**Summary of 2013 Legislative Session**

**USBA/USSA/UASBO Positions and Outcomes in Legislation**

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**Fiscal Highlights:** To be summarized by Tim Leffel and Todd Hauber, Legislative Co-Chairs, UASBO

**Bill Position Taken Outcome**

**HB24 Utah Retirement System Amendments** **(D. Ipson) Support Passed**

Modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0024.pdf>

**HB40 Scheduling of Special Elections (K. Powell) Support Conference Committee**

Allows for special elections to be held on even-numbered years on the fourth Tuesday in June or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillamd/HB0040.pdf>

**HB49 Voted and Board Levy Program (S. Handy) Support Passed**

This bill will allow the USOE to push out the formerly carry forward funding to districts in an ongoing way. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2012/pdf/00002239.pdf>

**HB55 Amendment to Education Funding (J. Briscoe) Support House Rules**

Establishes a set tax rate for the minimum basic tax rate to generate greater funding for public education. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0055.pdf>

**HB59 School Board Elections Provisions (J. Nielson) Support House Rules**

Requires the direct, nonpartisan election of members of the State Board of Education

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0059.pdf>

**HB76 Concealed Weapon Carry Amendments (J. Mathis) Watch Passed**

Allows a person, who may lawfully possess a dangerous weapon, to do so without a permit. Schools are exempted. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0076.pdf>

**HB100 S2 Internet Privacy Amendments (S. Barlow) No position Passed**Usernames and passwords are protected from employer and admissions officers. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/static/HB0100.html>

**HB118 Automatic External Defibrillator** **(R. Cunningham) Support Passed**

General fund support for all schools serving grades 7-12 to purchase Automatic External Defibrillator devices. Purchasers must provide matching costs. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0118.pdf>

**HB122 Fees for Government Records Requests (B. King) Opposed House Rules**

A governmental entity shall fulfill a record request without charge if the record primarily benefits the public rather than a person. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0122.pdf>

**HB134 Parental Notification of Student Safety** (G. Froerer) **Local Issue Substituted**

Requires parent notification and signature for student threats to commit suicide or of an alleged incident. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0134.pdf>

**HB134 S3 Parental Notification of Student Safety Support Passed**

(L. Robles carrying Substitute) Requires parent notification and verified signature for student threats to commit suicide or of an incident. Related records are private under GRAMA. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0134.pdf>

**HB139 S5 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Support Passed**

**Mathematics Action Center** (V. Peterson)

Creates a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Action Center with PD and technology applications. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0139S05.pdf>

**HB151 Chronic Absenteeism Amendments (J. Briscoe) Local Issue House Rules**

Defines “chronically absent” and requires the State Board to report on the chronically absent. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0151.pdf>

**HB154 Suicide Prevention Programs (S. Eliason) Support Passed**

Requires the USOE, school districts and charter schools to implement a youth suicide prevention program for students in secondary grades. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0154.pdf>

**HB167 Govt Enterprise Gross Receipts (J. Anderson) Support House filed**

Requires 5% of the gross receipts on services/products/properties supplied by a governmental agency to go to Education Fund. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0167.pdf>

**HB171 Dyslexia Screening in Public Schools (J. Knotwell) Unnecessary House filed**

Requires districts/charter schools to screen students and perform or recommend an assessment for those identified as at risk during screening. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0171.pdf>

**HB173 NESS Funding Amendments (K. Powell) Support Passed**

Provides that an amount not to exceed five percent of the total NESS funding may consider the tax effort of a local school board. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0173.pdf>

**HB206 Internet Safety for Public Schools** (E. Hutchings) **Local Issue House filed**

Modifies requirements for internet safety for a school’s computer including off campus use. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0206.pdf>

**HB207 S1 Open Meeting Act Amendments (K. Powell) No Position House filed**

Requires a public notice of not less than 72 hours for each public meeting and requires the agenda to be included in the notice. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillamd/HB0207S01.pdf>

**HB 246 Expanded Uses of Property Tax Revenue (K. McIff) Support Passed**

Allows local school boards to use revenue collected from certain capital property tax levies for certain general fund purposes for two years .<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/hb0246.pdf>

**HB255 Classified School Employee Amendment (B. Last) Support Passed**

Allows up to 30 hours of classified work before retirement benefits are required, with grandfather clause. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0255.pdf>

