

SCHOOL FUNDING AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Charter School Funding Task Force recommended this bill.

Membership: 8 legislators 6 non-legislators

Legislative Vote: 6 voting for 2 voting against 0 absent

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to charter school funding.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ includes the existing definition of "basic program";

▶ amends the definition of "district local property tax revenues" to include school district revenues expended for recreational facilities and revenues received from certain state guarantees;

▶ amends the definition of "district per pupil local revenues" to include current year estimates; **§→ [and]**

▶ **amends the allocation that a school district makes for resident students enrolled in a charter school; and ←§**

▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:



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

91 (B) average daily membership in the prior school year plus growth as determined under
92 Section [53A-17a-106](#); and

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

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

96 (i) .55 for kindergarten pupils;

97 (ii) .9 for pupils in grades 1 through 6;

98 (iii) .99 for pupils in grades 7 through 8; and

99 (iv) 1.2 for pupils in grades 9 through 12.

100 (4) (a) (i) A school district shall allocate a portion of school district revenues for each
101 resident student of the school district who is enrolled in a charter school on October 1 ~~§~~ **→ of the**

101a **prior year ←§** equal to

102 25% of the district per pupil local revenues ~~§~~ **→ [-] excluding the amount of revenues described in**

102a **Subsection (1)(c)(iv) collected by the district ←§**

103 (ii) Nothing in this Subsection (4)(a) affects the school bond guarantee program
104 established under Chapter 28, Utah School Bond Guaranty Act.

105 (b) The State Board of Education shall:

106 (i) deduct an amount equal to the allocation provided under Subsection (4)(a) from
107 state funds the school district is authorized to receive under Chapter 17a, Minimum School
108 Program Act; and

109 (ii) remit the money to the student's charter school.

110 (c) Notwithstanding the method used to transfer school district revenues to charter
111 schools as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a school district may deduct the allocations to charter
112 schools under this section from:

113 (i) unrestricted revenues available to the school district; or

114 (ii) the revenue sources listed in Subsection (1)~~(b)~~(c) based on the portion of the
115 allocations to charter schools attributed to each of the revenue sources listed in Subsection
116 ~~(1)(b)~~(c).

117 (d) (i) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall provide an
118 appropriation for charter schools for each student enrolled on October 1 to supplement the
119 allocation of school district revenues under Subsection (4)(a).

120 (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d)(iii), the amount of money provided by the