

USBE Legislative Requests

2026 Legislative Session



Utah State
Board of
Education

Request

Description

Reintegration Planning Amendment

Amend Section 53G-8-213 to change references to “district” to “LEA” to clarify the inclusion of charter schools.

Repeal Early Learning Plan

Repeal Section 53G-7-218. This program has not been found to increase student outcomes and is only centered around math. USBE would like to repeal the code and reduce the burden on LEAs of needing to complete an Early Learning Plan.

Repeal Math Plan Requirements

Repeal Section 53E-3-521. This program has not been found to increase student outcomes and is only centered around math. USBE would like to repeal the code and reduce the burden on LEAs of needing to complete an Early Learning Plan.

Suicide Prevention Program Amendment

A minor amendment to Utah Code §53G-9-702 to provide the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) with the necessary flexibility to distribute all appropriated funds for school-based suicide prevention programs.

Driver Education Program Funding Amendment

This request seeks to amend Utah Code § 53F-7-201 to dedicate all revenue from the Automobile Driver Education Tax Account exclusively to the administration and support of driver education programs.

**School Discipline
Amendments**

USBK requests to continue working with legislators to clarify guidelines related to the use of seclusion rooms and the use of emergency safety interventions in Section 53G-8-301.

Pupil Transportation

Request to separate USDB funding from district transportation funding model.

Title Program Continuation

Ensure that money currently allocated for our Title programs continue to serve the students they are intended to and to direct staff to work with a Legislator to create a revenue neutral plan to ensure that Utah citizens are not being short changed with Federal education dollars being sent to states.

**Charter Trust Land Council
Membership**

A simple code change is required exempting new charter schools from conducting required elections in the first year of operation to receive funding from the School LAND Trust Program. Without the exemption limited to the first year of operation, most new schools that require a council election are not receiving funding until spring, sometimes resulting in approved plans not implemented and the funds being carried over to the following school year.

**School Community Councils
Requirements Amendment**

The Trust Lands Advisory Committee is recommending amendments to code to:

Clarify the role of school community councils in relation to the digital citizenship requirements.

Removes language that limits parental involvement on school community councils

Requires documentation when a council votes to change the council membership.

**Repeal Utah Code
Subsection 53E-6-604(6)**

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Amend WPU funding formula and distribution for students with disabilities

Amend the WPU funding formula and distribution for students with disabilities in code.

Stipends for Special Educators additional days

To provide discretion to USBE in distributing the funds associated with 53F-2-310: Stipends for special educators for additional days of work.

USDB Safety Assessments modifications

Request a code change to reflect the safety assessments for the USDB building change from the county security chief to the state safety chief and bring any waiver language back to the Committee.

Student welfare check modifications

Amend appropriate code lines to address situations in which students have been absent for 10 or more consecutive school days only under the following circumstances:

Parents have failed to notify the school of their absence,

No Home School Affidavit has been filed,

No notice of unenrollment has been sent to the school, and

Parents have failed to respond to communications from the school (e.g. email, phone, text, etc.)

And one of the following

There has been no request for student records, or

There is no record of the child being enrolled in any other Utah LEA.

In such cases, a referral shall be made to _____ for a welfare check

USBE Voting Membership Position on USHE

Amendments to the appropriate Utah code to include a member of the USBE Board as a voting member on the USHE Board.