**HB264 Property Tax Notice Amendments (K. Powell) Support Failed**

Requires a property tax notice to state the amount of lost revenue for districts that goes to support local replacement of property taxes for charter schools. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0264.pdf>

**HB267 State Board of Education Elections (C. Moss) Support House filed**

Requires the direct, nonpartisan election of members of the State Board.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0267.pdf>

**HB268 Disorderly Conduct Amendments (P. Ray) Watch House filed**

Confirms that open carry of a weapon is not, by itself, disorderly conduct. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0268S01.pdf>

**HB271 Funding for Public Education (J. Bird) Support House filed**

Directs the deposit of a portion of liquor revenues to the Education Fund.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0271.pdf>

**HB 274 Tax Credits for Employing Homeless** (B. King) **Support House filed**

Creates a nonrefundable corporate and individual income tax credit for employing a homeless person. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillamd/HB0274.pdf>

**HB275 Health Insurance for Schools (J. Bird) Local Issue House filed**

Requires local school boards and charter schools to seek competitive bids on the health insurance benefits every five years. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0275.pdf>

**HB278S1 Public School Seismic Studies (G. Froerer) Hold Passed**

Ties a review or update of a seismic safety evaluation with bonding in school districts. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillamd/HB0278S01.pdf>

**HB285 Modification of Education Reporting (F. Gibson)** **Support Passed**

Eliminates three annual reports to the Education Interim Committee from the USOE. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0285.pdf>

**HB293 School Parent Organization Amendments (D. Brown)** **Hold House filed**

Anywhere that Parent-Teachers’ Association are mentioned, so, too, would “a parent organization.” <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0293.pdf>

**HB298 Parent Seminar on Youth Protection (S. Eliason)** **Local Issue Passed**

Requires the State Board and school districts to implement a parent seminar and notify charter schools of the seminar. Opt out provided. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0298.pdf>

**HB306 School Land Trust Amendments (L. Perry) Support Passed**

Modifies aspects of the election and operation of the School Community Council. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0306.pdf>

**HB307 CPR Training in Schools (C. Moss) Unnecessary House filed**

Requires the State Board of Education to include instruction in lifesaving emergency procedures, including instruction in CPR. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0307.pdf>

**HB318 Classroom Size Revisions (R. Edwards)** **Support Substituted**

Limits class size or requires the addition of a paraprofessional as a condition for receiving continuing class size reduction fund. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0318.pdf> with large fiscal note.

<http://le.utah.gov/lfa/fnotes/2013/HB0318.fn.pdf>

**HB318 S1 Classroom Size Revisions (R. Edwards)** **Support Passed**

Requires reporting of data related to class size reduction funds. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillamd/HB0318S01.pdf>

**HB330 Financial Reporting Amendments (S. Eliason) Unnecessary Passed**

Requires a specific form of certification of annual financial reports.<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillamd/HB0330.pdf>

**HB341 Elementary Ed Co teaching Pilot Program (J. Bird) Local Issue House filed**

Co teaching means the assignment of two licensed teachers to one classroom of elementary students, with classroom instruction being provided by both teachers. Bill allows for pilot. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0341.pdf>

**HB343 Textbook Purchasing Amendments (J. Anderegg) Oppose House filed**

Prohibits a school, school district, or charter school from purchasing a paper textbook unless approved by the State Board of Education. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0343.pdf>

**HB344 Establishment of Charter Schools (D. Lifferth) Unnecessary Passed**

State Charter School Board shall request applications for specific types of charter schools. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0344.pdf>

**HB345 Sixth Graders to Secondary Education (D. Brown) Local Issue Passed**

A secondary school may impose fees to secondary school students. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0345.pdf>

**HB362 Collective Bargaining Process (D. McCay) Opposed House filed**

Requires collective bargaining meetings to be open to the public. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0362.pdf>

**HB363 State Capitol Visit Funding (S. Eliason) Local Issue Passed**

Allows grants to school districts and charter schools to take students on field trips to the state capitol. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0363.pdf>

**HB373 Small School Funding (K. McIff) Support Passed**

Appropriates an additional $3 million to Necessarily Existent Small Schools. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0373.pdf>

