AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATION FINANCING
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STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Merlynn T. Newbold
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill amends provisions in the Minimum School Program Act and the Property Tax
Act relating to certain property tax levies and the funding of public school programs.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 repeals the authority of school districts to levy certain property taxes;
 sets the statewide minimum basic tax rate at a fixed rate beginning in 2011;
 requires the Legislature to increase the value of the weighted pupil unit for purposes
of determining school districts' income tax funding by an amount equal to the
increased amount of revenue generated statewide by the minimum basic tax rate
from the prior year;
 creates a board local discretionary levy and a capital discretionary levy for school
districts;
 sets the tax rates for the board local discretionary levy and the capital discretionary
levy for the first taxable year;
 provides procedures for setting a school district's certified tax rate after the first
taxable year;
 adjusts a school district's certified tax rate due to the repeal or amendment of the
property taxing authority of the school district;
defines terms; and



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28	• makes technical changes.
29	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
30	None
31	Other Special Clauses:
32	This bill takes effect on January 1, 2011.
33	Utah Code Sections Affected:
34	AMENDS:
35	11-2-7, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1961, Chapters 25 and 30
36	11-13-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 236 and 382
37	20A-1-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 16
38	53A-1a-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 221
39	53A-1a-513, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 391
40	53A-2-114, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 236
41	53A-2-115, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 236
42	53A-2-118.2, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 297
43	53A-2-118.3, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 236
44	53A-2-206, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
45	53A-2-214 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 233
46	53A-3-415, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72
47	53A-16-107, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 236
48	53A-16-110, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 236
49	53A-17a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 61 and 397
50	53A-17a-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 4 and 391
51	53A-17a-105, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 183
52	53A-17a-127, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 391
53	53A-17a-133, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 204 and 391
54	53A-17a-134, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 391
55	53A-17a-135, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 391
56	53A-17a-136, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72
57	53A-17a-143, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 271
58	53A-17a-145, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1991, Chapter 72

59	53A-17a-146, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 4
60	53A-17a-150, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 305
61	53A-17a-151 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 305
62	53A-21-101.5, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 236
63	59-2-904, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 4
64	59-2-924, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 152, 204, 356, and 388
65	59-2-924.3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 204
66	59-2-924.4, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 204
67	59-2-926 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 388
68	63G-7-704, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
69	ENACTS:
70	53A-16-113 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
71	53A-17a-164 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
72	RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:
73	53A-16-114 , (Renumbered from 53A-16-107.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008,
74	Chapter 236)
75	REPEALS:
76	53A-16-111 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 1988, Chapter 2
77 78	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
79	Section 1. Section 11-2-7 is amended to read:
80	11-2-7. Expenses Payment of Authority to appropriate and tax Licensing
81	of television owners and users Collection of license fees Exception for a school
82	district.
83	(1) (a) All expenses incurred in the equipment, operation and maintenance of such
84	recreational facilities and activities shall be paid from the treasuries of the respective cities,
85	towns, counties, or school districts[, and].
86	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the governing bodies of the same may
87	annually appropriate, and cause to be raised by taxation, money for such purposes.
88	(2) In areas so remote from regular transmission points of the large television stations
89	that television reception is impossible without special equipment and adequate, economical and

proper television is not available to the public by private sources, said local authorities may also, by ordinance, license, for the purpose of raising revenue to equip, operate and maintain television transmission and relay facilities, all users or owners of television sets within the jurisdiction of said local authorities, and may provide for the collection of the license fees by suit or otherwise and may also enforce obedience to such ordinances with such fine and imprisonment as the local authorities [deem] consider proper; provided that the punishment for any violation of such ordinances shall be by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding one day for each \$5.00 of said fine, if the fine is not paid.

(3) Beginning January 1, 2011, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance with this section.

Section 2. Section 11-13-302 is amended to read:

11-13-302. Payment of fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax by certain energy suppliers -- Method of calculating -- Collection -- Extent of tax lien.

- (1) (a) Each project entity created under this chapter that owns a project and that sells any capacity, service, or other benefit from it to an energy supplier or suppliers whose tangible property is not exempted by Utah Constitution Article XIII, Section 3, from the payment of ad valorem property tax, shall pay an annual fee in lieu of ad valorem property tax as provided in this section to each taxing jurisdiction within which the project or any part of it is located.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "annual fee" means the annual fee described in Subsection (1)(a) that is in lieu of ad valorem property tax.
 - (c) The requirement to pay an annual fee shall commence:
- (i) with respect to each taxing jurisdiction that is a candidate receiving the benefit of impact alleviation payments under contracts or determination orders provided for in Sections 11-13-305 and 11-13-306, with the fiscal year of the candidate following the fiscal year of the candidate in which the date of commercial operation of the last generating unit, other than any generating unit providing additional project capacity, of the project occurs, or, in the case of any facilities providing additional project capacity, with the fiscal year of the candidate following the fiscal year of the candidate in which the date of commercial operation of the generating unit providing the additional project capacity occurs; and
- (ii) with respect to any taxing jurisdiction other than a taxing jurisdiction described in Subsection (1)(c)(i), with the fiscal year of the taxing jurisdiction in which construction of the

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- project commences, or, in the case of facilities providing additional project capacity, with the fiscal year of the taxing jurisdiction in which construction of those facilities commences.
 - (d) The requirement to pay an annual fee shall continue for the period of the useful life of the project or facilities.
 - (2) (a) The annual fees due a school district shall be as provided in Subsection (2)(b) because the ad valorem property tax imposed by a school district and authorized by the Legislature under Section 53A-17a-135 represents both:
- 128 (i) a levy mandated by the state for the state minimum school program under Section 129 53A-17a-135; and
 - (ii) local levies for capital outlay, maintenance, transportation, and other purposes under Sections [11-2-7, 53A-16-107, 53A-16-110, 53A-17a-126, 53A-17a-127, 53A-17a-133, 53A-17a-134, 53A-17a-143, and 53A-17a-145] 53A-16-113, 53A-17a-133, and 53A-17a-164.
 - (b) The annual fees due a school district shall be as follows:
 - (i) the project entity shall pay to the school district an annual fee for the state minimum school program at the rate imposed by the school district and authorized by the Legislature under Subsection 53A-17a-135(1); and
 - (ii) for all other local property tax levies authorized to be imposed by a school district, the project entity shall pay to the school district either:
 - (A) an annual fee; or
 - (B) impact alleviation payments under contracts or determination orders provided for in Sections 11-13-305 and 11-13-306.
 - (3) (a) An annual fee due a taxing jurisdiction for a particular year shall be calculated by multiplying the tax rate or rates of the jurisdiction for that year by the product obtained by multiplying the fee base or value determined in accordance with Subsection (4) for that year of the portion of the project located within the jurisdiction by the percentage of the project which is used to produce the capacity, service, or other benefit sold to the energy supplier or suppliers.
 - (b) As used in this section, "tax rate," when applied in respect to a school district, includes any assessment to be made by the school district under Subsection (2) or Section 63M-5-302.
- 150 (c) There is to be credited against the annual fee due a taxing jurisdiction for each year, 151 an amount equal to the debt service, if any, payable in that year by the project entity on bonds,

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the proceeds of which were used to provide public facilities and services for impact alleviation in the taxing jurisdiction in accordance with Sections 11-13-305 and 11-13-306.

(d) The tax rate for the taxing jurisdiction for that year shall be computed so as to:

(i) take into account the fee base or value of the percentage of the project located

- (i) take into account the fee base or value of the percentage of the project located within the taxing jurisdiction determined in accordance with Subsection (4) used to produce the capacity, service, or other benefit sold to the supplier or suppliers; and
 - (ii) reflect any credit to be given in that year.
- (4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the annual fees required by this section shall be paid, collected, and distributed to the taxing jurisdiction as if:
 - (i) the annual fees were ad valorem property taxes; and
- (ii) the project were assessed at the same rate and upon the same measure of value as taxable property in the state.
 - (b) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), for purposes of an annual fee required by this section, the fee base of a project may be determined in accordance with an agreement among:
 - (A) the project entity; and
 - (B) any county that:

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- (I) is due an annual fee from the project entity; and
- (II) agrees to have the fee base of the project determined in accordance with the agreement described in this Subsection (4).
 - (ii) The agreement described in Subsection (4)(b)(i):
- (A) shall specify each year for which the fee base determined by the agreement shall be used for purposes of an annual fee; and
- (B) may not modify any provision of this chapter except the method by which the fee base of a project is determined for purposes of an annual fee.
- (iii) For purposes of an annual fee imposed by a taxing jurisdiction within a county described in Subsection (4)(b)(i)(B), the fee base determined by the agreement described in Subsection (4)(b)(i) shall be used for purposes of an annual fee imposed by that taxing jurisdiction.
- (iv) (A) If there is not agreement as to the fee base of a portion of a project for any year, for purposes of an annual fee, the State Tax Commission shall determine the value of that

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183	portion of the project for which there is not an agreement:
184	(I) for that year; and
185	(II) using the same measure of value as is used for taxable property in the state.
186	(B) The valuation required by Subsection (4)(b)(iv)(A) shall be made by the State Tax
187	Commission in accordance with rules made by the State Tax Commission.
188	(c) Payments of the annual fees shall be made from:
189	(i) the proceeds of bonds issued for the project; and
190	(ii) revenues derived by the project entity from the project.
191	(d) (i) The contracts of the project entity with the purchasers of the capacity, service, or
192	other benefits of the project whose tangible property is not exempted by Utah Constitution
193	Article XIII, Section 3, from the payment of ad valorem property tax shall require each
194	purchaser, whether or not located in the state, to pay, to the extent not otherwise provided for,
195	its share, determined in accordance with the terms of the contract, of these fees.
196	(ii) It is the responsibility of the project entity to enforce the obligations of the
197	purchasers.
198	(5) (a) The responsibility of the project entity to make payment of the annual fees is
199	limited to the extent that there is legally available to the project entity, from bond proceeds or
200	revenues, monies to make these payments, and the obligation to make payments of the annual
201	fees is not otherwise a general obligation or liability of the project entity.
202	(b) No tax lien may attach upon any property or money of the project entity by virtue of
203	any failure to pay all or any part of an annual fee.
204	(c) The project entity or any purchaser may contest the validity of an annual fee to the
205	same extent as if the payment was a payment of the ad valorem property tax itself.
206	(d) The payments of an annual fee shall be reduced to the extent that any contest is
207	successful.
208	(6) (a) The annual fee described in Subsection (1):
209	(i) shall be paid by a public agency that:
210	(A) is not a project entity; and
211	(B) owns an interest in a facility providing additional project capacity if the interest is

otherwise exempt from taxation pursuant to Utah Constitution, Article XIII, Section 3; and

(ii) for a public agency described in Subsection (6)(a)(i), shall be calculated in

214	accordance with Subsection (6)(b).
215	(b) The annual fee required under Subsection (6)(a) shall be an amount equal to the tax
216	rate or rates of the applicable taxing jurisdiction multiplied by the product of the following:
217	(i) the fee base or value of the facility providing additional project capacity located
218	within the jurisdiction;
219	(ii) the percentage of the ownership interest of the public agency in the facility; and
220	(iii) the portion, expressed as a percentage, of the public agency's ownership interest
221	that is attributable to the capacity, service, or other benefit from the facility that is sold by the
222	public agency to an energy supplier or suppliers whose tangible property is not exempted by
223	Utah Constitution, Article XIII, Section 3, from the payment of ad valorem property tax.
224	(c) A public agency paying the annual fee pursuant to Subsection (6)(a) shall have the
225	obligations, credits, rights, and protections set forth in Subsections (1) through (5) with respect
226	to its ownership interest as though it were a project entity.
227	Section 3. Section 20A-1-203 is amended to read:
228	20A-1-203. Calling and purpose of special elections.
229	(1) Statewide and local special elections may be held for any purpose authorized by
230	law.
231	(2) (a) Statewide special elections shall be conducted using the procedure for regular
232	general elections.
233	(b) Except as otherwise provided in this title, local special elections shall be conducted
234	using the procedures for regular municipal elections.
235	(3) The governor may call a statewide special election by issuing an executive order
236	that designates:
237	(a) the date for the statewide special election; and
238	(b) the purpose for the statewide special election.
239	(4) The Legislature may call a statewide special election by passing a joint or
240	concurrent resolution that designates:
241	(a) the date for the statewide special election; and
242	(b) the purpose for the statewide special election.
243	(5) (a) The legislative body of a local political subdivision may call a local special

election only for:

