



LEGISLATIVE WATCHLIST

UAPCS POSITION (P)

Priority Level (L)

S Support N Neutral O Oppose W Watching

H High M Medium L Low

UTAH ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

2026 RESULTS

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	Passed	Bolded: UAPCS Will Discuss in Upcoming Legislative Session Update					
	Failed						
L	#	Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status	Action Date	\$
H	H.B. 273 - S2	Classroom Technology Amendments	Requires State Board of Education to create model policies for Technology and AI in the public school classroom; creates certain requirements for LEA - guidelines per grade level and reporting requirement	Defay (15)	Pass	3/18	
M	H.B. 426 - S1	Online Education Amendments	Requires LEA to operate a learner validated program (i.e. self-paced or competency based program) with documentation pacing, proctored assessments and sequential completion of coursework; establishes teacher-to-learner ratio for said program and assigns USBE oversight	Walter (74)	Pass	3/19	
L	H.B. 502 - S4	School Attendance Modifications	This bill creates citizenship grade standards, attendance-based grading, a student welfare check requirement, and a test-out option for core classes.	Welton (65)	Pass	3/19	
L	H.B. 312 - S6	Civics Education Modifications	Requirements for instructions on foundational United States civics	Auxier (4)	Pass	3/25	
L	H.B. 44 - S5	School Security Personnel Standards	This bill updates school safety standards and requirements for security-related personnel in Utah schools.	Wilcox (7)	Pass	3/19	
M	H.B. 142	School fee waiver amendments	Permits LEAs to limit the number of fee waivers associated with a trip per student per year; allows the LEA to have a student to contribute to the school via work in lieu of paying a fee waiver	Welton (65)	Pass	2/25	
L	H.B. 55	Privacy Compliance for Education Technology Vendors	Requires contract terms between an LEA and a third-party contracts requiring the contractor to fix illegal student-data use or lose the contract	Auxier (4)	Pass	2/20	
L	H.B. 44 - S5	School Security Personnel Standards	This bill updates school safety standards and requirements for security-related personnel in Utah schools.	Wilcox (7)	Pass	3/19	
L	H.B. 129	Education Board Amendments	Amends provisions regarding governance of public education system	Thurston (62)	Pass	3/19	
L	H.B. 393 - S1	Early Intervention for Dyslexia Amendments	Creates a Dyslexia Screening Pilot Program - defines terms, provides resources to district or charter schools and creates a dyslexia screener at U of U; and requires State Board to administer and oversee program and create rules	Defay (15)	Pass	3/3	

