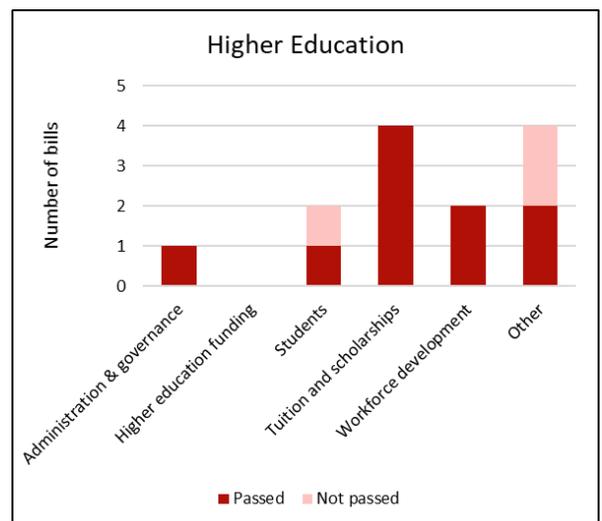
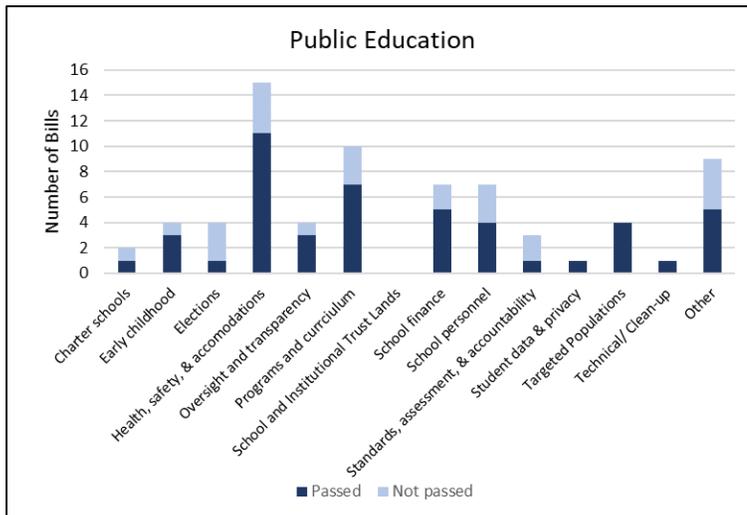
Bills and Resolutions Introduced and Passed

During the 2020 General Session, the Legislature introduced 71 bills related to public education, 13 bills related to higher education, three bills related to both public and higher education, and ten resolutions related to education. Of these 97 bills and resolutions, 47 public education bills, 10 higher education bills, three bills related to both public and higher education, and five resolutions passed. These totals do not include budget bills or bills that affect all state agencies generally. The figure to the right shows the number of education bills introduced and passed by type.



Bills Introduced and Passed by Subject

The figures below show the bills introduced and passed within the public and higher education categories by subject.



Summary of Bills Passed During the 2020 General Session

The table below shows a summary for each education bill that passed during the 2020 General Session. An asterisk (*) indicates that the bill received an appropriation during the 2020 general session.