245	(i) a vote on a bond or debt issue;
246	(ii) a vote on a [voted leeway program] voted local discretionary levy authorized by
247	Section 53A-17a-133 [or 53A-17a-134];
248	(iii) an initiative authorized by Chapter 7, Part 5, Local Initiatives - [Procedure]
249	Procedures;
250	(iv) a referendum authorized by Chapter 7, Part 6, Local Referenda - Procedures;
251	(v) if required or authorized by federal law, a vote to determine whether or not Utah's
252	legal boundaries should be changed;
253	(vi) a vote authorized or required by Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act;
254	(vii) a vote to elect members to school district boards for a new school district and a
255	remaining school district, as defined in Section 53A-2-117, following the creation of a new
256	school district under Section 53A-2-118.1; or
257	(viii) an election of town officers of a newly incorporated town under Subsection
258	10-2-125(9).
259	(b) The legislative body of a local political subdivision may call a local special election
260	by adopting an ordinance or resolution that designates:
261	(i) the date for the local special election; and
262	(ii) the purpose for the local special election.
263	Section 4. Section 53A-1a-106 is amended to read:
264	53A-1a-106. School district and individual school powers.
265	(1) In order to acquire and develop the characteristics listed in Section 53A-1a-104,
266	each school district and each public school within its respective district shall implement a
267	comprehensive system of accountability in which students advance through public schools by
268	demonstrating competency in required skills and mastery of required knowledge through the
269	use of diverse assessment instruments such as authentic and criterion referenced tests, projects,
270	and portfolios.
271	(2) (a) Each school district and public school shall:
272	(i) develop and implement programs integrating technology into the curriculum,
273	instruction, and student assessment;
274	(ii) provide for teacher and parent involvement in policymaking at the school site;
275	(iii) implement a public school choice program to give parents, students, and teachers

greater flexibility in designing and choosing among programs with different focuses through schools within the same district and other districts, subject to space availability, demographics, and legal and performance criteria;

(iv) establish strategic planning at both the district and school level and site-based decision making programs at the school level;

- (v) provide opportunities for each student to acquire and develop academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and abilities;
- (vi) participate in ongoing research and development projects primarily at the school level aimed at improving the quality of education within the system; and
- (vii) involve business and industry in the education process through the establishment of partnerships with the business community at the district and school level.
- (b) (i) Each local school board, in consultation with school personnel, parents, and school community councils or similar entities shall establish policies to provide for the effective implementation of a personalized student education plan (SEP) or student education/occupation plan (SEOP) for each student at the school site.
 - (ii) The policies shall include guidelines and expectations for:
- (A) recognizing the student's accomplishments, strengths, and progress towards meeting student achievement standards as defined in U-PASS;
 - (B) planning, monitoring, and managing education and career development; and
- (C) involving students, parents, and school personnel in preparing and implementing SEPs and SEOPs.
- (iii) A parent may request conferences with school personnel in addition to SEP or SEOP conferences established by local school board policy.
- (iv) Time spent during the school day to implement SEPs and SEOPs is considered part of the school term referred to in Subsection 53A-17a-103[(5)](4).
- (3) A school district or public school may submit proposals to modify or waive rules or policies of a supervisory authority within the public education system in order to acquire or develop the characteristics listed in Section 53A-1a-104.
- (4) (a) Each school district and public school shall make an annual report to its patrons on its activities under this section.
 - (b) The reporting process shall involve participation from teachers, parents, and the

307	community at large in determining how well the district or school is performing.
308	Section 5. Section 53A-1a-513 is amended to read:
309	53A-1a-513. Funding for charter schools.
310	(1) As used in this section:
311	(a) "Charter school students' average local revenues" means the amount determined as
312	follows:
313	(i) for each student enrolled in a charter school on the previous October 1, calculate the
314	district per pupil local revenues of the school district in which the student resides;
315	(ii) sum the district per pupil local revenues for each student enrolled in a charter
316	school on the previous October 1; and
317	(iii) divide the sum calculated under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) by the number of students
318	enrolled in charter schools on the previous October 1.
319	(b) "District per pupil local revenues" means:
320	(i) for fiscal year 2011-12, the amount determined as follows, using data from the mos
321	recently published school district annual financial reports and state superintendent's annual
322	report:
323	[(i)] (A) calculate the sum of a school district's revenue received during the prior year
324	from:
325	[(A)] (I) a voted levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-133;
326	[(B)] (II) a board levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-134;
327	[(C)] (III) 10% of the cost of the basic program levy imposed under Section
328	53A-17a-145;
329	[(D)] (IV) a tort liability levy imposed under Section 63G-7-704;
330	$[\overline{(E)}]$ $\underline{(V)}$ a capital outlay levy imposed under Section 53A-16-107; and
331	[(F)] (VI) a voted capital outlay levy imposed under Section 53A-16-110; and
332	[(ii)] (B) divide the sum calculated under Subsection $(1)(b)(i)$ (A) by the sum of:
333	[(A)] (I) a school district's average daily membership; and
334	[(B)] (II) the average daily membership of a school district's resident students who
335	attend charter schools[-]; and
336	(ii) for a fiscal year beginning on or after fiscal year 2012-13;
337	(A) calculate the sum of a school district's revenue received from:

338	(I) a voted local discretionary levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-133;
339	(II) a board local discretionary levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-164; and
340	(III) a capital discretionary levy imposed under Section 53A-16-113;
341	(B) subtract from the sum calculated under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A) the following
342	expenditures made from revenue generated by a board local discretionary levy:
343	(I) expenditures for recreational facilities and activities authorized under Title 11,
344	Chapter 2, Playgrounds;
345	(II) expenditures for pupil transportation that are less than or equal to the amount of
346	revenue generated by a .0003 per dollar of taxable value of the school district's board local
347	discretionary levy; and
348	(III) expenditures for the K-3 Reading Improvement Program that are less than or equal
349	to the amount of revenue generated by a .000121 per dollar of taxable value of the school
350	district's board local discretionary levy; and
351	(C) divide the remainder calculated under Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(B) by the sum of:
352	(I) a school district's average daily membership; and
353	(II) the average daily membership of a school district's resident students who attend
354	charter schools.
355	(c) "Resident student" means a student who is considered a resident of the school
356	district under Title 53A, Chapter 2, Part 2, District of Residency.
357	(d) "Statewide average debt service revenues" means the amount determined as
358	follows, using data from the most recently published state superintendent's annual report:
359	(i) sum the revenues of each school district from the debt service levy imposed under
360	Section 11-14-310; and
361	(ii) divide the sum calculated under Subsection (1)(d)(i) by statewide school district
362	average daily membership.
363	(2) (a) Charter schools shall receive funding as described in this section, except
364	Subsections (3) through (8) do not apply to charter schools described in Subsection (2)(b).
365	(b) Charter schools authorized by local school boards that are converted from district
366	schools or operate in district facilities without paying reasonable rent shall receive funding as
367	prescribed in Section 53A-1a-515.
368	(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a charter school shall receive state

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369	funds, as applicable, on the same basis as a school district receives funds.
370	(b) In distributing funds under Title 53A, Chapter 17a, Minimum School Program Act
371	to charter schools, charter school pupils shall be weighted, where applicable, as follows:
372	(i) .55 for kindergarten pupils;
373	(ii) .9 for pupils in grades 1-6;
374	(iii) .99 for pupils in grades 7-8; and
375	(iv) 1.2 for pupils in grades 9-12.
376	(4) (a) (i) A school district shall allocate a portion of school district revenues for each
377	resident student of the school district who is enrolled in a charter school on October 1 equal to
378	25% of the lesser of:
379	(A) district per pupil local revenues; or
380	(B) charter school students' average local revenues.
381	(ii) For the purpose of allocating school district revenues under Subsection (4)(a)(i) in
382	fiscal year 2008-09 only, a kindergarten student who is enrolled in less than a full-day
383	kindergarten program is weighted as .55 of a student.
384	(iii) Nothing in this Subsection (4)(a) affects the school bond guarantee program
385	established under Chapter 28, Utah School Bond Guaranty Act.
386	(b) The State Board of Education shall:
387	(i) deduct an amount equal to the allocation provided under Subsection (4)(a) from
388	state funds the school district is authorized to receive under Title 53A, Chapter 17a, Minimum
389	School Program Act; and
390	(ii) remit the money to the student's charter school.
391	(c) Notwithstanding the method used to transfer school district revenues to charter
392	schools as provided in Subsection (4)(b), a school district may deduct the allocations to charter
393	schools under this section from:
394	(i) unrestricted revenues available to the school district; or
395	(ii) the revenue sources listed in [Subsections] Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A) [through (F)] on
396	(1)(b)(ii)(A) based on the portion of the allocations to charter schools attributed to each of the
397	revenue sources listed in [Subsections] Subsection $(1)(b)(i)(A)$ [through (F)] or $(1)(b)(ii)(A)$.

(d) (i) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall provide an

appropriation for charter schools for each student enrolled on October 1 to supplement the

allocation of school district revenues under Subsection (4)(a).

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- (ii) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(d)(iii), the amount of money provided by the state for a charter school student shall be the sum of:
- (A) charter school students' average local revenues minus the allocation of school district revenues under Subsection (4)(a); and
 - (B) statewide average debt service revenues.
- (iii) If the total of a school district's allocation for a charter school student under Subsection (4)(a) and the amount provided by the state under Subsection (4)(d)(ii) is less than \$1427, the state shall provide an additional supplement so that a charter school receives at least \$1427 per student under this Subsection (4).
- (e) Of the monies provided to a charter school under this Subsection (4), 10% shall be expended for funding school facilities only.
- (5) Charter schools are eligible to receive federal funds if they meet all applicable federal requirements and comply with relevant federal regulations.
- (6) The State Board of Education shall distribute funds for charter school students directly to the charter school.
- (7) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (3), a charter school is not eligible to receive state transportation funding.
- (b) The board shall also adopt rules relating to the transportation of students to and from charter schools, taking into account Sections 53A-2-210 and 53A-17a-127.
- (c) The governing body of the charter school may provide transportation through an agreement or contract with the local school board, a private provider, or with parents.
- (8) (a) (i) The state superintendent of public instruction may allocate grants for both start-up and ongoing costs to eligible charter school applicants from monies appropriated for the implementation of this part.
- (ii) Applications for the grants shall be filed on a form determined by the state superintendent and in conjunction with the application for a charter.
- (iii) The amount of a grant may vary based upon the size, scope, and special circumstances of the charter school.
- 429 (iv) The governing board of the charter school shall use the grant to meet the expenses 430 of the school as established in the school's charter.

431	(b) The State Board of Education shall coordinate the distribution of federal monies
432	appropriated to help fund costs for establishing and maintaining charter schools within the
433	state.
434	(9) (a) A charter school may receive, hold, manage and use any devise, bequest, grant,
435	endowment, gift, or donation of any property made to the school for any of the purposes of this
436	part.
437	(b) It is unlawful for any person affiliated with a charter school to demand or request
438	any gift, donation, or contribution from a parent, teacher, employee, or other person affiliated
439	with the charter school as a condition for employment or enrollment at the school or continued
440	attendance at the school.
441	Section 6. Section 53A-2-114 is amended to read:
442	53A-2-114. Additional levies School board options to abolish or continue after
443	consolidation.
444	(1) If a school district which has approved an additional levy under Section
445	[53A-16-110, 53A-17a-133, 53A-17a-134, or 53A-17a-145] <u>53A-17a-133</u> is consolidated with
446	a district which does not have such a levy, the board of education of the consolidated district
447	may choose to abolish the levy, or apply it in whole or in part to the entire consolidated district.
448	(2) If the board chooses to apply any part of the levy to the entire district, the levy may
449	continue in force for no more than three years, unless approved by the electors of the
450	consolidated district in the manner set forth in Section [53A-16-110] 53A-17a-133.
451	Section 7. Section 53A-2-115 is amended to read:
452	53A-2-115. Additional levies in transferred territory Transferee board option
453	to abolish or continue.
454	If two or more districts undergo restructuring that results in a district receiving territory
455	that increases the population of the district by at least 25%, and if the transferred territory was,
456	at the time of transfer, subject to an additional levy under Section [53A-16-110, 53A-17a-133,
457	53A-17a-134, or 53A-17a-145] 53A-17a-133, the board of education of the transferee district
458	may abolish the levy or apply the levy in whole or in part to the entire restructured district.
459	Any such levy made applicable to the entire district may continue in force for no more than five

years, unless approved by the electors of the restructured district in the manner set forth in

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Section [53A-16-110] <u>53A-17a-133</u>.

462	Section 8. Section 53A-2-118.2 is amended to read:
463	53A-2-118.2. New school district property tax Limitations.
464	(1) (a) A new school district created under Section 53A-2-118.1 may not impose a
465	property tax prior to the fiscal year in which the new school district assumes responsibility for
466	providing student instruction.
467	(b) The remaining school district retains authority to impose property taxes on the
468	existing school district, including the territory of the new school district, until the fiscal year in
169	which the new school district assumes responsibility for providing student instruction.
470	(2) (a) If at the time a new school district created pursuant to Section 53A-2-118.1
471	assumes responsibility for student instruction any portion of the territory within the new school
472	district was subject to a levy pursuant to Section [53A-16-110 or] 53A-17a-133, the new
173	school district's board may:
174	(i) discontinue the levy for the new school district;
175	(ii) impose a levy on the new school district as provided in Section [53A-16-110 or]
476	53A-17a-133; or
177	(iii) impose the levy on the new school district, subject to Subsection (2)(b).
478	(b) If the new school district's board applies a levy to the new school district pursuant
179	to Subsection (2)(a)(iii), the levy may not exceed the maximum duration or rate authorized by
480	the voters of the existing district or districts at the time of the vote to create the new school
481	district.
182	Section 9. Section 53A-2-118.3 is amended to read:
183	53A-2-118.3. Imposition of the capital discretionary levy in qualifying divided
184	school districts.
485	(1) For purposes of this section:
486	(a) "Qualifying divided school district" means a divided school district:
187	(i) located within a county of the second through sixth class; and
488	(ii) with a new school district created under Section 53A-2-118.1 that begins to provide
189	educational services after July 1, 2008.
190	(b) "Qualifying taxable year" means the calendar year in which a new school district
491	begins to provide educational services.