**HB 374 State School Board Nominations (K. Powell) Support House filed**

Prohibits a lobbyist from serving as a member of the nominating and recruiting committee for the State Board of Education. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0374.pdf>

**HB393 Competency-Based Education (G. Hughes) Oppose Passed**

Requires that the State Board make recommendations on a possible funding formula for competency-based courses under certain requirements. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0393.pdf>

**HB397 Property Tax Increase Amendments (J. Nielson) Oppose House filed**

Requires an opinion question vote prior to a board approved property tax increases by a taxing entity. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0397.pdf>

**HB402 Collection of Front-Line Teachers Data (J. Nielson) Unnecessary House filed**

Defines front-line teachers and requires a report of same. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HB0402.pdf>

**HJR3 Joint Resolution – Property Tax Exemption (D. Brown) Oppose House filed**

Allows a property tax exemption to for-profit charter school management companies. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HJR003.pdf>

**HJR8 Joint Resolution on Common Core Standards (J. Bird) Support House filed**

Recognizes that Utah Core Standards have brought significant benefits to the students of Utah as they prepare for college and careers. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/hbillint/HJR008.pdf>

**SB10 Retirement Eligibility Amendments (T. Weiler) Support Passed**

Modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending retirement eligibility provisions. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0010.pdf>

**SB34 Election Date for Ballot Propositions (H. Stephenson) Local Issue Passed**

Requires an election for a bond, debt, leeway, levy, or tax to take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0034.pdf>

**SB39 Parent Sex Education Training (S. Reid) Unnecessary Senate filed**

Requires the USOE to create an online training program for parents to teach their children sex education. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2012/pdf/00002235.pdf>

**SB42 Medical School Funding (J. Valentine)** **Support with new money Passed, Ed Fund**

Appropriates $10 million from the Education Fund to increase the number of students admitted to the University of Utah School of Medicine for 40 additional students annually (ongoing appropriations). <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0042.pdf>

**SB43S1 Financial and Econ Literacy Education s (P. Jones) Support Passed**

Requires a task force to study financial and economic literacy education in public schools, including an online assessment of students’ competency in financial and economic literacy.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0043S01.pdf>

**SB69 Reporting of Student Performance (R. Okerlund) Support Failed in comm**

Reports do not include classroom-level testing data, unless password protected to the appropriate staff and parent. Protects each student’s privacy. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0069.pdf>

**SB71 Early Childhood Education (A. Osmond) Support Failed**

Starts up a program of private investor-supported, high quality preschool programs and requires repayment to investors. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0071.pdf>

**SB79 Student-centered Learning (H. Stephenson) Oppose Failed**

Consulting services will be hired to assist school districts/charter schools in designing and implementing a pilot program of “blended” year-round learning. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0079.pdf>

**SB81 School Property Tax Funding (A. Osmond) Oppose House Rules**

Freezes the basic rate and redistributes revenue through the basic program in an attempt to equalize property taxes. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0081.pdf>

**SB82 Student Achievement Backpack (J. Stevenson) Unnecessary Substituted**

Creates a state website for individual Student Achievement Backpack with many component parts. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0082.pdf>

**SB82 S1 Student Achievement Backpack (J. Stevenson) Unnecessary Passed**

Requires local LEAs to add some components to a Student Achievement Backpack that will follow the student from grade to grade and school to school. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0082S01.pdf>

**SB100 Higher Ed Scholarship Amendments (J. Stevenson)** **No position Passed**

Allows the Board of Regents to increase expectations for scholarship awards to students. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0100.pdf>

**SB103 Carson Smith Scholarship Amendments (J.S. Adams) Support Passed**

Requires the Legislature to annually increase the amount of money appropriated for scholarship payments where it equals or exceeds 7% of the public school students statewide.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0103.pdf>

**SB110 School-based Budgeting (H. Stephenson) Oppose Senate Rules**

Requires a school district to distribute 85% of Minimum School Program revenues directly to schools and requires a principal, in coordination with an advisory group to determine how to use revenues.<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0110.pdf>

**SB122 Student Leadership Skills Development (A. Osmond)** **Unnecessary Passed**

Requires an RFP process for a provider of a leadership development program that requires local matching funds. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0122.pdf>

