**USBA/USSA/UASBO**

**2012 Joint Legislative Committee Positions**

1. **Local Replacement Funding for Charter Schools**  The JLC **opposes** any further attempts to divert additional local property tax revenue from school districts to charter schools. The JLC will further attempt to regain the 25% loss already enacted.

1. **Necessarily Existent Small Schools (NESS) Funding.** The **JLC supports distributing the excess** NESS funding that has remained at the Utah State Office of Education after funding was distributed by formula to qualifying schools and districts. We have asked for the state board’s consideration of this matter. The **JLC has also take a vote to oppose rolling NESS funding into a “Super WPU”** or “Backpack Fund.”
2. **HB1 Public Education Base Budget Amendments (M. Newbold)** Sets the weighted pupil unit (WPU) at same WPU value as 2011-12 with $2577 for special education and CTE add-on programs, and $2816 for all other programs. Sets estimated basic tax rate at .001591 for 2012-13 and various amounts for education funding. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0001.pdf>

**POSITION: WATCH**

1. **HB15 Statewide Adaptive Testing (G. Hughes)** Provides ongoing funding from the Education Fund for $6.7 million to support the required use of computer adaptive tests aligned with the common core beginning with the 2014-15 school year. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0015.pdf> **POSITION: SUPPORT**
2. **HB19 State Issued Identification Numbers (W. Harper)** Prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from using a Social Security number to identify an individual unless required to use a Social Security number by federal or state law; and prohibits creating and assigning to an individual a nine digit identification number except when required to use a Social Security number. Costs are projected at $10.6 million in one-time funds. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0019.pdf> **POSITION: OPPOSE (FUNDING)**
3. **HB24 Health Insurance for School Districts (J. Bird)** Requires local school boards to seek competitive bids on health insurance benefits beginning in 2012-13 and every three years thereafter. Costs may be up to $50,000 per board, every three years. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0024.pdf> **POSITION: OPPOSE (LOCAL DECISIONS ARE BEST; POTENTIALLY CHANGING DOCTORS IS WORRISOME FOR ALL.)**
4. **HB53S1 Utah Education Network Amendments (R. Menlove)** Creates the Utah Education Network Board, which is the governing board for UEN that, among other powers and duties, hires an executive director, establishes policies, and advising UEN in the development of instructional systems. Membership includes public and higher education from urban and rural areas.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0053s01.pdf>

Compare substitute with original bill: <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/HB0053S01_ComparedWith_HB0053.pdf>

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

1. **HB59 Alcoholic Beverage Control Act – Liquor Revenues for Public Education (J. Bird)** Directs a deposit of 10% of the total gross revenue from sales of liquor to the Education Fund to be distributed to LEAs on a base (10%) plus per enrolled student formula. Adds approximately $31,580,000 to Education Fund from General Fund.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0059.pdf> **POSITION: SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS (Comments: Please do not overly restrict the uses of the new revenue and ensure the new revenue continues for use in public education and can be a stable funding source.)**

1. **HB62 Provisions Regarding School Supplies (K. Powell)** Allows elementary teachers to suggest a list of supplies to parents but providing supplies by parents is voluntary; equivalent supplies will be furnished by the school to all student free of charge. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0062.pdf> **POSITION: UNNECESSARY**
2. **HB65 College and Career Counseling for High School Students (P. Arent)** Provides $800,000 for grants from the USOE to LEAs to employ interns who are candidates for master’s degrees in guidance counseling to assist in providing college and career counseling in public schools. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/HB0065.pdf> **POSITION: HOLD (Large dollars, few pilots/schools)**
3. **HB250 Tax Credit for Dependent with a Disability (J. Dougall)** Allows a tax credit for a dependent adult with a disability or dependent child with a disability as part of the taxpayer tax credit. Enactment of this bill could reduce revenue to the Education Fund by $765,000 in FY13 and by $781,000 in FY14. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/static/HB0250.html>

**POSITION: OPPOSE**

1. **HB258 Education Funding Amendments (K. Powell)** Provides that a secondary student who attends a regional applied technology college is counted in the average daily membership of the sending school district or charter school.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/hbillint/hb0258.pdf> **POSITION: SUPPORT**