(2) Beginning with the qualifying taxable year, in order to qualify for receipt of the

state contribution toward the minimum school program described in Section 53A-17a-104, a
school district within a qualifying divided school district shall impose a capital [outlay]
$\underline{\text{discretionary}} \text{ levy described in Section } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-107}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-107}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-16-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-113}] \\ \underline{53\text{A}-16-113} \text{ of at least .0006 per dollar of } [\frac{53\text{A}-16-113}{20\text{A}-$
taxable value.

- (3) The county treasurer of a county with a qualifying divided school district shall distribute revenues generated by the .0006 portion of the capital [outlay] discretionary levy required in Subsection (2) to the school districts located within the boundaries of the qualifying divided school district as follows:
- (a) 25% of the revenues shall be distributed in proportion to a school district's percentage of the total enrollment growth in all of the school districts within the qualifying divided school district that have an increase in enrollment, calculated on the basis of the average annual enrollment growth over the prior three years in all of the school districts within the qualifying divided school district that have an increase in enrollment over the prior three years, as of the October 1 enrollment counts; and
- (b) 75% of the revenues shall be distributed in proportion to a school district's percentage of the total current year enrollment in all of the school districts within the qualifying divided school district, as of the October 1 enrollment counts.
- (4) If a new school district is created or school district boundaries are adjusted, the enrollment and average annual enrollment growth for each affected school district shall be calculated on the basis of enrollment in school district schools located within that school district's newly created or adjusted boundaries, as of October 1 enrollment counts.
- (5) On or before December 31 of each year, the State Board of Education shall provide a county treasurer with audited enrollment information from the fall enrollment audit necessary to distribute revenues as required by this section.
- (6) On or before March 31 of each year, a county treasurer in a county with a qualifying divided school district shall distribute, in accordance with Subsection (3), the revenue generated within the qualifying divided school district during the prior calendar year from the capital [outlay] discretionary levy required in Subsection (2).
 - Section 10. Section **53A-2-206** is amended to read:
- 53A-2-206. Interstate compact students -- Inclusion in attendance count -- Funding for foreign exchange students -- Annual report -- Requirements for exchange

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- (1) A school district or charter school may include the following students in the district's or school's membership and attendance count for the purpose of apportionment of state monies:
- (a) a student enrolled under an interstate compact, established between the State Board of Education and the state education authority of another state, under which a student from one compact state would be permitted to enroll in a public school in the other compact state on the same basis as a resident student of the receiving state; or
 - (b) a student receiving services under the Compact on Placement of Children.
- (2) (a) A school district or charter school may include foreign exchange students in the district's or school's membership and attendance count for the purpose of apportionment of state monies, except as provided in Subsections (2)(b) through (e).
- (b) (i) Notwithstanding Section 53A-17a-106, foreign exchange students may not be included in average daily membership for the purpose of determining the number of weighted pupil units in the grades 1-12 basic program.
- (ii) Subject to the limitation in Subsection (2)(c), the number of weighted pupil units in the grades 1-12 basic program attributed to foreign exchange students shall be equal to the number of foreign exchange students who were:
- (A) enrolled in a school district or charter school on October 1 of the previous fiscal year; and
- (B) sponsored by an agency approved by the district's local school board or charter school's governing board.
- (c) (i) The total number of foreign exchange students in the state that may be counted for the purpose of apportioning state monies under Subsection (2)(b) shall be the lesser of:
- (A) the number of foreign exchange students enrolled in public schools in the state on October 1 of the previous fiscal year; or
 - (B) 328 foreign exchange students.
- (ii) The State Board of Education shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer the cap on the number of foreign exchange students that may be counted for the purpose of apportioning state monies under Subsection (2)(b).

(d) Notwithstanding [Sections Section 53A-17a-133 [and 53A-17a-134] or
53A-17a-164, weighted pupil units in the grades 1-12 basic program for foreign exchange
students, as determined by Subsections (2)(b) and (c), may not be included for the purposes of
determining a school district's state guarantee money under the voted or [board leeway
programs] board local discretionary levies.

- (e) Notwithstanding Section 53A-17a-125, foreign exchange students may not be included in enrollment when calculating student growth for the purpose of adjusting the annual appropriation for retirement and Social Security.
 - (3) A school district or charter school may:
 - (a) enroll foreign exchange students that do not qualify for state monies; and
- (b) pay for the costs of those students with other funds available to the school district or charter school.
- (4) Due to the benefits to all students of having the opportunity to become familiar with individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures, school districts are encouraged to enroll foreign exchange students, as provided in Subsection (3), particularly in schools with declining or stable enrollments where the incremental cost of enrolling the foreign exchange student may be minimal.
- (5) The board shall make an annual report to the Legislature on the number of exchange students and the number of interstate compact students sent to or received from public schools outside the state.
- (6) (a) A local school board or charter school governing board shall require each approved exchange student agency to provide it with a sworn affidavit of compliance prior to the beginning of each school year.
 - (b) The affidavit shall include the following assurances:
 - (i) that the agency has complied with all applicable policies of the board;
- (ii) that a household study, including a background check of all adult residents, has been made of each household where an exchange student is to reside, and that the study was of sufficient scope to provide reasonable assurance that the exchange student will receive proper care and supervision in a safe environment;
- (iii) that host parents have received training appropriate to their positions, including information about enhanced criminal penalties under Subsection 76-5-406(10) for persons who

are in a position of special trust;

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- (iv) that a representative of the exchange student agency shall visit each student's place of residence at least once each month during the student's stay in Utah;
- (v) that the agency will cooperate with school and other public authorities to ensure that no exchange student becomes an unreasonable burden upon the public schools or other public agencies;
- (vi) that each exchange student will be given in the exchange student's native language names and telephone numbers of agency representatives and others who could be called at any time if a serious problem occurs; and
- (vii) that alternate placements are readily available so that no student is required to remain in a household if conditions appear to exist which unreasonably endanger the student's welfare.
- (7) (a) A local school board or charter school governing board shall provide each approved exchange student agency with a list of names and telephone numbers of individuals not associated with the agency who could be called by an exchange student in the event of a serious problem.
- (b) The agency shall make a copy of the list available to each of its exchange students in the exchange student's native language.
 - Section 11. Section **53A-2-214** is amended to read:
 - 53A-2-214. Online students' participation in extracurricular activities.
- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Online education" means the use of information and communication technologies to deliver educational opportunities to a student in a location other than a school.
 - (b) "Online student" means a student who:
 - (i) participates in an online education program sponsored or supported by the State Board of Education, a school district, or charter school; and
- (ii) generates funding for the school district or school pursuant to Subsection 53A-17a-103[(5)](4) and rules of the State Board of Education.
 - (2) An online student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at:
- 615 (a) the school within whose attendance boundaries the student's custodial parent or 616 legal guardian resides; or

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(b) the public school from which the student withdrew for the purpose of participating in an online education program.

- (3) A school other than a school described in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) may allow an online student to participate in extracurricular activities other than:
- (a) interschool competitions of athletic teams sponsored and supported by a public school; or
- (b) interschool contests or competitions for music, drama, or forensic groups or teams sponsored and supported by a public school.
- (4) An online student is eligible for extracurricular activities at a public school consistent with eligibility standards as applied to full-time students of the public school.
- (5) A school district or public school may not impose additional requirements on an online school student to participate in extracurricular activities that are not imposed on full-time students of the public school.
- (6) (a) The State Board of Education shall make rules establishing fees for an online school student's participation in extracurricular activities at school district schools.
 - (b) The rules shall provide that:

- (i) online school students pay the same fees as other students to participate in extracurricular activities;
 - (ii) online school students are eligible for fee waivers pursuant to Section 53A-12-103;
- (iii) for each online school student who participates in an extracurricular activity at a school district school, the online school shall pay a share of the school district's costs for the extracurricular activity; and
- (iv) an online school's share of the costs of an extracurricular activity shall reflect state and local tax revenues expended, except capital facilities expenditures, for an extracurricular activity in a school district or school divided by total student enrollment of the school district or school.
- (c) In determining an online school's share of the costs of an extracurricular activity under Subsections (6)(b)(iii) and (iv), the State Board of Education may establish uniform fees statewide based on average costs statewide or average costs within a sample of school districts.
- (7) When selection to participate in an extracurricular activity at a public school is made on a competitive basis, an online student is eligible to try out for and participate in the

648	activity as provided in this section.
649	Section 12. Section 53A-3-415 is amended to read:
650	53A-3-415. School board policy on detaining students after school.
651	(1) Each local school board shall establish a policy on detaining students after regular
652	school hours as a part of the districtwide discipline plan required under Section [53A-17a-135]
653	<u>53A-11-901</u> .
654	(2) The policy shall apply to elementary school students, grades kindergarten through
655	six. The board shall receive input from teachers, school administrators, and parents and
656	guardians of the affected students before adopting the policy.
657	(3) The policy shall provide for notice to the parent or guardian of a student prior to
658	holding the student after school on a particular day. The policy shall also provide for
659	exceptions to the notice provision if detention is necessary for the student's health or safety.
660	Section 13. Section 53A-16-107 is amended to read:
661	53A-16-107. Capital outlay levy Maintenance of school facilities Authority to
662	use proceeds of .0002 tax rate Restrictions and procedure.
663	(1) [Subject to] Except as provided in Subsection (3), a local school board may
664	annually impose a capital outlay levy not to exceed .0024 per dollar of taxable value to be used
665	for:
666	(a) capital outlay;
667	(b) debt service; and
668	(c) subject to Subsection (2), school facility maintenance.
669	(2) (a) A local school board may utilize the proceeds of a maximum of .0002 per dollar
670	of taxable value of the local school board's annual capital outlay levy for the maintenance of
671	school facilities in the school district.
672	(b) A local school board that uses the option provided under Subsection (2)(a) shall:
673	(i) maintain the same level of expenditure for maintenance in the current year as it did
674	in the preceding year, plus the annual average percentage increase applied to the maintenance
675	and operation budget for the current year; and
676	(ii) identify the expenditure of capital outlay funds for maintenance by a district project
677	number to ensure that the funds are expended in the manner intended.

(c) The State Board of Education shall establish by rule the expenditure classification

for maintenance under this program using a standard classification system.

- [(3) Beginning January 1, 2009, in order to qualify for receipt of the state contribution toward the minimum school program described in Section 53A-17a-104, a local school board in a county of the first class shall impose a capital outlay levy of at least .0006 per dollar of taxable value.]
- [(4) (a) The county treasurer of a county of the first class shall distribute revenues generated by the .0006 portion of the capital outlay levy required in Subsection (3) to school districts within the county in accordance with Section 53A-16-107.1.]
- [(b) If a school district in a county of the first class imposes a capital outlay levy pursuant to this section which exceeds .0006 per dollar of taxable value, the county treasurer of a county of the first class shall distribute revenues generated by the portion of the capital outlay levy which exceeds .0006 to the school district imposing the levy.]
- (3) Beginning January 1, 2011, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance with this section.
 - Section 14. Section **53A-16-110** is amended to read:
- 53A-16-110. Special tax to buy school building sites, build and furnish schoolhouses, or improve school property.
- (1) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (6), a local school board may, by following the process for special elections established in Sections 20A-1-203 and 20A-1-204, call a special election to determine whether a special property tax should be levied for one or more years to buy building sites, build and furnish schoolhouses, or improve the school property under its control.
- (b) The tax may not exceed .2% of the taxable value of all taxable property in the district in any one year.
- (2) The board shall give reasonable notice of the election and follow the same procedure used in elections for the issuance of bonds.
- (3) If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of the tax, it is levied in addition to a levy authorized under Section 53A-17a-145 and computed on the valuation of the county assessment roll for that year.
- (4) (a) Within 20 days after the election, the board shall certify the amount of the approved tax to the governing body of the county in which the school district is located.