L	H.B. 218	Digital Skills Amendments	Changes requirements for the existing grades 7 & 8 required digital course	Teuscher (44)	Pass	2/26	
H	H.B. 241 S3	Charter School Amendments	First right of refusal for charter schools, charter schools are public schools	Pierucci (49)	Fail	3/6	
H	H.B. 407 - S2	Public education information system	Requires USBE to contract with a statewide SIS provider available to all LEAs for free; LEAs may opt for another SIS at their own expense, provided that SIS has the required modules and talks to the state data systems seamlessly; if an LEA's other system doesn't talk seamlessly, there are increasing penalties	MacPherson (26)	Fail	3/6	\$10M
L	H.B. 42 - S3	School Cybersecurity Amendments	This bill establishes minimum cybersecurity standards for local education agencies (LEAs) and expands the Utah Cyber Center's services to include educational institutions.	Wilcox (7)	Fail	3/6	
L	H.B. 43 - S1	School Security Amendments	This bill creates the School Safety Support Program to provide funding for school safety requirements and infrastructure.	Wilcox (7)	Fail	3/6	
M	H.B. 197 - S4	School Materials Amendments	Requires LEAs to notify via its website parents and staff about how they review sensitive materials, and adopt a policy to prevent "potentially sensitive materials" from entering the school. It also requires the state board, LEA or UETN to remove access to digital instruction material from any vendor when 3 separate items of digital instructional material from that vendor are subject to statewide removal. Creates "a private right of action" against an LEA or contracted vendor responsible for exposing the student to the objective sensitive material	Peck (28)	Fail	3/6	
M	H.B. 234 - S1	Education testing amendments	Creates a 5 year pilot program in which a few LEAs can administer a nationally-norm referenced assessment instead of the statewide assessment	Lisonbee (14)	Fail	3/6	
H	H.B.350	Foods available at schools amendments	Prohibits charter schools from serving foods containing a variety of additives; would significantly increase food costs (Amendment pending after discussions with Chevrier)	Chevrier (54)	Fail	3/16	
M	H.B. 440 - S1	School Lunch Amendments	Enacts provisions related to school lunch and recess in elementary schools	Auxier (4)	Fail	3/6	
L	H.B. 399 - S1	Primary & Secondary Education Amendments	Defines character education and creates restraints on a LEA regarding the use of character education	Lee (16)	Fail	3/6	
M	H.B. 517	Sensitive Materials	Creates certain requirements for a school library, allows students and parents to agree to take legal action on certain claims, creates a right of action, enacts provision related to governmental immunity.	Ivory (39)	Fail	3/6	
M	H.B. 197 - S2	Educational Vaccine Exemption Amendments	This bill amends provisions regarding a vaccination exemption form for required immunizations in the public education system.	Lee (16)	Fail	3/6	
M	H.B. 31	Local Education Agency Financial Reporting	Amends provisions related to Utah Public Finance Website and financial reporting for education	Walter (74)	Fail	3/6	\$120K

L	H.B. 73	Public Employee Retaliatory Action Amendments	Prohibits schools from making a complaint against an employee, in violation of the whistleblowing statute, to a person that licenses the employee (i.e. state board or LEA) to practice a profession or perform other types of work	Walter (74)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 106	School Attendance Changes	Establishes chronic absenteeism data requirements, and requires the State Board to study trends and patterns of chronic absenteeism across the state to address chronic absenteeism.	Stoddard (40)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 227	Student Journalist Amendments	Established standards for student expression in school-sponsored media while limiting school liability for student-produced content.	Moss (34)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 233	Education Definition Amendments	Clarifies the difference between home-based students and home school students; creates definitions for both and amends provisions to use these terms.	Peck (28)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 298	School Design Amendments	Requires the State Board of Education to establish a library of school building designs	Christofferson (53)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 310 - S1	School Reintegration Plan Amendments	Amends provisions relating to reintegration plans	Romero (25)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 360	School Athlete Amendments	Prohibits a public school from participating in an activities association that imposes periods of ineligibility on certain students who transfer due to open enrollment, school choice or bullying)	Hawkins (55)	Fail	3/6
M	H.B. 418	School class size requirements	Requires a maximum class size of 25	Teuscher (44)	Fail	3/6
M	H.B. 488	Standards and Curriculum Amendments	Amends provisions related to social studies instruction (way above K-12 capacity to understand)	Auxier (4)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 521 - S1	Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account Amendments	This bill requires the appropriation (money) of a set dollar amount in the Public Education Education Stabilization Restricted Account to a new trust fund for Public Education, called the Public Education Economic Stabilization Trust Fund (trust fund) that the state treasures manages	Walter (74)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 518	School Curriculum Amendments	Modifies requirements for social studies education in elementary and secondary schools; requires US History to be taught in two distinct semester courses; requires integration of social studies into literacy, as well as daily social studies instruction for elementary grades. Asks LEAs to implement three strategies in 7 & 8 studies; and directs the board to provide professional development, coaching support and instructional resources for social studies education. Implementation: 2028-2029 school year	Welton (65)	Fail	3/6
L	H.B. 183	Sex Designation Amendments	Seeking to differentiate the difference between sex and gender	Strong (47)	Fail	3/6