1. **SB10 College and Career Readiness Assessment (M. Dayton)** Eliminates the USBCT and requires all high school students to take a college readiness assessment. Requires the State Board to create a differentiated diploma based, in part, on college readiness assessment. Provides ongoing funding from Education Fund of $2.2 million. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0010.pdf> **POSITION: HOLD (TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF DIFFERENTIATED DIPLOMA)**
2. **SB30 Administrative Rules Reauthorization (H. Stephenson)** Sunsets two rules:
* R277-419-5 E-Exceptions, Education, Administration, Pupil Accounting, Student Membership. This rule has to do with methods of counting WPU’s and may lead to a discussion related to online WPU’s, and students who leave campus for other learning experiences during the day while being counted as a WPU for enrollment purposes. <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r277/r277-419.htm#T5>
* R477-6-5 Human Resources Management, Administration, Compensation, Incentive Awards

This rule has to do with incentive awards. <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r477/r477-006.htm#T5>

Bill is found at: <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/SB0030.pdf> **POSITION: OPPOSE WITH COMMENTS (Comments: This is a huge, structural issue in public education and demands much more study with many education experts at the table. We need to understand what will replace these rules.)**

1. **SB31 Classroom Size Amendments (K. Morgan)** Limits class sizes to 18 in Kindergarten in 2012-13; 20 in First Grade in 2013-14; 22 in Second Grade in 2014-15; and 24 in Third Grade in 2015-16. Costs are projected at $88,426,816 ongoing. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0031.pdf> **POSITION: SUPPORT WITH COMMENTS (Comments: If implemented, it must be funded with new revenue. Must allow for varied implementation. Must acknowledge and fund the need for new schools to accommodate more classrooms. Example: Alpine = 10 new schools if all new teachers were hired by new formula.)**
2. **SB93 School Construction Revisions (S. Jenkins)** Limits the amount an LEA can withhold for the completion of a school construction projects to 5% (from previous 10% limit). <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0093.pdf> **POSITION: LOCAL ISSUE**
3. **SB97 Grants for Online Testing (A. Osmond)** Provides $5 million ongoing and $15 million one-time funding from Education Fund for LEA grants to be awarded to LEA’s through the State Board of Education for online summative and/or online computer adaptive testing. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sb0097.pdf> **POSITION: SUPPORT CONCEPT WITH COMMENTS (Comments: Funding is “out of sync” with Delegate Assembly priorities, state is not fully ready for assessment choices as timing of this bill does not match outcomes of SMARTER BALANCED initiative, may lead to some vendor commitments now when other choices/mandates may follow later, only qualify with matching funds – are we really ready for this? Computer-adaptive testing that is available now has not been developed by Utah for Utah. Should we just approve what is offered commercially? Ask Sen. Osmond to come to the JLC meeting next week.)**
4. **SB138 Health Insurance Mandate Accountability Amendments (T. Weiler)** Applies a health insurance mandate that is enacted by the state after January 1, 2012 to a public school district, charter school, or a state funded institution of higher education. State to evaluate the cost of an insurance mandate and to appropriate the cost of implementing a health insurance mandate to the participating employers. An insurance mandate is an essential health benefits package imposed pursuant to state and federal laws. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/SB0138.pdf> **POSITION: SUPPORT CONCEPT**
5. **SJR5 Joint Resolution on Education (S. Reid)** Moves general control and supervision of public education from the State Board of Education to the Governor and provides that the Governor has general control and supervision of higher education. Requires amending Utah Constitution at a cost of $14,700 from the General Fund.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sjr005.pdf> **POSITION: OPPOSE**

1. **SJR6 Joint Resolution Amending State Taxing Authority (C. Anderson)** Requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature when enacting any tax increase or any fee increase that exceeds the cost of providing a service. Requires amending Utah Constitution at a cost of $14.700 from the General Fund. <http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/sbillint/sjr006.pdf> **POSITION: OPPOSE**