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710	(b) The governing body shall acknowledge receipt of the certification and levy and
711	collect the special tax.
712	(c) It shall then distribute the collected taxes to the business administrator of the school
713	district at the end of each calendar month.
714	(5) The special tax becomes due and delinquent and attaches to and becomes a lien on
715	real and personal property at the same time as state and county taxes.
716	(6) Beginning January 1, 2011, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance
717	with this section.
718	Section 15. Section 53A-16-113 is enacted to read:
719	53A-16-113. Capital discretionary levy First class county required levy.
720	(1) (a) Subject to the other requirements of this section, for taxable years beginning on
721	or after January 1, 2011, a local school board may levy a tax to fund the school district's capital
722	projects.
723	(b) A tax rate imposed by a school district pursuant to this section may not exceed
724	.0030 per dollar of taxable value in any fiscal year.
725	(2) For fiscal year 2011-12, a school district is exempt from the public notice and
726	hearing requirements of Section 59-2-919 for the school district's capital discretionary levy
727	imposed under Subsection (1) if the school district budgets an amount of ad valorem property
728	tax revenue equal to or less than the sum of the following:
729	(a) the amount of revenue generated during the taxable year beginning on January 1,
730	2010, from the sum of the following levies of a school district:
731	(i) a capital outlay levy imposed under Section 53A-16-107; and
732	(ii) the portion of the 10% of basic levy described in Section 53A-17a-145 that is
733	budgeted for debt service or capital outlay; and
734	(b) revenue from new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4)(c).
735	(3) Beginning January 1, 2011, in order to qualify for receipt of the state contribution
736	toward the minimum school program described in Section 53A-17a-104, a local school board
737	in a county of the first class shall impose a capital discretionary levy of at least .0006 per dollar
738	of taxable value.
739	(4) (a) The county treasurer of a county of the first class shall distribute revenues
740	generated by the .0006 portion of the capital discretionary levy required in Subsection (3) to

741	school districts	within the	county in	accordance	with	Section	53A-1	6-11	14

(b) If a school district in a county of the first class imposes a capital discretionary levy pursuant to this section which exceeds .0006 per dollar of taxable value, the county treasurer of a county of the first class shall distribute revenues generated by the portion of the capital discretionary levy which exceeds .0006 to the school district imposing the levy.

Section 16. Section **53A-16-114**, which is renumbered from Section 53A-16-107.1 is renumbered and amended to read:

[53A-16-107.1]. <u>53A-16-114.</u> School capital outlay in counties of the first class -- Allocation.

- (1) The county treasurer of a county of the first class shall distribute revenues generated by the .0006 portion of the capital [outlay] discretionary levy required in [Subsection 53A-16-107(3)] Section 53A-16-113 to school districts located within the county of the first class as follows:
- (a) 25% of the revenues shall be distributed in proportion to a school district's percentage of the total enrollment growth in all of the school districts within the county that have an increase in enrollment, calculated on the basis of the average annual enrollment growth over the prior three years in all of the school districts within the county that have an increase in enrollment over the prior three years, as of the October 1 enrollment counts; and
- (b) 75% of the revenues shall be distributed in proportion to a school district's percentage of the total current year enrollment in all of the school districts within the county, as of the October 1 enrollment counts.
- (2) If a new school district is created or school district boundaries are adjusted, the enrollment and average annual enrollment growth for each affected school district shall be calculated on the basis of enrollment in school district schools located within that school district's newly created or adjusted boundaries, as of October 1 enrollment counts.
- (3) On or before December 31 of each year, the State Board of Education shall provide a county treasurer with audited enrollment information from the fall enrollment audit necessary to distribute revenues as required by this section.
- (4) On or before March 31 of each year, a county treasurer in a county of the first class shall distribute the revenue generated within the county of the first class during the prior calendar year from the capital [outlay] discretionary levy described in Section [53A-16-107]

772	<u>53A-16-113</u> .
773	Section 17. Section 53A-17a-103 is amended to read:
774	53A-17a-103. Definitions.
775	As used in this chapter:
776	(1) "Basic state-supported school program" or "basic program" means public education
777	programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary school students that are operated and
778	maintained for the amount derived by multiplying the number of weighted pupil units for each
779	district by \$2,577, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
780	(2) (a) "Certified revenue levy" means a property tax levy that provides an amount of
781	ad valorem property tax revenue equal to the sum of:
782	(i) the amount of ad valorem property tax revenue to be generated statewide in the
783	previous year from imposing a minimum basic tax rate, as specified in Subsection
784	53A-17a-135(1)[(a)]; and
785	(ii) the product of:
786	(A) new growth, as defined in:
787	(I) Section 59-2-924; and
788	(II) rules of the State Tax Commission; and
789	(B) the minimum basic tax rate certified by the State Tax Commission for the previous
790	year.
791	(b) For purposes of this Subsection (2), "ad valorem property tax revenue" does not
792	include property tax revenue received statewide from personal property that is:
793	(i) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Title 59, Chapter 2, Part 3, County
794	Assessment; and
795	(ii) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.
796	(c) For purposes of calculating the certified revenue levy described in this Subsection
797	(2), the State Tax Commission shall use:
798	(i) the taxable value of real property assessed by a county assessor contained on the
799	assessment roll;
800	(ii) the taxable value of real and personal property assessed by the State Tax
801	Commission: and

(iii) the taxable year end value of personal property assessed by a county assessor

803	contained on the prior year's assessment roll.
804	[(3) "Leeway program" or "leeway" means a state-supported voted leeway program or
805	board leeway program authorized under Section 53A-17a-133 or 53A-17a-134.]
806	[(4)] (3) "Pupil in average daily membership (ADM)" means a full-day equivalent
807	pupil.
808	[(5)] (4) (a) "State-supported minimum school program" or "minimum school
809	program" means public school programs for kindergarten, elementary, and secondary schools
810	as described in this Subsection $[\frac{(5)}{4}]$.
811	(b) The minimum school program established in the districts shall include the
812	equivalent of a school term of nine months as determined by the State Board of Education.
813	(c) (i) The board shall establish the number of days or equivalent instructional hours
814	that school is held for an academic school year.
815	(ii) Education, enhanced by utilization of technologically enriched delivery systems,
816	when approved by local school boards, shall receive full support by the State Board of
817	Education as it pertains to fulfilling the attendance requirements, excluding time spent viewing
818	commercial advertising.
819	(d) The program includes the total of the following annual costs:
820	(i) the cost of a basic state-supported school program; and
821	(ii) other amounts appropriated in this chapter in addition to the basic program.
822	[(6)] (5) "Weighted pupil unit or units or WPU or WPUs" means the unit of measure of
823	factors that is computed in accordance with this chapter for the purpose of determining the
824	costs of a program on a uniform basis for each district.
825	Section 18. Section 53A-17a-104 is amended to read:
826	53A-17a-104. Amount of state's contribution toward minimum school program.
827	(1) The total contribution of the state toward the cost of the minimum school program
828	may not exceed the sum of \$2,137,352,586 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, except as
829	otherwise provided by the Legislature through supplemental appropriations.
830	(2) There is appropriated from state and local funds for fiscal year 2009-10 for
831	distribution to school districts and charter schools, in accordance with this chapter, monies for
832	the following purposes and in the following amounts:

(a) basic program - kindergarten, \$68,424,504 (26,552 WPUs);

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834	(b) basic program - grades 1-12, \$1,291,316,661 (501,093 WPUs);
835	(c) basic program - professional staff, \$118,627,041 (46,033 WPUs);
836	(d) basic program - administrative costs, \$4,174,740 (1,620 WPUs);
837	(e) basic program - necessarily existent small schools and units for consolidated
838	schools, \$19,711,473 (7,649 WPUs);
839	(f) special education - regular program - add-on WPUs for students with disabilities,
840	\$160,029,123 (62,099 WPUs);
841	(g) preschool special education program, \$22,623,483 (8,779 WPUs);
842	(h) self-contained regular WPUs, \$35,632,179 (13,827 WPUs);
843	(i) extended year program for severely disabled, \$992,145 (385 WPUs);
844	(j) special education programs in state institutions and district impact aid, \$4,398,939
845	(1,707 WPUs);
846	(k) career and technical education district programs, \$68,656,434 (26,642 WPUs),
847	including \$1,174,084 for summer career and technical education agriculture programs;
848	(l) class size reduction, \$90,537,741 (35,133 WPUs);
849	(m) Social Security and retirement programs, \$13,407,831;
850	(n) pupil transportation to and from school, \$65,646,865, of which not less than
851	\$2,584,435 shall be allocated to the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind to pay for
852	transportation costs of the schools' students;
853	(o) guarantee transportation levy, \$500,000;
854	(p) Interventions for Student Success Block Grant Program, \$15,000,000;
855	(q) highly impacted schools, \$4,610,907;
856	(r) at-risk programs, \$28,270,141;
857	(s) adult education, \$9,266,146;
858	(t) accelerated learning programs, \$3,566,081;
859	(u) concurrent enrollment, \$8,705,286;
860	(v) High-ability Student Initiative Program, \$495,000;
861	(w) English Language Learner Family Literacy Centers, \$1,800,000;
862	(x) electronic high school, \$2,000,000;
863	(y) School LAND Trust Program, \$20,000,000;
864	(z) state supplement to local property taxes for charter schools, pursuant to Section

amounts listed in Section 53A-17a-104.

865	53A-1a-513, \$45,288,446;
866	(aa) charter school administrative costs, \$3,677,000;
867	(bb) K-3 Reading Improvement Program, \$15,000,000;
868	(cc) Public Education Job Enhancement Program, \$2,187,000;
869	(dd) educator salary adjustments, \$148,260,200;
870	(ee) Teacher Salary Supplement Restricted Account, \$3,700,000;
871	(ff) library books and electronic resources, \$500,000;
872	(gg) school nurses, \$900,000;
873	(hh) critical languages, \$230,000;
874	(ii) extended year for special educators, \$2,610,000;
875	(jj) USTAR Centers, \$6,210,000;
876	(kk) state-supported [voted leeway] voted local discretionary levy guarantee,
877	\$278,396,150;
878	(II) state-supported board [leeway] local discretionary levy guarantee, \$73,324,640; and
879	(mm) state-supported board leeway for K-3 Reading Improvement Program,
880	\$15,000,000.
881	Section 19. Section 53A-17a-105 is amended to read:
882	53A-17a-105. Action required for underestimated or overestimated weighted
883	pupil units Action required for underestimating or overestimating local contributions.
884	(1) If the number of weighted pupil units in a program is underestimated in Section
885	53A-17a-104, the amount per pupil in that program paid under this chapter must be reduced so
886	that the amount paid does not exceed the estimated amount by program.
887	(2) If the number of weighted pupil units in a program is overestimated in Section
888	53A-17a-104, the state superintendent of public instruction shall either increase the amount
889	paid in that program per weighted pupil unit or transfer the unused amount in that program to
890	another program included in the minimum school program.
891	(3) (a) If surplus funds are transferred to another program, the state superintendent, if
892	the state superintendent determines certain districts have greater need for additional funds, may
893	designate the districts as well as the programs to which the transferred funds will be allocated.
894	(b) Any amounts transferred under Subsection (3)(a) may be spent in addition to the

(4) The limitation on the proceeds from local tax rates for [operation and maintenance] programs under this chapter is subject to modification by local school boards under Sections 53A-17a-133 and [53A-17a-134] 53A-17a-164 and to special tax rates authorized by this chapter, and shall be adjusted accordingly.

- (5) If local contributions are overestimated, the guarantee per weighted pupil unit is reduced for all programs so the total state contribution [for operation and maintenance programs] does not exceed the amount authorized in Subsection 53A-17a-104(1).
- (6) (a) If local contributions from the basic tax rate [for operation and maintenance programs] are underestimated, the excess is applied first to support the value of the weighted pupil unit as set by the Legislature for total weighted pupil units generated by the districts and those costs of Social Security and retirement, transportation, and the state guarantees for the board and voted [leeway] local discretionary levies that occur as a result of the additional generated weighted pupil units, following internal adjustments by the state superintendent as provided in this section.
- (b) The state contribution is decreased so the total school program cost [for operation and maintenance programs] does not exceed the total estimated contributions to school districts for all programs under Subsection 53A-17a-104(2) plus the amount of local revenue necessary to support the value of the weighted pupil unit for weighted pupil units generated and those costs of Social Security and retirement, transportation, and [board and voted leeway] state guarantees for the board and voted local discretionary levies that occur as a result of the additional generated weighted pupil units.
- (7) As an exception to Section 63J-1-601, the state fiscal officer may not close out appropriations from the Uniform School Fund at the end of a fiscal year.
 - Section 20. Section **53A-17a-127** is amended to read:
- 53A-17a-127. Eligibility for state-supported transportation -- Approved bus routes.
 - (1) A student eligible for state-supported transportation means:
- (a) a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade six who lives at least 1-1/2 miles from school;
- 925 (b) a student enrolled in grades seven through 12 who lives at least two miles from 926 school; and

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(c) a student enrolled in a special program offered by a school district and approved by the State Board of Education for trainable, motor, multiple-disabled, or other students with severe disabilities who are incapable of walking to school or where it is unsafe for students to walk because of their disabling condition, without reference to distance from school.

