

**Representative Adam Robertson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**SCHOOL FEES DATA COLLECTION**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Adam Robertson**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires certain data collection and reporting regarding school fees.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires a local education agency to:
  - measure and collect data related to certain fees the LEA charges or waives; and
  - report the data to the State Board of Education;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to report to the Legislature; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53E-1-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 324 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 41, 205, 223, 342, 446, and 476



26 [53G-7-501](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 223

27 [53G-7-503](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 223 and 293

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29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. Section [53E-1-201](#) is amended to read:

31 **53E-1-201. Reports to and action required of the Education Interim Committee.**

32 (1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section [68-3-14](#), the following  
33 recurring reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:

34 (a) the prioritized list of data research described in Section [35A-14-302](#) and the report  
35 on research described in Section [35A-14-304](#) by the Utah Data Research Center;

36 (b) the report described in Section [35A-15-303](#) by the State Board of Education on  
37 preschool programs;

38 (c) the report described in Section [53B-1-103](#) by the State Board of Regents on career  
39 and technical education issues and addressing workforce needs;

40 (d) the report described in Section [53B-1-107](#) by the State Board of Regents on the  
41 activities of the State Board of Regents;

42 (e) the report described in Section [53B-2a-104](#) by the Utah System of Technical  
43 Colleges Board of Trustees on career and technical education issues;

44 (f) the reports described in Section [53B-28-401](#) by the State Board of Regents and the  
45 Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees regarding activities related to campus  
46 safety;

47 (g) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section  
48 [53E-1-203](#);

49 (h) the annual report described in Section [53E-2-202](#) by the state board on the strategic  
50 plan to improve student outcomes;

51 (i) the report described in Section [53E-8-204](#) by the state board on the Utah Schools for  
52 the Deaf and the Blind;

53 (j) the report described in Section [53E-10-703](#) by the Utah Leading through Effective,  
54 Actionable, and Dynamic Education director on research and other activities;

55 (k) the report described in Section [53F-4-203](#) by the state board and the independent  
56 evaluator on an evaluation of early interactive reading software;

- 57 (l) the report described in Section 53F-4-407 by the state board on UPSTART;
- 58 (m) the report described in Section 53F-5-405 by an independent evaluator of a  
59 partnership that receives a grant to improve educational outcomes for students who are low  
60 income; and
- 61 (n) the report described in Section 63N-12-208 by the STEM Action Center Board,  
62 including the information described in Section 63N-12-213 on the status of the computer  
63 science initiative and Section 63N-12-214 on the Computing Partnerships Grants Program.
- 64 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following  
65 occasional reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:
- 66 (a) the report described in Section 35A-15-303 by the School Readiness Board by  
67 November 30, 2020, on benchmarks for certain preschool programs;
- 68 (b) the report described in Section 53E-3-519 by the state board regarding counseling  
69 services in schools;
- 70 (c) the reports described in Section 53E-3-520 by the state board regarding cost centers  
71 and implementing activity based costing;
- 72 (d) if required, the report described in Section 53E-4-309 by the state board explaining  
73 the reasons for changing the grade level specification for the administration of specific  
74 assessments;
- 75 (e) if required, the report described in Section 53E-5-210 by the state board of an  
76 adjustment to the minimum level that demonstrates proficiency for each statewide assessment;
- 77 (f) the report described in Section 53E-10-702 by Utah Leading through Effective,  
78 Actionable, and Dynamic Education;
- 79 (g) the report described in Section 53F-2-502 by the state board on the program  
80 evaluation of the dual language immersion program;
- 81 (h) if required, the report described in Section 53F-2-513 by the state board evaluating  
82 the effects of salary bonuses on the recruitment and retention of effective teachers in high  
83 poverty schools;
- 84 (i) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-207 by the state board on the  
85 Intergenerational Poverty Intervention Grants Program;
- 86 (j) the report described in Section 53F-5-210 by the state board on the Educational  
87 Improvement Opportunities Outside of the Regular School Day Grant Program;

88 (k) the report described in Section 53G-7-503 by the state board regarding fees that  
89 LEAs charge during the 2020-2021 school year;