Education Bills that Passed During the 2020 General Session			
Number	Bill Name	Sponsor	Summary of Education Related Provisions
Public Education Bills			
HB 14	School Absenteeism and Truancy Amendments	Rep. Snow	Establishes which absences from school are considered in determining if a minor is truant; replaces ages to which certain provisions related to truancy apply with grade levels to which the provisions apply; limits the conditions under which a school district or charter school may impose administrative penalties on a school-age minor who is truant; and requires local education agencies to report certain data to the State Board of Education.
HB 16	School Meals Program Amendments	Rep. Johnson,	Amends provisions to broaden the use of school lunch revenues to school meals.
HB 58	Electronic Cigarettes in Schools Amendments	Rep. Pulsipher	Amends provisions relating to the offense of underage purchase and possession of electronic cigarette products; requires local school boards to adopt discipline policies to address possession and use of electronic cigarette products on school grounds; renames the Underage Drinking Prevention Program the Underage Drinking and Substance Abuse Prevention Program; adds a requirement to teach a school-based prevention program for students in grade 4 or 5; adds a requirement to include education about the risks of electronic cigarette products in a school-based prevention program; requires schools to create a plan to address the causes of student use of tobacco, alcohol, electronic cigarette products, and controlled substances; creates a stipend for a specialist to administer the plan; and requires the state board to establish a library of best practices.
HB 67*	Local Education Agency Financial Information Systems	Rep. Ballard	Requires the state board to make rules related to requirements for a local education agency (LEA) financial information system; allows the state board to award grants under certain conditions; and after a certain date, allows the state board to take action against an LEA that does not comply with requirements related to information management systems.
HB 77	Education Funding Amendments	Rep. Thurston	Establishes a limit on the amount of an increase to the value of the weighted pupil unit funded through the weighted pupil unit value tax rate.
HB 80	School Fees Data Collection	Rep. Robertson	Requires a local education agency to: measure and collect data related to certain fees the LEA charges or waives; and requires reporting.
HB 84	Traffic Code Amendments	Rep. Hall	Increases the minimum fines for penalties associated with passing a school bus displaying flashing lights.
HB 99*	Enhanced Kindergarten Amendments	Rep. Snow,	Amends provisions regarding funding for enhanced kindergarten early intervention programs to require assessment outcomes for an LEA to receive continued funding distributions; moves a requirement for kindergarten entry and exit assessments between programs; and repeals an expiring kindergarten program.
HB 107*	Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive	Rep. Winder	Amends the definition of eligible teacher to allow teachers of kindergarten through grade 3 to become eligible for the Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program; increases the amount of the annual salary bonus; and guarantees the

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	Program Amendments		portion of the annual salary bonus paid to an eligible teacher by the state board.
HB 108	Medical Specialists in Public Schools	Rep. C. Moss	Permits an LEA to adopt a separate salary schedule or separate salary schedules for employees who provide certain special education related medical services in a school-based setting.
HB 114*	Early Learning Training and Assessment	Rep. Waldrip	Requires the State Board of Education (the state board) to: make rules regarding, and requires local education agencies (LEAs) to establish an early learning plan that includes early literacy and early mathematics components; select a mathematics benchmark assessment that LEAs administer in certain grades; administer a grant for professional learning and job-embedded coaching support for elementary educators; and administer a grant for license applicants taking a certain examination; amends provisions regarding an examination required to obtain a license to teach; and allows for LEAs in certain circumstances to hire implementation support coaches or otherwise obtain funding to support embedded coaching.
HB 141*	Educator Salary Incentive Program Amendments	Rep. Potter	Makes DOPL-licensed social workers part of the funding formula in certain circumstances and makes it discretionary for USBE to distribute TSSP pro rata in certain circumstances
HB 143	School Bus Safety Inspection Amendments	Rep. Perry	Amends provisions related to the safety inspection of school buses by removing some requirements of annual inspections by the Highway Patrol; shifting inspection responsibilities to the relevant education entity; requiring the Highway Patrol to perform random safety inspections and verify corrective measures have been taken; and requiring the publication of safety inspection information.
HB 148	Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program	Rep. Perry	Creates the Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award Program and awards the Utah Recognizing Inspiring School Employees Award.
HB 171	School Threat Amendments	Rep. Stoddard	Creates the crime of threats against schools.
HB 222	Start Smart Utah Breakfast Program	Rep. Johnson	Requires a public school that participates in the National School Lunch Program to participate in the School Breakfast Program; permits a public school to apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver of the requirements in this bill; and requires the State Board of Education to make rules for a waiver application, review, and approval process.
HB 242	Charter School Operations and School Accounting Amendments	Rep. J. Moss	Creates an initial review period before a charter school receives ongoing approval from an authorizer; requires a charter school to use the same accounting methods as district schools; and permits authorizers to: request financial documents from a charter school; petition a district court to appoint a receiver for a charter school on certain grounds; transfer operation and control of a charter school to a high performing charter school under certain circumstances; and transfer students from a closing charter school to another charter school.
HB 258	Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program Amendments	Rep. Winder	Allows for the use of certain funds for administration of the Intergenerational Poverty Interventions Grant Program.