- (2) If a school district implements double sessions as an alternative to new building construction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, those affected elementary school students residing less than 1-1/2 miles from school may be transported one way to or from school because of safety factors relating to darkness or other hazardous conditions as determined by the local school board.
- (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute transportation monies to school districts based on:
 - (i) an allowance per mile for approved bus routes;

- (ii) an allowance per hour for approved bus routes; and
- (iii) a minimum allocation for each school district eligible for transportation funding.
- (b) The State Board of Education shall distribute appropriated transportation funds based on the prior year's eligible transportation costs as legally reported under Subsection 53A-17a-126(3).
- (c) The State Board of Education shall annually review the allowance per mile and the allowance per hour and adjust the allowances to reflect current economic conditions.
- (4) (a) Approved bus routes for funding purposes shall be determined on fall data collected by October 1.
- (b) Approved route funding shall be determined on the basis of the most efficient and economic routes.
- (5) A Transportation Advisory Committee with representation from local school superintendents, business officials, school district transportation supervisors, and the state superintendent's staff shall serve as a review committee for addressing school transportation needs, including recommended approved bus routes.
- (6) (a) A local school board may provide for the transportation of students who are not eligible under Subsection (1), regardless of the distance from school, from[: (i)] general funds of the district[; and].
 - [(ii) a tax rate not to exceed .0003 per dollar of taxable value imposed on the district.]

958	(b) A local school board may use revenue from the tax to pay for transporting
959	participating students to interscholastic activities, night activities, and educational field trips
960	approved by the board and for the replacement of school buses.]
961	[(c) (i) If a local school board levies a tax under Subsection (6)(a)(ii) of at least .0002,
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963	(b) (i) If a local school board expends an amount of revenue equal to at least .0002 per
964	dollar of taxable value of the school district's board local discretionary levy for the uses
965	described in Subsection (6)(c), the state may contribute an amount not to exceed 85% of the
966	state average cost per mile, contingent upon the Legislature appropriating funds for a state
967	contribution.
968	(ii) The state superintendent's staff shall distribute the state contribution according to
969	rules enacted by the State Board of Education.
970	(c) In order to receive the guarantee described in Subsection (6)(b), a local school
971	board shall expend the revenue described in Subsection (6)(b)(i) to pay for transporting
972	participating students to interscholastic activities, night activities, and educational field trips
973	approved by the local school board and for the replacement of school buses.
974	(d) (i) The amount of state guarantee money which a school district would otherwise be
975	entitled to receive under Subsection $(6)[(e)](b)(i)$ may not be reduced for the sole reason that
976	the district's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section
977	59-2-924 due to changes in property valuation.
978	(ii) Subsection (6)(d)(i) applies for a period of two years following the change in the
979	certified tax rate.
980	Section 21. Section 53A-17a-133 is amended to read:
981	53A-17a-133. Voted local discretionary levy Election requirements State
982	guarantee Reconsideration of levy authorization.
983	(1) An election to consider adoption or modification of a voted [leeway program] local
984	discretionary levy is required if initiative petitions signed by 10% of the number of electors
985	who voted at the last preceding general election are presented to the local school board or by
986	action of the board.
987	(2) (a) (i) To [establish a voted leeway program] impose a voted local discretionary
988	<u>levy</u> , a majority of the electors of a district voting at an election in the manner set forth in

989 [Section 53A-16-110] Subsections (8) and (9) must vote in favor of a special tax.

- (ii) The tax rate may not exceed .002 per dollar of taxable value.
- [(b) The district may maintain a school program which exceeds the cost of the program referred to in Section 53A-17a-145 with this voted leeway.]
 - [(c) In] (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), in order to receive state support the first year, a district must receive voter approval no later than December 1 of the year prior to implementation.
 - (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (2)(b), beginning on or after January 1, 2011, a school district may receive state support in accordance with Subsection (3) without complying with the requirements of Subsection (2)(b) if the local school board imposed a tax in accordance with this section during the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2010.
 - (3) (a) [Under the voted leeway program] In addition to the revenue a school district collects from the imposition of a levy pursuant to this section, the state shall contribute an amount sufficient to guarantee \$25.25 per weighted pupil unit for each .0001 of the first .0016 per dollar of taxable value.
 - (b) The same dollar amount guarantee per weighted pupil unit for the .0016 per dollar of taxable value under Subsection (3)(a) shall apply to [the board-approved leeway] a portion of the board local discretionary levy authorized in Section [53A-17a-134] 53A-17a-164, so that the guarantee shall apply up to a total of .002 per dollar of taxable value if a school district levies a tax rate under both programs.
 - (c) (i) Beginning July 1, 2009, the \$25.25 guarantee under Subsections (3)(a) and (b) shall be indexed each year to the value of the weighted pupil unit by making the value of the guarantee equal to .009798 times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit.
 - (ii) [The] Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c)(iii), the guarantee shall increase by .0005 times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit for each succeeding year [until the guarantee is equal to].
- (iii) The guarantee described in Subsection (3)(c)(i) may not exceed .010544 times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit.
- 1018 (d) (i) The amount of state guarantee money to which a school district would otherwise 1019 be entitled to under this Subsection (3) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the district's

levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924 pursuant to changes in property valuation.

- (ii) Subsection (3)(d)(i) applies for a period of five years following any such change in the certified tax rate.
- (4) (a) An election to modify [an] existing [voted leeway program] authority to impose a voted local discretionary levy is not a reconsideration of the existing [program] authority unless the proposition submitted to the electors expressly so states.
- (b) A majority vote opposing a modification does not deprive the district of authority to continue [an] the existing [program] levy.
- (c) If adoption of a [leeway program] voted local discretionary levy is contingent upon an offset reducing other local school board levies, the board must allow the electors, in an election, to consider modifying or discontinuing the [program] imposition of the levy prior to a subsequent increase in other levies that would increase the total local school board levy.
- (d) Nothing contained in this section terminates, without an election, the authority of a school district to continue [an existing voted leeway program] imposing an existing voted local discretionary levy previously authorized by the voters as a voted leeway program.
- (5) Notwithstanding Section 59-2-919, a school district may budget an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from a voted [leeway] local discretionary levy imposed under this section in addition to revenue from new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4), without having to comply with the notice requirements of Section 59-2-919, if:
 - (a) the voted [leeway] local discretionary levy is approved:
- 1042 (i) in accordance with [Section 53A-16-110] Subsections (8) and (9) on or after 1043 January 1, 2003; and
 - (ii) within the four-year period immediately preceding the year in which the school district seeks to budget an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from the voted [leeway] local discretionary levy; and
 - (b) for a voted [leeway] local discretionary levy approved or modified in accordance with this section on or after January 1, 2009, the school district complies with the requirements of Subsection (7).
- 1050 (6) Notwithstanding Section 59-2-919, a school district may levy a tax rate under this

1051	section that exceeds the certified tax rate without having to comply with the notice
1052	requirements of Section 59-2-919 if:
1053	(a) the levy exceeds the certified tax rate as the result of a school district budgeting an
1054	increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from a voted [leeway] local
1055	discretionary levy imposed under this section;
1056	(b) if the voted [leeway] local discretionary levy was approved:
1057	(i) in accordance with [Section 53A-16-110] Subsections (8) and (9) on or after
1058	January 1, 2003; and
1059	(ii) within the four-year period immediately preceding the year in which the school
1060	district seeks to budget an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue derived from
1061	the voted [leeway] local discretionary levy; and
1062	(c) for a voted [leeway] local discretionary levy approved or modified in accordance
1063	with this section on or after January 1, 2009, the school district complies with requirements of
1064	Subsection (7).
1065	(7) For purposes of Subsection (5)(b) or (6)(c), the proposition submitted to the
1066	electors regarding the adoption or modification of a voted leeway program shall contain the
1067	following statement:
1068	"A vote in favor of this tax means that (name of the school district) may increase
1069	revenue from this property tax without advertising the increase for the next five years."
1070	(8) (a) Before imposing a property tax levy pursuant to this section, a local school
1071	board shall submit an opinion question to the school district's registered voters voting on the
1072	imposition of the tax rate so that each registered voter has the opportunity to express the
1073	registered voter's opinion on whether the tax rate should be imposed.
1074	(b) The election required by this Subsection (8) shall be held:
1075	(i) at a regular general election conducted in accordance with the procedures and
1076	requirements of Title 20A, Election Code, governing regular elections;
1077	(ii) at a municipal general election conducted in accordance with the procedures and
1078	requirements of Section 20A-1-202; or
1079	(iii) at a local special election conducted in accordance with the procedures and
1080	requirements of Section 20A-1-203.

(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsections (8)(a) and (b), beginning on or

1082	after January 1, 2011, a local school board may levy a tax rate in accordance with this section
1083	without complying with the requirements of Subsections (8)(a) and (b) if the local school board
1084	imposed a tax in accordance with this section at any time during the taxable year beginning on
1085	January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2010.
1086	(9) If a school district determines that a majority of the school district's registered
1087	voters voting on the imposition of the tax rate have voted in favor of the imposition of the tax
1088	rate in accordance with Subsection (8), the local school board may impose the tax rate.
1089	Section 22. Section 53A-17a-134 is amended to read:
1090	53A-17a-134. Board-approved leeway Purpose State support Disapproval.
1091	(1) [Each] Except as provided in Subsection (9), a local school board may levy a tax
1092	rate of up to .0004 per dollar of taxable value to maintain a school program above the cost of
1093	the basic school program as follows:
1094	(a) a local school board shall use the monies generated by the tax for class size
1095	reduction within the school district;
1096	(b) if a local school board determines that the average class size in the school district is
1097	not excessive, it may use the monies for other school purposes but only if the board has
1098	declared the use for other school purposes in a public meeting prior to levying the tax rate; and
1099	(c) a district may not use the monies for other school purposes under Subsection (1)(b)
1100	until it has certified in writing that its class size needs are already being met and has identified
1101	the other school purposes for which the monies will be used to the State Board of Education
1102	and the state board has approved their use for other school purposes.
1103	(2) (a) The state shall contribute an amount sufficient to guarantee \$25.25 per weighted
1104	pupil unit for each .0001 per dollar of taxable value.
1105	(b) The guarantee shall increase in the same manner as provided for the voted leeway
1106	guarantee in Subsections 53A-17a-133(3)(c)(i) and (ii).
1107	(c) (i) The amount of state guarantee money to which a school district would otherwise
1108	be entitled to under this Subsection (2) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the district's
1109	levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924
1110	pursuant to changes in property valuation.
1111	(ii) Subsection (2)(c)(i) applies for a period of five years following any such change in

1112 the certified tax rate.

(3) The levy authorized under this section is not in addition to the maximum rate of .002 authorized in Section 53A-17a-133, but is a board-authorized component of the total tax rate under that section.

- (4) As an exception to Section 53A-17a-133, the board-authorized levy does not require voter approval, but the board may require voter approval if requested by a majority of the board.
- (5) An election to consider disapproval of the board-authorized levy is required, if within 60 days after the levy is established by the board, referendum petitions signed by the number of legal voters required in Section 20A-7-301, who reside within the school district, are filed with the school district.
- (6) (a) A local school board shall establish its board-approved levy by April 1 to have the levy apply to the fiscal year beginning July 1 in that same calendar year except that if an election is required under this section, the levy applies to the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the next calendar year.
- (b) The approval and disapproval votes authorized in Subsections (4) and (5) shall occur at a general election in even-numbered years, except that a vote required under this section in odd-numbered years shall occur at a special election held on a day in odd-numbered years that corresponds to the general election date. The school district shall pay for the cost of a special election.
- (7) (a) Modification or termination of a voter-approved leeway rate authorized under this section is governed by Section 53A-17a-133.
- (b) A board-authorized leeway rate may be modified or terminated by a majority vote of the board subject to disapproval procedures specified in this section.
 - (8) A board levy election does not require publication of a voter information pamphlet.
- 1137 (9) Beginning January 1, 2011, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance with this section.
- Section 23. Section **53A-17a-135** is amended to read:
- 1140 53A-17a-135. Minimum basic tax rate.

