

**STATE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**AMENDMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Dougall**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Cosponsor: Gage Froerer

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill increases the state's contribution toward the cost of the minimum school program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ increases the state's total contribution toward the cost of the minimum school program; and
- ▶ increases the value of the weighted pupil unit.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$85,692,967 from state and local funds for fiscal year 2008-09 to the minimum school program.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-17a-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapters 107 and 372

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

29 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-103** is amended to read:

30 **53A-17a-103. Definitions.**

31 As used in this chapter:

32 (1) "Basic state-supported school program" or "basic program" means public education  
33 programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary school students that are operated and  
34 maintained for the amount derived by multiplying the number of weighted pupil units for each  
35 district by [~~\$2,514~~] \$2,602, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

36 (2) (a) "Certified revenue levy" means a property tax levy that provides an amount of  
37 ad valorem property tax revenue equal to the sum of:

38 (i) the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue to be generated statewide in the  
39 previous year from imposing a minimum basic tax rate, as specified in Subsection  
40 53A-17a-135(1)(a); and

41 (ii) the product of:

42 (A) new growth, as defined in Section 59-2-924 and rules of the State Tax  
43 Commission; and

44 (B) the minimum basic tax rate certified by the State Tax Commission for the previous  
45 year.

46 (b) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "ad valorem property tax revenue" does not  
47 include property tax revenue received statewide from personal property that is:

48 (i) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 3, County  
49 Assessment; and

50 (ii) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

51 (3) "Leeway program" or "leeway" means a state-supported voted leeway program or  
52 board leeway program authorized under Section 53A-17a-133 or 53A-17a-134.

53 (4) "Pupil in average daily membership (ADM)" means a full-day equivalent pupil.

54 (5) (a) "State-supported minimum school program" or "minimum school program"  
55 means public school programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools as  
56 described in this Subsection (5).

57 (b) The minimum school program established in the districts shall include the  
58 equivalent of a school term of nine months as determined by the State Board of Education.

59 (c) (i) The board shall establish the number of days or equivalent instructional hours  
60 that school is held for an academic school year.

61 (ii) Education, enhanced by utilization of technologically enriched delivery systems,  
62 when approved by local school boards, shall receive full support by the State Board of  
63 Education as it pertains to fulfilling the attendance requirements, excluding time spent viewing  
64 commercial advertising.

65 (d) The program includes the total of the following annual costs:

66 (i) the cost of a basic state-supported school program; and

67 (ii) other amounts appropriated in this chapter in addition to the basic program.

68 (6) "Weighted pupil unit or units or WPU or WPUs" means the unit of measure of  
69 factors that is computed in accordance with this chapter for the purpose of determining the  
70 costs of a program on a uniform basis for each district.

71 Section 2. **Effective date.**

72 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**H.B. 212 - State System of Public Education Amendments**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill appropriates \$85,692,967 from the Uniform School Fund to the Minimum School Program by increasing the value of the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) from \$2,514 to \$2,602. Of the amount appropriated, \$62,836,840 could be distributed to school districts under the Basic School Program. The remainder, \$22,856,127, will remain at the State Office of Education as a Minimum School Program nonlapsing balance.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$85,692,967	\$85,692,967	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nonlapsing Funds	\$0	(\$22,856,127)	(\$22,856,127)	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,836,840</b>	<b>\$62,836,840</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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