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HB 323	School Mental Health Amendments	Rep. Eliason	Prohibits mental health screening without parental consent; provides that data collected from a mental health screening may not be included in a student's Student Achievement Backpack; sets standards for participating local education agencies (LEAs) to implement approved mental health screening programs for participating students; requires the State Board of Education (state board) to: in consultation with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, approve an evidence-based mental health screening program to be administered annually to students in a participating LEA; and annually report on the screening programs to the State Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Education Interim Committee; permits an LEA to use Teacher and Student Support Program money to match money distributed to an LEA for school-based student support; removes the fund matching requirement for an LEA that has a school-based student support plan that is approved by the state board after a certain date; and permits the state board to use funds appropriated for school-based student support to pay an employee to administer the program and oversee mental health personnel in LEAs
HB 334*	Civics Education Amendments	Rep. Johnson	Creates a civics engagement pilot program to assess the benefits of, and methods for, implementing a requirement to complete a civics engagement project as a condition for receiving a high school diploma; provides for training for teachers in schools participating in the pilot program; requires schools participating in the pilot program to submit a report to the State Board of Education.
HB 357	Public Education Funding Stabilization	Rep. Spendlove	Contingent on the votes approving SJR 9, amends the allowable purposes for the capital local levy in certain circumstances; provides for the Minimum School Program to be funded from the Uniform School Fund; provides for ongoing funding, including an additional amount for growth and inflation, for the Minimum School Program; provides for funding to and appropriations from a restricted account to stabilize education funding in circumstances in which revenues are insufficient to fund the public education system; and provides for certain tax revenue to be distributed to the Uniform School Fund.
HB 360	Interactive Reading Software Amendments	Rep. Waldrip	Moves an authorization for an analytical software program out of a specific appropriation allocation and allows for the use of a specific appropriation allocation for administrative costs.
HB 372	Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission	Rep. Stratton	Creates the Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission (commission); and requires the commission to identify best practices and compile resources for training students in healthy behavior related to technology use.
HB 376	Dropout Prevention Amendments	Rep. Johnson	Provides additional exceptions to the requirement for certain schools to enter into a third-party contract for dropout prevention services.
HB 384	Juvenile Justice Amendments	Rep. Snow	Amends provisions regarding offenses committed by minors on school property, including requiring a referral to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services if a minor refuses to participate in an evidence-based intervention; and amends a sunset date related to offenses committed by minors on school property.
HB 391	School Textbook Fee Amendments	Rep. Lisonbee	Amends the definition of textbook; defines related terms; and expands the costs and materials provided by a school for which a fee may not be charged to students.