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1141 (1) (a) [In order] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), to qualify for receipt of the 1142 state contribution toward the basic program and as its contribution toward its costs of the basic 1143 program, each school district shall impose a minimum basic tax rate per dollar of taxable value

1144	that generates [\$273,950,764 in revenues] statewide an amount of revenue equal to the revenue
1145	generated by the certified revenue levy for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2010.
1146	[(b) The preliminary estimate for the 2009-10 minimum basic tax rate is .001303.]
1147	[(c) The State Tax Commission shall certify on or before June 22 the rate that
1148	generates \$273,950,764 in revenues statewide.]
1149	[(d) If the minimum basic tax rate exceeds the certified revenue levy as defined in
1150	Section 53A-17a-103, the state is subject to the notice requirements of Section 59-2-926.]
1151	(b) For a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2011, the minimum basic tax
1152	rate per dollar of taxable value shall be the greater of:
1153	(i) the tax rate described in Subsection (1)(a); or
1154	(ii) the certified revenue levy for that calendar year as defined in Section 53A-17a-103.
1155	(2) (a) The state shall contribute to each district toward the cost of the basic program in
1156	the district that portion which exceeds the proceeds of the levy authorized under Subsection
1157	(1).
1158	(b) In accord with the state strategic plan for public education and to fulfill its
1159	responsibility for the development and implementation of that plan, the Legislature instructs
1160	the State Board of Education, the governor, and the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst in each
1161	of the coming five years to develop budgets that will fully fund student enrollment growth.
1162	(3) (a) If the proceeds of the levy authorized under Subsection (1) equal or exceed the
1163	cost of the basic program in a school district, no state contribution shall be made to the basic
1164	program.
1165	(b) The proceeds of the levy authorized under Subsection (1) which exceed the cost of
1166	the basic program shall be paid into the Uniform School Fund as provided by law.
1167	(4) For a fiscal year beginning on or after fiscal year 2011-12, the Legislature shall use
1168	the full increase in the minimum basic tax rate to increase the value of the weighted pupil unit.
1169	Section 24. Section 53A-17a-136 is amended to read:
1170	53A-17a-136. Cost of operation and maintenance of minimum school program
1171	Division between state and school districts.
1172	(1) The total cost of operation and maintenance of the minimum school program in the
1173	state is divided between the state and school districts as follows:
1174	(a) Each school district shall impose a minimum basic tax rate on all taxable, tangible

property in the school district and shall contribute the tax proceeds toward the cost of the basic program as provided in this chapter.

- (b) Each school district may also impose a levy for the purpose of participating in the [leeway] levy programs provided in [this chapter] Section 53A-17a-133 or 53A-17a-164.
 - (c) The state shall contribute the balance of the total costs.
- 1180 (2) The contributions by the school districts and by the state are computed separately
 1181 for the purpose of determining their respective contributions to the basic program and to the
 1182 [leeway] levy programs provided in [this chapter] Section 53A-17a-133 or 53A-17a-164.
- Section 25. Section **53A-17a-143** is amended to read:

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53A-17a-143. Federal Impact Aid Program -- Offset for underestimated allocations from the Federal Impact Aid Program.

- (1) In addition to the revenues received from the levy imposed by each school district and authorized by the Legislature under Section 53A-17a-135, [a local school board may increase its tax rate to] the Legislature shall provide an amount equal to the difference between the district's anticipated receipts under the entitlement for the fiscal year from [Public Law 81-874] the Federal Impact Aid Program and the amount the district actually received from this source for the next preceding fiscal year.
- [(2) The tax rate for this purpose may not exceed .0008 per dollar of taxable value in any fiscal year.]
- [(3) This authorization terminates for each district at the end of the third year it is used.]
- 1196 [(4)] (2) If at the end of a fiscal year the sum of the receipts of a school district from [this special tax rate plus allocation from Public Law 81-874] a distribution from the 1197 1198 Legislature pursuant to Subsection (1) plus the school district's allocations from the Federal 1199 Impact Aid Program for that fiscal year exceeds the amount allocated to the district from 1200 [Public Law 81-874] the Federal Impact Aid Program for the next preceding fiscal year, the excess funds are carried into the next succeeding fiscal year and become in that year a part of 1201 1202 the district's contribution to its basic program for operation and maintenance under the state 1203 minimum school finance law.
 - [(5)] (3) During that year the district's required tax rate for the basic program shall be reduced so that the yield from the reduced tax rate plus the carryover funds equal the district's

1206	required contribution to its basic program.
1207	[(6)] (4) A district that reduces its basic tax rate under this section shall receive state
1208	minimum school program funds as though the reduction in the tax rate had not been made.
1209	Section 26. Section 53A-17a-145 is amended to read:
1210	53A-17a-145. Additional levy by district for debt service, school sites, buildings,
1211	buses, textbooks, and supplies.
1212	(1) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (5), a school district may elect to increase its
1213	tax rate by up to 10% of the cost of the basic program.
1214	(2) The proceeds from the increase may only be used for debt service, the construction
1215	or remodeling of school buildings, or the purchase of school sites, buses, equipment, textbooks,
1216	and supplies.
1217	(3) This section does not prohibit a district from exercising the authority granted by
1218	other laws relating to tax rates.
1219	(4) This increase in the tax rate is not included in determining the apportionment of the
1220	State School Fund, and is in addition to other tax rates authorized by law.
1221	(5) Beginning January 1, 2011, a school district may not:
1222	(a) levy a tax rate in accordance with this section; or
1223	(b) increase its tax rate as described in Subsection (1).
1224	Section 27. Section 53A-17a-146 is amended to read:
1225	53A-17a-146. Reduction of district allocation based on insufficient revenues.
1226	(1) (a) As used in this section, "Minimum School Program funds" means the total of
1227	state and local funds appropriated under Section 53A-17a-104, excluding:
1228	(i) the state-supported [voter leeway] voted local discretionary levy guarantee;
1229	(ii) the state-supported board [leeway] local discretionary levy guarantee; and
1230	(iii) the appropriation to charter schools to replace local property tax revenues.
1231	(b) The State Board of Education, after consultation with each school district and
1232	charter school, shall allocate the ongoing locally determined reduction provided in Section
1233	53A-17a-104 for fiscal year 2008-09 among school districts and charter schools in proportion
1234	to each school district's or charter school's percentage share of Minimum School Program
1235	funds.
1236	(2) Each district and charter school shall determine which programs are affected by,

- 1237 and the amount of, the reductions, except as provided in Subsection (4). 1238 (3) The requirement to spend a specified amount in any particular program is waived if 1239 reductions are required under this section, except as provided in Subsection (4). 1240 (4) A school district or charter school may not reduce or reallocate spending of funds 1241 distributed to the school district or charter school for the following programs: 1242 (a) educator salary adjustments provided in Section 53A-17a-153; 1243 (b) the Teacher Salary Supplement Program provided in Section 53A-17a-156; 1244 (c) the extended year for special educators provided in Section 53A-17a-158; and 1245 (d) USTAR centers provided in Section 53A-17a-159. 1246 Section 28. Section **53A-17a-150** is amended to read: 1247 53A-17a-150. K-3 Reading Improvement Program. 1248 (1) As used in this section: 1249 (a) "Program" means the K-3 Reading Improvement Program[; and]. 1250 (b) "Program monies" means: 1251 (i) school district revenue from the levy authorized under Section 53A-17a-151; 1252 [(ii)] (i) school district revenue allocated to the program from [other] monies available 1253 to the school district, except monies provided by the state, for the purpose of receiving state 1254 funds under this section; and 1255 [(iii)] (ii) monies appropriated by the Legislature to the program. 1256 (2) The K-3 Reading Improvement Program consists of program monies and is created 1257 to achieve the state's goal of having third graders reading at or above grade level. 1258 (3) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature may annually appropriate 1259 money to the K-3 Reading Improvement Program. 1260 (4) (a) Prior to using program monies, a school district or charter school shall submit a 1261 plan to the State Board of Education for reading proficiency improvement that incorporates the 1262 following components: 1263 (i) assessment;
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(v) specific measurable goals that are based upon gain scores.

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1268 (b) The State Board of Education shall provide model plans which a school district or 1269 charter school may use, or the district or school may develop its own plan. 1270 (c) Plans developed by a school district or charter school shall be approved by the State 1271 Board of Education. 1272 (5) There is created within the K-3 Reading Achievement Program three funding 1273 programs: 1274 (a) the Base Level Program; 1275 (b) the Guarantee Program; and 1276 (c) the Low Income Students Program. 1277 (6) Monies appropriated to the State Board of Education for the K-3 Reading 1278 Improvement Program shall be allocated to the three funding programs as follows: 1279 (a) 8% to the Base Level Program; 1280 (b) 46% to the Guarantee Program; and 1281 (c) 46% to the Low Income Students Program. 1282 (7) (a) To participate in the Base Level Program, a school district or charter school 1283 shall submit a reading proficiency improvement plan to the State Board of Education as 1284 provided in Subsection (4) and must receive approval of the plan from the board. 1285 (b) (i) Each school district qualifying for Base Level Program funds and the qualifying 1286 elementary charter schools combined shall receive a base amount. 1287 (ii) The base amount for the qualifying elementary charter schools combined shall be 1288 allocated among each school in an amount proportionate to: 1289 (A) each existing charter school's prior year fall enrollment in grades kindergarten 1290 through grade 3; and 1291 (B) each new charter school's estimated fall enrollment in grades kindergarten through 1292 grade 3. 1293 (8) (a) A school district that applies for program monies in excess of the Base Level 1294 Program funds shall choose to first participate in either the Guarantee Program or the Low 1295 Income Students Program. 1296 (b) A school district must fully participate in either the Guarantee Program or the Low

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Income Students Program before it may elect to either fully or partially participate in the other

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1299	(c) To fully participate in the Guarantee Program, a school district shall[: (i) levy a tax
1300	rate of .000056 under Section 53A-17a-151;(ii)] allocate to the program [other] monies
1301	available to the school district, except monies provided by the state, equal to the amount of
1302	revenue that would be generated by a tax rate of .000056[; or].
1303	[(iii) levy a tax under Section 53A-17a-151 and allocate to the program other monies
1304	available to the school district, except monies provided by the state, so that the total revenue
1305	from the combined revenue sources equals the amount of revenue that would be generated by a
1306	tax rate of .000056.]
1307	(d) To fully participate in the Low Income Students Program, a school district shall[:
1308	(i) levy a tax rate of .000065 under Section 53A-17a-151; (ii)] allocate to the program [other]
1309	monies available to the school district, except monies provided by the state, equal to the
1310	amount of revenue that would be generated by a tax rate of .000065[; or].
1311	[(iii) levy a tax under Section 53A-17a-151 and allocate to the program other monies
1312	available to the school district, except monies provided by the state, so that the total revenue
1313	from the combined revenue sources equals the amount of revenue that would be generated by a
1314	tax rate of .000065.]
1315	(e) (i) The State Board of Education shall verify that a school district allocates the
1316	monies required in accordance with Subsections (8)(c) and (d) before it distributes funds in
1317	accordance with this section.
1318	(ii) The State Tax Commission shall provide the State Board of Education the
1319	information the State Board of Education needs to comply with Subsection (8)(e)(i).
1320	(9) (a) A school district that fully participates in the Guarantee Program shall receive
1321	state funds in an amount that is:
1322	(i) equal to the difference between \$21 times the district's total WPUs and the revenue
1323	the school district is required to generate or allocate under Subsection (8)(c) to fully participate
1324	in the Guarantee Program; and
1325	(ii) not less than \$0.
1326	(b) An elementary charter school shall receive under the Guarantee Program an amount
1327	equal to \$21 times the school's total WPUs.
1328	(10) The State Board of Education shall distribute Low Income Students Program

funds in an amount proportionate to the number of students in each school district or charter

school who qualify for free or reduced price school lunch multiplied by two.

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- (11) A school district that partially participates in the Guarantee Program or Low Income Students Program shall receive program funds based on the amount of district revenue generated for or allocated to the program as a percentage of the amount of revenue that could have been generated or allocated if the district had fully participated in the program.
- (12) (a) Each school district and charter school shall use program monies for reading proficiency improvement in grades kindergarten through grade three.
- (b) Program monies may not be used to supplant funds for existing programs, but may be used to augment existing programs.
- (13) (a) Each school district and charter school shall annually submit a report to the State Board of Education accounting for the expenditure of program monies in accordance with its plan for reading proficiency improvement.
- (b) If a school district or charter school uses program monies in a manner that is inconsistent with Subsection (12), the school district or charter school is liable for reimbursing the State Board of Education for the amount of program monies improperly used, up to the amount of program monies received from the State Board of Education.
 - (14) (a) The State Board of Education shall make rules to implement the program.
- (b) (i) The rules under Subsection (14)(a) shall require each school district or charter school to annually report progress in meeting goals stated in the district's or charter school's plan for student reading proficiency as measured by gain scores.
- (ii) If a school district or charter school does not meet or exceed the goals, the school district or charter school shall prepare a new plan which corrects deficiencies. The new plan must be approved by the State Board of Education before the school district or charter school receives an allocation for the next year.
- [(15) If after 36 months of program operation, a school district fails to meet goals stated in the district's plan for student reading proficiency as measured by gain scores, the school district shall terminate any levy imposed under Section 53A-17a-151.]
- Section 29. Section **53A-17a-151** is amended to read:
- 1358 **53A-17a-151.** Board leeway for reading improvement.
- 1359 (1) [Each] Except as provided in Subsection (4), a local school board may levy a tax 1360 rate of up to .000121 per dollar of taxable value for funding the school district's K-3 Reading