90 ~~[(k)]~~ (l) the reports described in Section 53G-11-304 by the state board regarding  
91 proposed rules and results related to educator exit surveys;

92 ~~[(h)]~~ (m) upon request, the report described in Section 53G-11-505 by the state board  
93 on progress in implementing employee evaluations;

94 ~~[(m)]~~ (n) the report described in Section 62A-15-117 by the Division of Substance  
95 Abuse and Mental Health, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Health  
96 regarding recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health  
97 services; and

98 ~~[(n)]~~ (o) the reports described in Section 63C-19-202 by the Higher Education Strategic  
99 Planning Commission.

100 (3) In accordance with Section 53B-7-705, the Education Interim Committee shall  
101 complete the review of the implementation of performance funding.

102 Section 2. Section 53G-7-501 is amended to read:

103 **53G-7-501. Definitions.**

104 As used in this part:

105 (1) "Co-curricular activity" means an activity, a course, or a program that:

106 (a) is an extension of a curricular activity;

107 (b) is included in an instructional plan and supervised or conducted by a teacher or  
108 education professional;

109 ~~[(a)]~~ (c) is conducted outside of regular school hours;

110 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) is provided, sponsored, or supported by an LEA; and

111 ~~[(e)]~~ (e) includes a required regular school day activity, course, or program.

112 (2) "Curricular activity" means an activity, a course, or a program that is:

113 (a) intended to deliver instruction;

114 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) provided, sponsored, or supported by an LEA; and

115 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) conducted only during school hours.

116 (3) "Elementary school" means a school that provides instruction to students in grades  
117 kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6.

118 (4) (a) "Elementary school student" means a student enrolled in an elementary school.

- 119 (b) "Elementary school student" does not include a secondary school student.
- 120 (5) (a) "Extracurricular activity" means an activity, a course, or a program that is:
- 121 (i) not directly related to delivering instruction;
- 122 (ii) not a curricular activity or co-curricular activity; and
- 123 (iii) provided, sponsored, or supported by an LEA.
- 124 (b) "Extracurricular activity" does not include a noncurricular club as defined in
- 125 Section [53G-7-701](#).
- 126 (6) (a) "Fee" means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment:
- 127 (i) regardless of how the charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment is termed,
- 128 described, requested, or required directly or indirectly;
- 129 (ii) in the form of money, goods, or services; and
- 130 (iii) that is a condition to a student's full participation in an activity, course, or program
- 131 that is provided, sponsored, or supported by an LEA.
- 132 (b) "Fee" includes:
- 133 (i) money or something of monetary value raised by a student or the student's family
- 134 through fundraising;
- 135 (ii) charges or expenditures for a school field trip or activity trip, including related
- 136 transportation, food, lodging, and admission charges;
- 137 (iii) payments made to a third party that provides a part of a school activity, class, or
- 138 program;
- 139 (iv) charges or expenditures for classroom:
- 140 (A) textbooks;
- 141 (B) supplies; or
- 142 (C) materials;
- 143 (v) charges or expenditures for school activity clothing; and
- 144 (vi) a fine other than a fine described in Subsection (6)(c)(i).
- 145 (c) "Fee" does not include:
- 146 (i) a student fine specifically approved by an LEA for:
- 147 (A) failing to return school property;
- 148 (B) losing, wasting, or damaging private or school property through intentional,
- 149 careless, or irresponsible behavior, or as described in Section [53G-8-212](#); or