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HB 392*	Early Warning Program Amendments	Rep. Peterson	Reauthorizes the student intervention early warning pilot program; directs the State Board of Education (state board) to enhance the online data reporting tool and contract with a provider for a two-year pilot program; provides certain standards and functionality that are to be included in the enhancements to the online data reporting tool and digital program; directs the state board to provide a digital program to a local education agency; requires a local education agency to pay half the cost of a digital program; and requires a local education agency to report to the board on the effectiveness of a digital program and recommendations for enhancement of the online data reporting tool.
HB 416	Penalties for Misconduct with Students	Rep. Pierucci	In addition to existing penalties, creates penalties for an educator or license applicant who engages in sexually explicit conduct with a student who is not a minor and who was enrolled at a school where a license applicant or educator is or was employed; or is a participant in an extracurricular activity in which the educator is involved.
HB 420	Turnaround Program Amendments	Rep. Last	Amends the criteria for a low performing school to exit the school turnaround program.
HB 434*	Funding for Necessarily Existent Small Schools and Rural Schools Amendments	Rep. Owens	Amends provisions related to formulas for funding for necessarily existent small schools; creates a process to reimburse rural schools for expenses related to extracurricular activities approved by the State Board of Education.
SB 21	Education Amendments	Sen. Riebe	Removes language requiring a teacher to submit an annual application for a salary supplement; removes a requirement in the Educational Improvement Opportunities Outside of the Regular School Day Grant Program that matching funds be private; amends a definition regarding a waiver of immunity related to sexual battery and sexual assault against a student under certain conditions.
SB 24	Utah Works Program Amendments	Sen. Millner	This bill modifies provisions of the Utah Works Program and requires the state board to report on how many people were referred to the program by a school counselor.
SB 73*	Reading Assessment Expansion Amendments	Sen. Stevenson	Expands the grades in which a school administers a benchmark assessment for reading.
SB 79	Regional Education Service Agencies	Sen. Hillyard	Provides additional specific authority for regional education service agencies; allows a regional education service agency to participate in the Utah Retirement System; directs the State Board of Education to make rules regarding regional education service agencies.
SB 93*	Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers	Sen. Hillyard	Amends an existing program to create the Math and Science Opportunities for Students and Teachers (MOST) Program; amends the duties and authority of the State Board of Education related to the MOST Program; repeals requirements on the State Charter School Board related to the MOST Program
SB 94	Reporting Requirements Amendments	Sen. Fillmore	Provides that the Division of Child and Family Services may share reports related to child abuse and neglect with a local education agency for certain purposes.

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SB 99*	School Leadership Development Amendments	Sen. Millner	Provides for the State Board of Education to award grants to qualifying local education agencies to use for mentorship and training activities.
SB 104	Local Education Levy State Guarantee Amendments	Sen. Fillmore	Provides for an increase in the guaranteed amount per guaranteed local levy increment in certain circumstances.
SB 113	Arts Program Funding Amendments	Sen. Vickers	Provides for an annual appropriations increase for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program in certain circumstances.
SB 119	School Accountability Amendments	Sen. Henderson	Provides that for the 2018-2019 school year, the State Board of Education is not required to assign to each school an overall rating using an A through F letter grading scale.
SB 124*	American Indian and Alaskan Native Education Amendments	Sen. Hinkins	Replaces two pilot programs with an ongoing program administered by the State Board of Education consisting of a grant program to school districts and charter schools to be used to fund stipends, recruitment, retention, and professional development of teachers who teach in American Indian and Alaskan Native concentrated schools.
SB 126	School Board Vacancy Amendments	Sen. Weiler	Extends the length of time a local school board has to fill a midterm vacancy on the local school board if the midterm vacancy is due to the death of a local school board member.
SB 137	Partnerships for Student Success Program Amendments	Sen. Millner	Requires the State Board of Education to annually evaluate a partnership that receives a grant under the Partnerships for Student Success Program; and prepare a written report of an evaluation and submit the report to the Education Interim Committee.
SB 147	School Internship Safety Agreements	Sen. Henderson	Provides for public or private schools to enter into internship safety agreements with cooperating employers; specifies employers that are subject to and exempt from a background check requirement.
SB 151*	Accelerated Student Program Amendments	Sen. Mayne	Removes early college programs from the Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program; creates a funding formula for early college programs; provides for funding distribution formulas for the Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program and early college programs to prioritize increasing access to the programs for groups of students who are underrepresented in the programs
SB 166	Student Data Privacy Amendments	Sen. Anderegg	Requires law enforcement to provide and validate information necessary for the state board to complete a required report on incidents that occur on school grounds; clarifies requirements regarding the content of privacy notices; exempts schools from certain contractual provisions related to sharing directory information if the directory information is shared in accordance with federal law; binds other government agencies that contract on behalf of education entities to the same requirements as education entities; and clarifies that education entities may obtain written authorization to waive a provision of a contract with a third-party contractor related to a student's student data; and requires information related to suspension or expulsion to appear in a student's cumulative folder.
SB 195	Background Checks for Minor Employees	Sen. Fillmore	Provides an exception to certain LEA background check requirements for an individual who is younger than 18 years old.