1361	Improvement Program created under Section 53A-17a-150.				
1362	(2) The levy authorized under this section:				
1363	(a) is in addition to any other levy or maximum rate;				
1364	(b) does not require voter approval; and				
1365	(c) may be modified or terminated by a majority vote of the board.				
1366	(3) A local school board shall establish its board-approved levy under this section by				
1367	June 1 to have the levy apply to the fiscal year beginning July 1 in that same calendar year.				
1368	(4) Beginning January 1, 2011, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance				
1369	with this section.				
1370	Section 30. Section 53A-17a-164 is enacted to read:				
1371	53A-17a-164. Board local discretionary levy State guarantee.				
1372	(1) As used in this section:				
1373	(a) "Basic levy increment" means an amount equal to the difference of:				
1374	(i) the amount of revenue that would be generated within a school district by the				
1375	imposition of the certified revenue levy described in Section 53A-17a-103 for the current				
1376	calendar year; and				
1377	(ii) the estimated amount of revenue to be generated within the school district by the				
1378	imposition of the minimum basic tax rate levied in accordance with Section 53A-17a-135				
1379	during the current calendar year.				
1380	(b) "Board property tax revenue" means:				
1381	(i) for the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2011, an amount equal to the sum of				
1382	the following:				
1383	(A) the amount of revenue generated during the taxable year beginning on January 1,				
1384	2010, from the sum of the following levies of a school district:				
1385	(I) Section 11-2-7;				
1386	(II) Section 53A-17a-127;				
1387	(III) Section 53A-17a-134;				
1388	(IV) Section 53A-17a-143;				
1389	(V) the portion of the 10% of basic levy described in Section 53A-17a-145 that is				
1390	budgeted for textbooks, supplies, maintenance, and operations;				
1391	(VI) Section 53A-17a-151; and				

1392	(VII) Section 63G-7-704; and			
1393	(B) an amount of revenue equal to the product of:			
1394	(I) new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4)(c); and			
1395	(II) Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A); and			
1396	(ii) for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2012, an amount equal to the			
1397	sum of the following:			
1398	(A) the amount of revenue generated during the prior taxable year by the school			
1399	district's board local discretionary levy; and			
1400	(B) an amount of revenue equal to the product of:			
1401	(I) new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4)(c); and			
1402	(II) Subsection (1)(b)(ii)(A).			
1403	(c) "Certified tax rate" means a school district's certified tax rate calculated in			
1404	accordance with Section 59-2-924.			
1405	(d) "Increased revenue generated statewide from the minimum basic levy" means an			
1406	amount equal to the difference of:			
1407	(i) the estimated amount of revenue generated statewide by the imposition of the			
1408	minimum basic tax rate levied in accordance with Section 53A-17a-135 during the current			
1409	calendar year; and			
1410	(ii) the amount of revenue that would be generated statewide by the imposition of the			
1411	certified revenue levy during the same calendar year.			
1412	(e) "Minimum basic levy rate increase" means the rate equal to the difference of:			
1413	(i) the minimum basic tax rate levied during the current year; and			
1414	(ii) the certified revenue levy tax rate for the current year.			
1415	(f) "WPU distribution from the basic levy increase" means the revenue distributed to a			
1416	school district from the minimum school program under Title 53A, Chapter 17a, Part 1,			
1417	Minimum School Program, as a result of the increased revenue generated statewide from the			
1418	minimum basic levy described in Subsection (1)(d).			
1419	(2) (a) Subject to the other requirements of this section, for a taxable year beginning on			
1420	or after January 1, 2011, a local school board may levy a tax to fund the school district's			
1421	general fund.			
1422	(b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), a tax rate imposed by a school district			

1423	pursuant to this section may not exceed .0018 per dollar of taxable value in any fiscal year.
1424	(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), a tax rate imposed by a school district pursuant
1425	to this section may not exceed .0025 per dollar of taxable value in any fiscal year if, during the
1426	calendar year beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2010, the school
1427	district's combined tax rate of the following levies was .0018 per dollar of taxable value or
1428	more:
1429	(i) Section 11-2-7;
1430	(ii) Section 53A-17a-127;
1431	(iii) Section 53A-17a-134;
1432	(iv) Section 53A-17a-143;
1433	(v) the portion of the 10% of basic levy described in Section 53A-17a-145 that is
1434	budgeted for textbooks, supplies, maintenance, and operations;
1435	(vi) Section 53A-17a-151; and
1436	(vii) Section 63-7-704.
1437	(3) (a) In addition to the revenue a school district collects from the imposition of a levy
1438	pursuant to this section, the state shall contribute an amount sufficient to guarantee \$25.25 per
1439	weighted pupil unit for each .0001 of the first .0004 per dollar of taxable value.
1440	(b) (i) Beginning July 1, 2009, the \$25.25 guarantee under Subsection (3)(a) shall be
1441	indexed each year to the value of the weighted pupil unit by making the value of the guarantee
1442	equal to .009798 times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit.
1443	(ii) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b)(iii), the guarantee shall increase by .0005
1444	times the value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit for each succeeding year.
1445	(iii) The guarantee described in Subsection (3)(b)(i) may not exceed .010544 times the
1446	value of the prior year's weighted pupil unit.
1447	(c) (i) The amount of state guarantee money to which a school district would otherwise
1448	be entitled to under this Subsection (3) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the district's
1449	levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under Section 59-2-924
1450	pursuant to changes in property valuation.
1451	(ii) Subsection (3)(c)(i) applies for a period of five years following any such change in
1452	the certified tax rate.
1453	(4) For a fiscal year beginning on or after fiscal year 2011-12, a school district is

1454	exempt from the public notice and hearing requirements of Section 59-2-919 for the school					
1455	district's board local discretionary levy if the local school board budgets an amount of ad					
1456	valorem property tax revenue equal to or less than the difference of the following:					
1457	(a) the school district's board property tax revenue; minus					
1458	(b) the greater of:					
1459	(i) the school district's estimated WPU distribution from the basic levy increase					
1460	described in Subsection (1)(f) during the current calendar year; or					
1461	(ii) the school district's basic levy increment described in Subsection (1)(a) for the					
1462	same calendar year.					
1463	Section 31. Section 53A-21-101.5 is amended to read:					
1464	53A-21-101.5. Definitions.					
1465	As used in this chapter:					
1466	(1) "ADM" or "pupil in average daily membership" is as defined in Section					
1467	53A-17a-103.					
1468	(2) "Combined capital levy rate" means a rate that includes the sum of the following					
1469	property tax levies:					
1470	(a) the capital [outlay] discretionary levy authorized in Section [53A-16-107;]					
1471	53A-16-113; and					
1472	[(b) the portion of the 10% of basic levy described in Section 53A-17a-145 that is					
1473	budgeted for debt service or capital outlay;]					
1474	[(c)] (b) the debt service levy authorized in Section 11-14-310[; and].					
1475	[(d) the voted capital outlay leeway authorized in Section 53A-16-110.]					
1476	(3) "Derived net taxable value" means the quotient of:					
1477	(a) the total current property tax collections from April 1 through the following March					
1478	31 for a school district; divided by					
1479	(b) the school district's total tax rate for the calendar year preceding the March 31					
1480	referenced in Subsection (3)(a).					
1481	(4) "Highest combined capital levy rate" means the highest combined capital levy rate					
1482	imposed by any school district within the state for a fiscal year.					
1483	(5) "Property tax base per ADM" means the quotient of:					
1484	(a) a school district's derived net taxable value; divided by					

1485	(b) the school district's ADM for the same year.
1486	(6) "Property tax yield per ADM" means:
1487	(a) the product of:
1488	(i) a school district's derived net taxable value; and
1489	(ii) the highest combined capital levy rate for the fiscal year of the March 31 referenced
1490	in Subsection (3)(a); divided by
1491	(b) the school district's ADM for the same fiscal year.
1492	(7) "Statewide average property tax base per ADM" means the quotient of:
1493	(a) the sum of all school districts' derived net taxable value; divided by
1494	(b) the sum of all school districts' ADM statewide for the same year.
1495	Section 32. Section 59-2-904 is amended to read:
1496	59-2-904. Participation by district in state's contributions to state-supported
1497	guarantees.
1498	(1) In addition to the basic state contribution provided in Section 59-2-902, [each] \underline{a}
1499	school district may participate in the state's contributions to the state-supported [leeway] levy
1500	program <u>under Section 53A-17a-133 or 53A-17a-164</u> by conforming to the requirements of the
1501	Minimum School Program Act and by making the required additional levy. [Each district shall
1502	participate]
1503	(2) A school district that participates in [the] a state-supported [leeway] levy program[,
1504	and] shall certify to the State Board of Education the results of its determination and the
1505	amount of [additional levy which] the board or voted local discretionary levy that the district
1506	will impose.
1507	Section 33. Section 59-2-924 is amended to read:
1508	59-2-924. Report of valuation of property to county auditor and commission
1509	Transmittal by auditor to governing bodies Certified tax rate Calculation of certified
1510	tax rate Rulemaking authority Adoption of tentative budget.
1511	(1) Before June 1 of each year, the county assessor of each county shall deliver to the
1512	county auditor and the commission the following statements:
1513	(a) a statement containing the aggregate valuation of all taxable real property assessed
1514	by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment, for each taxing entity; and
1515	(b) a statement containing the taxable value of all personal property assessed by a

1516	county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment, from the prior year end values.					
1517	(2) The county auditor shall, on or before June 8, transmit to the governing body of					
1518	each taxing entity:					
1519	(a) the statements described in Subsections (1)(a) and (b);					
1520	(b) an estimate of the revenue from personal property;					
1521	(c) the certified tax rate; and					
1522	(d) all forms necessary to submit a tax levy request.					
1523	(3) (a) The "certified tax rate" means a tax rate that will provide the same ad valorem					
1524	property tax revenues for a taxing entity as were budgeted by that taxing entity for the prior					
1525	year.					
1526	(b) For purposes of this Subsection (3):					
1527	(i) "Ad valorem property tax revenues" do not include:					
1528	(A) interest;					
1529	(B) penalties; and					
1530	(C) revenue received by a taxing entity from personal property that is:					
1531	(I) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment; and					
1532	(II) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.					
1533	(ii) "Aggregate taxable value of all property taxed" means:					
1534	(A) the aggregate taxable value of all real property assessed by a county assessor in					
1535	accordance with Part 3, County Assessment, for the current year;					
1536	(B) the aggregate taxable year end value of all personal property assessed by a county					
1537	assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment, for the prior year; and					
1538	(C) the aggregate taxable value of all real and personal property assessed by the					
1539	commission in accordance with Part 2, Assessment of Property, for the current year.					
1540	(c) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the certified tax rate shall be					
1541	calculated by dividing the ad valorem property tax revenues budgeted for the prior year by the					
1542	taxing entity by the amount calculated under Subsection (3)(c)(ii).					
1543	(ii) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(i), the legislative body of a taxing entity shall					
1544	calculate an amount as follows:					
1545	(A) calculate for the taxing entity the difference between:					

(I) the aggregate taxable value of all property taxed; and

1547	(II) any redevelopment adjustments for the current calendar year;
1548	(B) after making the calculation required by Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(A), calculate an
1549	amount determined by increasing or decreasing the amount calculated under Subsection
1550	(3)(c)(ii)(A) by the average of the percentage net change in the value of taxable property for the
1551	equalization period for the three calendar years immediately preceding the current calendar
1552	year;
1553	(C) after making the calculation required by Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(B), calculate the
1554	product of:
1555	(I) the amount calculated under Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(B); and
1556	(II) the percentage of property taxes collected for the five calendar years immediately
1557	preceding the current calendar year; and
1558	(D) after making the calculation required by Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(C), calculate an
1559	amount determined by subtracting from the amount calculated under Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(C)
1560	any new growth as defined in this section:
1561	(I) within the taxing entity; and
1562	(II) for the following calendar year:
1563	(Aa) for new growth from real property assessed by a county assessor in accordance
1564	with Part 3, County Assessment and all property assessed by the commission in accordance
1565	with Section 59-2-201, the current calendar year; and
1566	(Bb) for new growth from personal property assessed by a county assessor in
1567	accordance with Part 3, County Assessment, the prior calendar year.
1568	(iii) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(A), the aggregate taxable value of all
1569	property taxed:
1570	(A) except as provided in Subsection (3)(c)(iii)(B) or (3)(c)(ii)(C), is as defined in
1571	Subsection (3)(b)(ii);
1572	(B) does not include the total taxable value of personal property contained on the tax
1573	rolls of the taxing entity that is:
1574	(I) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment; and
1575	(II) semiconductor manufacturing equipment; and
1576	(C) for personal property assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3,
1577	County Assessment, the taxable value of personal property is the year end value of the personal

1578	property	contained	on the	prior	year's 1	tax rolls	of the	entity
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- 1579 (iv) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(B), for calendar years beginning on or after 1580 January 1, 2007, the value of taxable property does not include the value of personal property 1581 that is:
- 1582 (A) within the taxing entity assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, 1583 County Assessment; and
- (B) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.
- 1585 (v) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(C)(II), for calendar years beginning on or after 1586 January 1, 2007, the percentage of property taxes collected does not include property taxes 1587 collected from personal property that is:
- 1588 (A) within the taxing entity assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, 1589 County Assessment; and
- (B) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.
- (vi) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(B), for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, the value of taxable property does not include the value of personal property that is within the taxing entity assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment.
- 1595 (vii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, 1596 the commission may prescribe rules for calculating redevelopment adjustments for a calendar 1597 year.
- (viii) (A) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(i), for a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2010, a taxing entity's ad valorem property tax revenues budgeted for the prior year shall be decreased by an amount of revenue equal to the five-year average of the most recent prior five years of redemptions as reported on the county treasurer's final annual settlement required under Subsection 59-2-1365(2).
- (B) For the calendar year beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2010, a taxing entity is exempt from the notice and public hearing provisions of Section 59-2-919 if the taxing entity budgets an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue equal to or less than the taxing entity's five-year average of the most recent prior five years of redemptions as reported on the county treasurer's final annual settlement required under Subsection 59-2-1365(2).

