
H.B. 212  State System of Public Education Amendments  (Rep. J. Dougall)

Rep. Dougall introduced the bill which increases the state's contribution toward the cost of the minimum school program.

The following spoke in support of the bill:
  Geoff Leonard, Utah School Employees Association
  Susan Kusiak, Utah Education Association

Dave Barrett, Utah Council of Educators, expressed concern regarding raising the value of the WPU rather than appropriating money specifically for teacher salary increases.
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Rep. Gage Froerer proposed the committee adopt a substitute to the bill.


H.B. 349  Open Enrollment Revisions  (Rep. Julie Fisher)

Rep. Hughes moved to amend the bill as follows:

1.  Page 6, Lines 167 through 172:
   167  (10) (a)  Except as provided in Subsection (10)(c), a student who transfers between schools, whether effective on the first day of the school year or after the school year has begun, by exercising an open enrollment option under this section may not transfer to a different school during the same school year by exercising an open enrollment option under this section.
   168  (b)  The restriction on transfers specified in Subsection (10)(a) does not apply to a student transfer made for health or safety reasons.
   169  (c) A local school board may adopt a policy allowing a student to exercise an open enrollment option more than once in a school year.

2.  Page 6, Line 180 through Page 7, Line 185:
   180  (2) Standards for accepting or rejecting an application for enrollment may include:
   181  (a) for an elementary school, the capacity of the [program, class,] grade level[; or]
   182  school building];
   183  (b) maintenance of heterogeneous student populations if necessary to avoid violation of constitutional or statutory rights of students;
   184  (c) not offering or having capacity in, an elementary or secondary special education or other special program the student requires; [and]

3.  Page 7, Lines 207 through 209:
   207  (4) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Utah High School Activities
Association, shall establish policies regarding nonresident student participation in interscholastic competition.

(b) Nonresident students shall be eligible for extracurricular activities at a public school consistent with eligibility standards as applied to students that reside within the school attendance area, except as provided by policies established under Subsection (4)(a).

4. Page 7, Line 210 through Page 8, Line 216:

(5) For each school in the district, the local school board shall post on the school district's website:

(a) the school's maximum capacity;
(b) the school's adjusted capacity;
(c) the school's projected enrollment used in the calculation of the open enrollment threshold;
(d) actual enrollment for each semester on October 1, January 2, and April 1.

5. Page 9, Lines 261 through 263:

(ii) In granting interdistrict and intradistrict transfers to a particular school, the local school board shall take into consideration the fact that an applicant's brother or sister is attending the school or another school within the district.

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Newbold was absent for the vote.

Rep. Hughes moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 5, Lines 132 through 145:

(6) An enrolled nonresident student shall be permitted to remain enrolled in [the nonresident district's schools] a school, subject to the same rules and standards as resident students, without renewed applications in subsequent years unless one of the following occurs:

(a) the student graduates;
(b) the student is no longer a Utah resident;
(c) the student is suspended or expelled from school; or
(d) the district determines that enrollment within the school [in question] will exceed [90% of maximum capacity during the coming school year] the school's open enrollment threshold.

(7) (a) Determination of which nonresident students will be excluded from continued enrollment in a [nonresident district] school during a subsequent year under Subsection (6) { (b) } (d).

is based upon time in the [district] school, with those most recently enrolled being excluded first and the use of a lottery system when multiple nonresident students have the same number of school days in the school.

2. Page 6, Line 172:

student transfer made for health or safety reasons.

(11) Notwithstanding Subsections (2) and (6)(d), a student who is enrolled in a school that is not the student’s school of residence, because school bus service is not provided between the student's neighborhood and school of residence for safety reasons:

(a) shall be allowed to continue to attend the school until the student finishes the highest grade level offered; and

(b) shall be allowed to attend the middle school, junior high school, or high school into which the school's students feed until the student graduates from high school.


Sarah Meier, Utah School Boards Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.
The following spoke in support of the bill:
Denise Griffiths, mother
Hector Ladesma, father


SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved to amend the bill as follows:

Page 6, Line 185: Amend the previous amendment made on line 185 by inserting "Title 1
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school," after "special education"


The motion passed unanimously.  Rep. Dee and Rep. Frank were absent for the vote.

Due to time constraints, the following bills were not heard.

S.B. 61     Financial and Economic Literacy Education  (*Sen. P. Jones*)

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Chair