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SB 202	Public Education Financial Reporting Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Provides for a local education agency to make adjustments in certain reports to the State Board of Education.
Higher Education Bills			
HB 103	Utah Promise Scholarship Program Amendments	Rep. Owens	Amends the amount an institution of higher education is required to award for a Utah Promise Scholarship; and amends the funding sources for the scholarship.
HB 246*	Mental Health Workforce Amendments	Rep. Duckworth	Requires the University of Utah to select additional psychiatry residents and creates a training module.
HB 256	Student Aid Amendments	Rep. Kwan	Requires the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to be eligible for certain state financial aid for higher education.
SB 96*	Emerging Technology Talent Initiative	Sen. Millner	Creates a deep technology talent initiative within higher education.
SB 111	Higher Education Amendments	Sen. Millner	Renames the State Board of Regents to the Utah Board of Higher Education; enacts provisions related to the Utah Board of Higher Education; creates a nominating committee to nominate individuals to the governor to appoint to the Utah Board of Higher Education; repeals the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees; amends provisions related to the selection of institution of higher education presidents; and amends requirements related to an institution of higher education's authority to approve a new program of instruction.
SB 162	Educational Financial Aid for Students with a Criminal Record	Sen. Weiler	Removes the restriction on eligibility for the Regents' Scholarship Program and New Century scholarships for students with a criminal record.
SB 209	Fire and Rescue Training Amendments	Sen. Harper	Requires Utah Valley University to operate a fire and rescue training program with advice and support from the Utah Fire Prevention Board.
SB0117	Higher Education Financial Aid Amendments	Sen. Hemmert	Allows for Regents' scholarships to be used at private, nonprofit colleges or universities within the state; limits the amount of scholarship funding available in the case of a private, nonprofit.
Both Public and Higher Education Bills			
HB 68	Apprenticeship and Work-based Learning Amendments	Rep. Gibson	Provides that the Talent Ready Utah Center may award funding for apprenticeship programs and work-based learning programs.
HB 336	Concurrent Enrollment Certificate Pilot Program	Rep. Peterson	Creates certain certificates related to concurrent enrollment and creates a pilot program to expand access to concurrent enrollment and career and technical education certifications.
HB 409	Concurrent Enrollment Amendments	Rep. Hutchings	Requires the State Board of Regents to annually approve a prioritized list of upper division concurrent enrollment courses; amends provisions to include upper division concurrent enrollment courses; amends the formula for increasing funding for concurrent enrollment
Resolutions			
HCR 3	Concurrent Resolution Encouraging Consideration of a	Rep. Harrison	Encourages school districts and charter schools to consider the possible benefits and consequences of a later start to the school day for high schools.

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	Later Start Time for High School		
HCR 5	Concurrent Resolution Designating Utah Education Support Professionals Day	Rep. Perry	Recognizes the education support professionals who make a difference in the lives of students both in and out of the classroom; and designates the Wednesday during the week prior to the Thanksgiving holiday as "Utah Education Support Professionals Day."
HJR 2	Joint Resolution Recognizing School Bus Drivers	Rep. Weight	Recognizes school bus drivers for their skills, dedication, leadership, and efforts to foster student and parent relationships.
SCR 5	Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Utah's National Blue Ribbon Schools	Sen. Fillmore	Commends four Utah schools that received the National Blue Ribbon Schools award in 2019.
SJR 9	Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Use of Tax Revenue	Sen. McCay	Proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to: expand the uses for revenue from taxes on intangible property or from a tax on income to include supporting children and individuals with a disability.