**SB128 Financial Transparency in Education (D. Thatcher) Support Passed**

Requires a transfer of data from the USOE to the Utah Public Finance Website.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0128.pdf>

**SB133 School Performance Report (H. Stephenson) Oppose Senate Rules**

Modifies the content of a school performance report to include advanced placement scores, a four-year history of scores and classroom-level testing data. Protects students’ privacy in small groups. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0133.pdf>

**SB134 (U-PASS) Amendments (M. Dayton) Support Senate filed**

Modifies U-PASS by eliminating the tenth grade basic skills competency test and requiring school districts and charter schools to administer college readiness testing. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0134.pdf>

**SB141 Education Contribution on Tax (D. Thatcher) Support Passed**

Allows a voluntary, individual income tax contribution for education. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0141.pdf>

**SB151 Authorization of Charters by Higher Ed (J.S. Adams) No position Passed**

Allows UCAT to establish charter schools. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillamd/SB0151.pdf>

**SB162 Concurrent Enrollment Amendments** **(S. Urquhart) Support Passed**

Adjusts the amounts students may pay for Concurrent Enrollment. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0162.pdf>

**SB169 Education Task Force** **(S. Reid) Support Passed**

Creates the Education Task Force of the Utah Legislature to include members of leadership from both houses and both parties. Will review funding patterns in public education. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0169.pdf>

**SB175 Assessment of College Readiness (H. Stephenson) Support Passed**

Establishes college admissions tests in the place of the USBCT. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0175.pdf>

**SB181 Political Subdivisions Property (W. Harper) Oppose Senate filed**

A school/district shall hold property in trust for the public’s interest and may not sell, alienate, give away, or otherwise dispose of property without receiving fair market value for the property. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillamd/SB0181.pdf>

**SB184 Youth Suicide Prevention Revisions** (L. Robles) **Local Issue Senate filed**

Requires a school to notify a parent if the parent’s student threatens to commit a suicide or of an alleged incident of bullying. Requires notice with parental signature. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0184.pdf>

**SB190 S1 Procurement Revisions (S. Jenkins) Oppose Passed on Third Sub**

Seeks to eliminate Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) project delivery, and would revert back to selection on the basis of cost above all else. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0190S01.pdf>

**SB209 Personal Mobile Learning Devices (A. Osmond) Economic Impact Failed**

Allows the State Board to award grants to school districts/charter schools to provide to students, with matching local funds, personal mobile learning devices (tablets with internet blocks/filters). <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0209.pdf>

**SB257 Personalized Educator Evaluation Tech (J. S. Adams) Oppose Failed**

Requires the State Board to initiate an RFP process to select a single provider for educator evaluation software. Vendor bill. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0257.pdf>

**SB260 S1 Reading Assessment Amendments (S. Urquhart) Oppose Passed**

Places state controls over K-3 Reading Program and denies a district using funds for after school tutoring or summer studies, among other controls. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0260S01.pdf>

**SB271 School Grading Amendments (J.S. Adams) Oppose Passed**

Modifies the criteria and procedures for determining school grades, including the calculation of individual and school learning growth. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0271.pdf>

**SB272 S1 Public School Funding Amendments (C. Bramble) Oppose Amended w/ USBA, Passed**

The number of WPUs assigned to a charter school may be based on the greater of the school’s October 1 enrollment count in the current school year or ADM. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0272S01.pdf>

**SB279 Math Literacy – STEM Initiative (S. Urquhart) Oppose Senate filed**

Vendor bill. Requires the one or more technology providers to provide an interactive web-based program for math literacy and assessment for students. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/static/SB0279.html>

**SB284 Educational Technology Amendments (J. Stevenson) No position Passed**

Modifies a pilot project of whole-school one to one mobile device technology and select a single smart school technology provider. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SB0284.pdf>

**SCR5 Concurrent Res. – Gov’s Commission (J. Stevenson) Support Passed**

This resolution expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah’s adults will hold

a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SCR005.pdf>

**SJR 5 Joint Resolution on State Superintendent (S. Reid) Oppose Senate filed**

Requires a Constitutional change, through a vote of the people, to allow for the Governor’s approval and the Senate’s consent for an appointment and termination of the State Superintendent. <http://le.utah.gov/~2013/bills/sbillint/SJR005.pdf>