



Committee Bill Summary: Public Education Program Modifications

Prepared for Education Interim Committee | November 15, 2023

Public Education Program Modifications

At the October 11, 2023 interim meeting, the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) presented their [2024 general session legislative requests](#). On October 16, 2023, the chairs opened a committee bill file to consolidate multiple technical changes into one bill. Requests 3, 6, 8, 14, 15, and 16 are not addressed in this bill. Requests 9 and 10 will be considered as independent committee bills.

The committee bill draft includes the following:

Reporting Requirements:

- Modifies USBE's annual reporting requirements to include statistical information for each school district and charter school on:
 - student attendance (USBE request #4, lines 172-176);
 - delinquency activity on school buses and school bus stops (USBE request #4, lines 177-178); and
 - suspensions and expulsions (USBE request #4, lines 360-363).
- Modifies the due date for the USBE annual report to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) to allow more time for USBE data collection, processing, and certification.
 - USBE is required to report newly received information on disciplinary and law enforcement actions to CCJJ within 30 days (USBE request #4, lines 387-392).
- Requires USBE to make rules requiring an LEA to notify USBE, the educator, and the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) when a parent alleges an educator violation of licensing standards (lines 565-568).
 - UPPAC is required to review the complaint and recommend appropriate action to USBE (lines 446-447).

School Operations:

- Changes a charter school's LAND trust approver from a charter school authorizer to the budget officer appointed by the charter school governing board (USBE request #7, lines 1035-1036).
- Allows parent seminars to be held on Saturdays or virtually (USBE request #2, lines 1108-1110).
- Modifies requirements for school readiness assessment by removing the requirement to use a specific assessment (USBE request #13, lines 402-403).
- Consolidates the number of USBE's data protection advisory groups from three to one (USBE request #11, lines 579-617).

Juvenile Code:

- Amends the timeframe for notifying a school official when a minor is taken into custody for certain felony or weapons offenses from five days to 48 hours (USBE request #4, lines 1494-1497).
- Allows the victim's sibling's name to also be disclosed if the victim's sibling is in the same school district or the same school as the minor taken into custody (USBE request #4, lines 1502-1503 and 1525-1526).



Definitions and Technical/Conforming Changes:

- Changes the term “youth in custody” to “youth in care” to be consistent with partner agency use of the term (USB E request #5).
- Adds “district superintendent’s designee” and “principal’s designee” to the “school official” definition (USB E request #4, lines 1081, 1093, 1480-1488).
- Amends Section 53G-7-501 Student Fees to exclude revenue raised through fundraisers (USB E request #1, lines 894-946).
- Moves Section 53G-10-205 Waivers of Participation into Title 53G, Chapter 6, Part 8, Parental Rights (USB E request #12, lines 845-870).
- Makes technical and conforming changes to be consistent with the modifications made.