

**FINANCING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Kory M. Holdaway**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR PUBLIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FINANCING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION WITHIN THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

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

**Section 1. Strategic planning study on financing of public education -- Interim report.**

(1) Consistent with its duties and responsibilities outlined in Section 53A-1a-202, the Strategic Planning for Public and Higher Education Committee shall, during the 2000 interim, study, review, and make recommendations to the Legislature on the following issues:

(a) current federal, state, and local revenue sources and funding formulas used for the state system of public education, to include the value and adequacy of the weighted pupil unit, voted and board leeways, and capital outlay and debt service and their relationship in funding public education;

(b) school spending practices, including whether there is a need for more flexibility at the district and school level;

(c) the relationship between equity and adequacy in funding public education;

(d) the use of student fees by school districts to help fund public education at the district and school level including the impact of current fee waiver provisions; and

(e) other issues related to funding public education **h INCLUDING ALTERNATE SOURCES**

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(2) (a) If needed, the committee may:

(i) create a subcommittee to more effectively review the issues listed in Subsection (1);

and



28 (ii) schedule additional meetings to adequately address the financial issues during the 2000  
29 interim as an exception to Subsection 53A-1a-202(4).

30 (b) The committee or its subcommittee may arrange to hold joint meetings with other  
31 public entities, such as the Education Interim Committee or Public Education Appropriations  
32 Subcommittee, in its study of these financial issues.

33 (c) The committee may invite noncommittee members to serve on its subcommittee if it  
34 decides to create one.

35 (3) The committee shall present a final report, including any proposed legislation to the  
36 Education Interim Committee and Executive Appropriations Committee before November 30,  
37 2000.

38 **Section 2. Effective date.**

39 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this act takes effect  
40 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
41 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the  
42 date of veto override.

43 **Section 3. Repeal date.**

44 This act is repealed November 30, 2000.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**