- 150 (C) improper use of school property, including a parking violation;  
151 (ii) a payment for school breakfast or lunch;  
152 (iii) a deposit that is:  
153 (A) a pledge securing the return of school property; and  
154 (B) refunded upon the return of the school property; or  
155 (iv) a charge for insurance, unless the insurance is required for a student to participate  
156 in an activity, course, or program.
- 157 (7) (a) "Fundraising" means an activity or event provided, sponsored, or supported by  
158 an LEA that uses students to generate funds or raise money to:  
159 (i) provide financial support to a school or a school's class, group, team, or program; or  
160 (ii) benefit a particular charity or for other charitable purposes.  
161 (b) "Fundraising" does not include an alternative method of raising revenue without  
162 students.
- 163 (8) (a) "School activity clothing" means special shoes or items of clothing:  
164 (i) (A) that meet specific requirements, including requesting a specific color, style,  
165 fabric, or imprint; and  
166 (B) that a school requires a student to provide; and  
167 (ii) that is worn by a student for a co-curricular or extracurricular activity.  
168 (b) "School activity clothing" does not include a school uniform.
- 169 (9) (a) "School uniform" means special shoes or an item of clothing:  
170 (i) (A) that meet specific requirements, including a requested specific color, style,  
171 fabric, or imprint; and  
172 (B) that a school requires a student to provide; and  
173 (ii) that is worn by a student for a curricular activity.  
174 (b) "School uniform" does not include school activity clothing.
- 175 (10) "Secondary school" means a school that provides instruction to students in grades  
176 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- 177 (11) "Secondary school student":  
178 (a) means a student enrolled in a secondary school; and  
179 (b) includes a student in grade 6 if the student attends a secondary school.
- 180 (12) "Textbook" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-7-601](#).

181 (13) "Waiver" means a full or partial release from a requirement to pay a fee and from  
182 any provision in lieu of fee payment.

183 Section 3. Section **53G-7-503** is amended to read:

184 **53G-7-503. Fees -- Prohibitions -- Voluntary supplies -- Enforcement --**  
185 **Reporting.**

186 (1) An LEA may only charge a fee if the fee is authorized and noticed by the LEA  
187 governing board in accordance with Section **53G-7-505**.

188 (2) (a) An LEA may not require a fee for elementary school activities that are part of the  
189 regular school day or for supplies used during the regular school day.

190 (b) An elementary school or elementary school teacher may compile and provide to a  
191 student's parent a suggested list of supplies for use during the regular school day so that a  
192 parent may furnish on a voluntary basis those supplies for student use.

193 (c) A list provided to an elementary student's parent in accordance with Subsection  
194 (2)(b) shall include and be preceded by the following language:

195 "NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR  
196 SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS,  
197 OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE SCHOOL."

198 (3) (a) Beginning with or after the 2021-2022 school year, if an LEA imposes a fee, the  
199 fee shall be equal to or less than the expense incurred by the LEA in providing for a student the  
200 activity, course, or program for which the LEA imposes the fee.

201 (b) An LEA may not impose an additional fee or increase a fee to supplant or subsidize  
202 another fee.

203 (4) (a) Beginning with or after the 2021-2022 school year, and notwithstanding Section  
204 **53E-3-401**, if the state board finds that an LEA has violated a provision of this part or Part 6,  
205 Textbook Fees, the state board shall impose corrective action against the LEA, which may  
206 include:

207 (i) requiring an LEA to repay improperly charged fees;

208 (ii) withholding state funds; and

209 (iii) suspending the LEA's authority to charge fees for an amount of time specified by  
210 the state board.

211 (b) The state board shall make rules:

212 (i) that require notice and an opportunity to be heard for an LEA affected by a state  
213 board action described in Subsection (4)(a); and

214 (ii) to administer this Subsection (4).

215 (5) (a) For each fee on an LEA's fee schedule described in Section 52G-7-505, the LEA  
216 shall:

217 (i) by July 1, 2020, determine whether the fee is curricular, co-curricular, or  
218 extracurricular;

219 (ii) for the 2020-2021 school year, measure the total number of:

220 (A) students who pay each fee; and

221 (B) money received for each fee;

222 (iii) for the 2020-2021 school year, measure the total:

223 (A) number of students who receive a fee waiver; and

224 (B) value of each waiver for each waived fee; and

225 (iv) by July 1, 2021, report the separate categories of data gathered under Subsections  
226 (5)(a)(ii) and (iii) to the state board.

227 (b) The state board shall report on the data the board receives under Subsection (5)(a)  
228 to the Education Interim Committee on or before the date of the November interim meeting in  
229 2021.