

Education Interim Study Items & Sunsets

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2023 Study Items

Study Itom	Description
Study Item Public Education Implementation and Oversight	Review the implementation of some public education programs enacted by the Legislature, which could include but is not limited to the following subtopics: • Modernization and improvement of the Statewide Online Education Program • Coordination of LEA actions on sensitive materials (2022 General Session H.B. 374) • Clarification of procedures for student participation in athletics programs • Implementation status of the Student Achievement Backpack • Implementation of changes in UPSTART Pre-K programs
Park City School District Audit	Receive a presentation from the Office of the Legislative Auditor General on the systemic performance audit of Park City School District.
Public Education Governance	The Utah Constitution authorizes the Legislature to provide for the "establishment and maintenance" of the state public education system and gives "general control and supervision" of public education responsibilities to Utah State Board of Education (USBE). The committee will study issues related to these constitutional charges, which could include the following subtopics: • Tools available to USBE to ensure LEAs are implementing and enforcing enacted legislation • The appropriate structure to provide education services to three populations of youth in state care: those in foster care, detention centers, and custody • Reducing or eliminating school fees
Transparency in Public Education	Study the impacts of legislative efforts to increase transparency in public education, including the impacts of recent legislation on curricular materials and sensitive materials in schools. Determine if further legislation is needed around related issues, like political neutrality in classrooms and parental access to curricular materials.
Student Success and Learning	Study issues related to student learning outcomes, which could include the following subtopics: • Attendance, discipline in the classroom, and other behavior issues • Appropriateness of resources for English Language Learners (ELL) • Barriers to learning for low-income students • Rural district student access to programs
Educator Recruiting, Retention, Training	Find ways to remove barriers, retain talent, and empower teachers in educating students, including consideration of the burdens placed upon special education teachers amidst increasing demands for these services and maternity leave for educators.
Higher Education	 Study the following subtopics: Reviewing and expanding higher education opportunities for military service members Practices, policies, and resources at Utah's institutions of higher learning Talent Ready Utah – an education/industry partnership – will be moving to the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE); review the transition and impacts of recent, related legislation Examine if the current mission and structure of USHE are functioning as intended Concurrent enrollment



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Name	Statute
Technology Initiative Advisory Board	<u>53B-6-105.5</u>
SafeUT and School Safety Commission	<u>53B-17-1203</u>
Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program	53F-2-420
Charter School Revolving Account Advisory Committee	53F-9-203(7)