

Senator Curtis S. Bramble proposes the following substitute bill:

**PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING AMENDMENTS**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions relating to the funding of public schools.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► provides that ~~§~~ **for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years,** ~~§~~ the number of weighted pupil units assigned to a charter school for the kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 programs of the Basic School Program shall be based on the greater of the school's:

- October 1 enrollment in the current school year; or
- average daily membership in the prior school year plus growth.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53A-1a-513**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 318

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



57 superintendent's annual report:

58 (i) district local property tax revenues; divided by

59 (ii) the sum of:

60 (A) a school district's average daily membership; and

61 (B) the average daily membership of a school district's resident students who attend  
62 charter schools.

63 (d) "Resident student" means a student who is considered a resident of the school  
64 district under Title 53A, Chapter 2, Part 2, District of Residency.

65 (e) "Statewide average debt service revenues" means the amount determined as  
66 follows, using data from the most recently published state superintendent's annual report:

67 (i) sum the revenues of each school district from the debt service levy imposed under  
68 Section 11-14-310; and

69 (ii) divide the sum calculated under Subsection (1)(e)(i) by statewide school district  
70 average daily membership.

71 (2) (a) Charter schools shall receive funding as described in this section, except  
72 Subsections (3) through (8) do not apply to charter schools described in Subsection (2)(b).

73 (b) Charter schools authorized by local school boards that are converted from district  
74 schools or operate in district facilities without paying reasonable rent shall receive funding as  
75 prescribed in Section 53A-1a-515.

76 (3) (a) Except as provided in ~~Subsection~~ Subsections (3)(b) and (3)(c), a charter  
77 school shall receive state funds, as applicable, on the same basis as a school district receives  
78 funds.

79 (b) ~~§~~ → [The] For the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years, the ←§ number of weighted  
79a pupil units assigned to a charter school for the  
80 kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 programs of the Basic School Program shall be:

81 (i) based on the higher of:

82 (A) October 1 enrollment in the current school year; or

83 (B) average daily membership in the prior school year plus growth as determined under  
84 Section 53A-17a-106; and

85 (ii) weighted as provided in Subsection (3)(c).

86 ~~(b)~~ (c) In distributing funds under Chapter 17a, Minimum School Program Act, to  
87 charter schools, charter school pupils shall be weighted, where applicable, as follows: