

# SCHOOL BOARDS AND SUPERINTENDENTS (JLC) POSITIONS 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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## HOUSE BILLS

- **SUPPORT HB 10: Peterson, V., State System**
  - Reorganizes and renumbers certain provisions of the public education code related to statewide administration of the public education system.
- **SUPPORT HB 11: Peterson, V., Funding**
  - Reorganizes and renumbers certain provisions of the public education code related to public education system funding.
- **SUPPORT HB 21, McCay, D., Certified Tax Rate Amendments**
  - Modifies the calculation of the certified property tax rate by adjusting eligible new growth to account for collection rates over the previous five years; and makes technical and conforming changes.
- **SUPPORT HB 28, Moss, J., Retirement Systems Amendments**
  - Clarifies that the URS Investment Fund may sue and be sued; requires a participating employer to provide certain records to URS or its auditors; modifies when a domestic relations order must be received by the URS to be valid for determining death benefits; modifies cancellation, reinstatement, and calculation provisions for a retiree's retirement allowance affected by reemployment; requires a participating employer to maintain a list of employee exemptions instead of filing in annually with URS; and makes technical changes. .
- **SUPPORT HB 40 or HB 46, Peterson, V. Educator Licensing Revisions (Interim Education Committee Bill)**
  - Authorizes the USBE to implement an educator licensing system, repeals obsolete licensing code, modifies licensing, including letters of authorization; repeals the requirement that a district superintendent hold a license; modifies provisions related to youth suicide prevention training for employees; repeals the Compact for Interstate Qualification of Education Personnel, and makes corrections and conforming changes.
- **SUPPORT HB 48, Snow, L., Parenting Plan Amendments**
  - Committee bill modifies provisions related to parenting plans; lists decisions related to an educational plan; and addresses who makes the education plan; and makes technical changes.
- **SUPPORT HB 164, Cutler, Early Learning Task Force**
  - This bill creates the Early Learning Task Force, including provisions related to: task force membership; quorum requirements; compensation; and task force duties.
- **OPPOSE HB 175, Stratton, Oversight Committee Creation**
  - **Rep. Stratton is to be commended for desiring to limit the amount of legislation burdening local entities. The JLC feels this bill as written undermines the authority of locally elected officials, including school board members. There is concern that centralizing power to a legislative committee could potentially dictate actions of state or local governmental entities. If HB 175 is substantially amended or substituted, the JLC may readdress this bill.**
  - Defines terms; creates the Joint Committee on Governmental Oversight and establishes the committee's membership; establishes that the purpose of the Joint Committee on Governmental Oversight is to increase the transparency, efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of state and local governmental entities; establishes powers and requirements for the committee; grants the Joint Committee on Governmental Oversight investigatory powers; requires the governor, upon recommendation from the committee, to repeal an administrative rule unless certain conditions are

met; requires a proposed administrative rule to be approved by the Legislature and governor through a concurrent resolution before taking effect;; establishes sunset dates; and makes conforming changes.

- **SUPPORT HB 178, Stratton, Power of Attorney Amendments**
  - Provides for a local school district to determine that a child lives within the district if certain conditions are met related to a power of attorney; clarifies that the parent or guardian powers that can be delegated include decisions related to school; and makes technical changes.

## SENATE BILLS

- **SUPPORT SB 11: Local Administration**

This bill reorganizes and renumbers certain provisions of the public education code<sup>13</sup> related to local administration of the public education system.
- **SUPPORT SB 12: Cross Reference and Repeals**

This bill repeals outdated provisions related to the public education code; makes technical cross reference changes to provisions related to the public education code; and makes technical and conforming changes.
- **SUPPORT SB 87, Weiler, School Security Locks**
  - **The committee likes the flexibility for local entities through the “may language.”**
  - Amends the International Building Code and International Fire Code regarding: hardware height on a door for certain occupancies in lockdown or during a lockdown drill; and door operations provisions for locks and bolt locks, and latching and unlatching, for certain occupancies in lockdown or during a lockdown drill.
- **SUPPORT SB 95, Iwamoto, Educator Postretirement Reemployment Amendments**
  - **The committee encourages the sponsor to consider amendments that allow for counties of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> class to be able to allow retirees to return to employment in their own school districts.**
  - Provides definitions; allows certain educator retirees to be reemployed with a participating employer after a certain period from the retiree's retirement date if the retiree: does not receive certain employer provided retirement benefits for the reemployment; and is reemployed by a different participating employer than the participating employer that employed the retiree at the time of retirement; and requires a participating employer to pay certain amounts for a reemployed retiree in certain circumstances; requires the Utah State Retirement Office to report certain information to an interim committee of the Legislature; specifies penalties for violating the reemployment provisions; and makes technical changes.
- **SUPPORT SJR 1, Iwamoto, Joint Resolution Recognizing Deaf and American Sign Language instructors**

This resolution highlights the history of American Sign Language in the United States; expresses support for the Deaf Community in the state; and recognizes the efforts of Utah's educators of the deaf and American Sign Language instructors in sharing American Sign Language with students and community members across the state.