- (d) (i) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
 the commission shall make rules determining the calculation of ad valorem property tax
 revenues budgeted by a taxing entity.
- (ii) For purposes of Subsection (3)(d)(i), ad valorem property tax revenues budgeted by a taxing entity shall be calculated in the same manner as budgeted property tax revenues are calculated for purposes of Section 59-2-913.
- 1615 (e) The certified tax rates for the taxing entities described in this Subsection (3)(e) shall be calculated as follows:
- 1617 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(e)(ii), for new taxing entities the certified tax 1618 rate is zero;

- (ii) for each municipality incorporated on or after July 1, 1996, the certified tax rate is:
- 1620 (A) in a county of the first, second, or third class, the levy imposed for municipal-type 1621 services under Sections 17-34-1 and 17-36-9; and
- 1622 (B) in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, the levy imposed for general county 1623 purposes and such other levies imposed solely for the municipal-type services identified in 1624 Section 17-34-1 and Subsection 17-36-3(22); and
- 1625 (iii) for debt service voted on by the public, the certified tax rate shall be the actual 1626 levy imposed by that section, except that the certified tax rates for the following levies shall be 1627 calculated in accordance with Section 59-2-913 and this section:
- 1628 (A) school [leeways] levies provided for under Sections [11-2-7, 53A-16-110, 53A-17a-127, 53A-17a-133, 53A-17a-134, 53A-17a-143, and 53A-17a-145] 53A-16-113, 1630 53A-17a-133, and 53A-17a-164; and
- 1631 (B) levies to pay for the costs of state legislative mandates or judicial or administrative orders under Section 59-2-1604.
- (f) (i) A judgment levy imposed under Section 59-2-1328 or 59-2-1330 shall be established at that rate which is sufficient to generate only the revenue required to satisfy one or more eligible judgments, as defined in Section 59-2-102.
- 1636 (ii) The ad valorem property tax revenue generated by the judgment levy shall not be 1637 considered in establishing the taxing entity's aggregate certified tax rate.
- 1638 (g) The ad valorem property tax revenue generated by the capital [outlay] discretionary
 1639 levy described in Section [53A-16-107] 53A-16-113 within a taxing entity in a county of the

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1640	first class:
1641	(i) may not be considered in establishing the school district's aggregate certified tax
1642	rate; and
1643	(ii) shall be included by the commission in establishing a certified tax rate for that
1644	capital [outlay] discretionary levy determined in accordance with the calculation described in
1645	Subsection 59-2-913(3).
1646	(4) (a) For the purpose of calculating the certified tax rate, the county auditor shall use:
1647	(i) the taxable value of real property assessed by a county assessor contained on the
1648	assessment roll;
1649	(ii) the taxable value of real and personal property assessed by the commission; and
1650	(iii) the taxable year end value of personal property assessed by a county assessor
1651	contained on the prior year's assessment roll.
1652	(b) For purposes of Subsection (4)(a)(i), the taxable value of real property on the
1653	assessment roll does not include new growth as defined in Subsection (4)(c).
1654	(c) "New growth" means:
1655	(i) the difference between the increase in taxable value of the following property of the
1656	taxing entity from the previous calendar year to the current year:
1657	(A) real property assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County
1658	Assessment; and
1659	(B) property assessed by the commission under Section 59-2-201; plus
1660	(ii) the difference between the increase in taxable year end value of personal property
1661	of the taxing entity from the year prior to the previous calendar year to the previous calendar
1662	year; minus
1663	(iii) the amount of an increase in taxable value described in Subsection (4)(e).
1664	(d) For purposes of Subsection (4)(c)(ii), the taxable value of personal property of the
1665	taxing entity does not include the taxable value of personal property that is:
1666	(i) contained on the tax rolls of the taxing entity if that property is assessed by a county
1667	assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment; and

(e) Subsection (4)(c)(iii) applies to the following increases in taxable value:

(i) the amount of increase to locally assessed real property taxable values resulting

(ii) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

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1671	from factoring, reappraisal, or any other adjustments; or					
1672	(ii) the amount of an increase in the taxable value of property assessed by the					
1673	commission under Section 59-2-201 resulting from a change in the method of apportioning the					
1674	taxable value prescribed by:					
1675	(A) the Legislature;					
1676	(B) a court;					
1677	(C) the commission in an administrative rule; or					
1678	(D) the commission in an administrative order.					
1679	(f) For purposes of Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the taxable year end value of personal					
1680	property on the prior year's assessment roll does not include:					
1681	(i) new growth as defined in Subsection (4)(c); or					
1682	(ii) the total taxable year end value of personal property contained on the prior year's					
1683	tax rolls of the taxing entity that is:					
1684	(A) assessed by a county assessor in accordance with Part 3, County Assessment; and					
1685	(B) semiconductor manufacturing equipment.					
1686	(5) (a) On or before June 22, each taxing entity shall annually adopt a tentative budget.					
1687	(b) If the taxing entity intends to exceed the certified tax rate, it shall notify the county					
1688	auditor of:					
1689	(i) its intent to exceed the certified tax rate; and					
1690	(ii) the amount by which it proposes to exceed the certified tax rate.					
1691	(c) The county auditor shall notify property owners of any intent to levy a tax rate that					
1692	exceeds the certified tax rate in accordance with Sections 59-2-919 and 59-2-919.1.					
1693	Section 34. Section 59-2-924.3 is amended to read:					
1694	59-2-924.3. Adjustment of the calculation of the certified tax rate for a school					
1695	district imposing a capital discretionary levy in a county of the first class.					
1696	(1) As used in this section:					
1697	(a) "Capital [outlay] discretionary levy increment" means the amount of revenue equal					
1698	to the difference between:					
1699	(i) the amount of revenue generated by a levy of .0006 per dollar of taxable value					
1700	within a school district during a fiscal year; and					

(ii) the amount of revenue the school district received during the same fiscal year from

1702 the distribution described in Subsection [53A-16-107.1] 53A-16-114(1). 1703 (b) "Contributing school district" means a school district in a county of the first class 1704 that in a fiscal year receives less revenue from the distribution described in Subsection 1705 [53A-16-107.1] 53A-16-114(1) than it would have received during the same fiscal year from a 1706 levy imposed within the school district of .0006 per dollar of taxable value. 1707 (c) "Receiving school district" means a school district in a county of the first class that in a fiscal year receives more revenue from the distribution described in Subsection 1708 1709 [53A-16-107.1] 53A-16-114(1) than it would have received during the same fiscal year from a 1710 levy imposed within the school district of .0006 per dollar of taxable value. 1711 [(2) For fiscal year 2009-10, a receiving school district shall decrease its capital outlay 1712 certified tax rate under Subsection 59-2-924(3)(g)(ii) by an amount required to offset the 1713 receiving school district's estimated capital outlay increment for the current fiscal year. 1714 [(3)] (2) [Beginning with fiscal year 2010-11, a] A receiving school district shall 1715 decrease its capital [outlay] discretionary levy certified tax rate under Subsection 1716 59-2-924(3)(g)(ii) by the amount required to offset the receiving school district's [capital 1717 outlay estimated capital discretionary levy increment for the prior fiscal year. 1718 [(4) For fiscal year 2009-10, a contributing school district is exempt from the notice 1719 and public hearing provisions of Section 59-2-919 for the school district's capital outlay levy 1720 certified tax rate calculated pursuant to Subsection 59-2-924(3)(g)(ii) if:] [(a) the contributing school district budgets an increased amount of ad valorem 1721 property tax revenue exclusive of new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4) for the 1722 1723 capital outlay levy described in Section 53A-16-107; and 1724 (b) the increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue described in Subsection 1725 (4)(a) is less than or equal to that contributing school district's estimated capital outlay 1726 increment for the current fiscal year. 1727 [(5)] (3) [Beginning with fiscal year 2010-11, a] A contributing school district is exempt from the notice and public hearing provisions of Section 59-2-919 for the school 1728

(a) the contributing school district budgets an increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue exclusive of new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4) for the capital

district's capital [outlay] discretionary levy certified tax rate calculated pursuant to Subsection

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59-2-924(3)(g)(ii) if:

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1733	[outlay] discretionary levy described in Section [53A-16-107] 53A-16-113; and						
1734	(b) the increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue described in Subsection						
1735	[(5)] (3)(a) is less than or equal to that contributing school district's capital [outlay]						
1736	discretionary levy increment for the prior year.						
1737	[(6)] (4) Beginning with fiscal year 2011-12, a contributing school district is exempt						
1738	from the notice and public hearing provisions of Section 59-2-919 for the school district's						
1739	capital [outlay] discretionary levy certified tax rate calculated pursuant to Subsection						
1740	59-2-924(3)(g)(ii) if:						
1741	(a) the contributing school district budgets an increased amount of ad valorem property						
1742	tax revenue exclusive of new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4) for the capital						
1743	[outlay] discretionary levy described in Section [53A-16-107] 53A-16-113; and						
1744	(b) the increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue described in Subsection						
1745	[(6)] (4) (a) is less than or equal to the difference between:						
1746	(i) the amount of revenue generated by a levy of .0006 per dollar of taxable value						
1747	imposed within the contributing school district during the current taxable year; and						
1748	(ii) the amount of revenue generated by a levy of .0006 per dollar of taxable value						
1749	imposed within the contributing school district during the prior taxable year.						
1750	[(7)] (5) Regardless of the amount a school district receives from the revenue collected						
1751	from the .0006 portion of the capital [outlay] discretionary levy required in Subsection						
1752	[53A-16-107(3)] 53A-16-113(4), the revenue generated within the school district from the						
1753	.0006 portion of the capital [outlay] discretionary levy required in Subsection [53A-16-107(3)]						
1754	53A-16-113(4) shall be considered to be budgeted ad valorem property tax revenues of the						
1755	school district that levies the .0006 portion of the capital [outlay] discretionary levy for						
1756	purposes of calculating the school district's certified tax rate in accordance with Subsection						
1757	59-2-924(3)(g)(ii).						
1758	Section 35. Section 59-2-924.4 is amended to read:						
1759	59-2-924.4. Adjustment of the calculation of the certified tax rate for certain						
1760	divided school districts.						
1761	(1) As used in this section:						
1762	(a) "Capital [outlay] discretionary levy increment" means the amount of revenue equal						

1764 (i) the amount of revenue generated by a levy of .0006 per dollar of taxable value 1765 within a qualifying divided school district during a fiscal year; and

- (ii) the amount of revenue the qualifying divided school district received during the same fiscal year from the distribution described in Section 53A-2-118.3.
- (b) "Contributing divided school district" means a school district located within a qualifying divided school district that in a fiscal year receives less revenue from the distribution described in Section 53A-2-118.3 than it would have received during the same fiscal year from a levy imposed within the school district of .0006 per dollar of taxable value.
- 1772 (c) "Divided school district" means a school district from which a new school district is 1773 created.
- 1774 (d) "New school district" means a school district:
- 1775 (i) created under Section 53A-2-118.1;

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- (ii) that begins to provide educational services after July 1, 2008; and
- 1777 (iii) located in a qualifying divided school district.
- (e) "Qualifying divided school district" means a divided school district:
- (i) located within a county of the second through sixth class; and
- 1780 (ii) with a new school district created under Section 53A-2-118.1 that begins to provide educational services after July 1, 2008.
- 1782 (f) "Qualifying fiscal year" means the first fiscal year that a new school district begins 1783 to provide educational services.
 - (g) "Receiving divided school district" means a school district located within a qualifying divided school district that in a fiscal year receives more revenue from the distribution described in Section 53A-2-118.3 than it would have received during the same fiscal year from a levy imposed within the school district of .0006 per dollar of taxable value.
 - (2) A receiving divided school district shall decrease its certified tax rate calculated in accordance with Section 59-2-924 by the amount required to offset the receiving divided school district's capital [outlay] discretionary levy increment for the prior fiscal year.
- 1791 (3) Beginning with the fiscal year after the qualifying fiscal year, a contributing divided 1792 school district is exempt from the notice and public hearing provisions of Section 59-2-919 for 1793 the contributing divided school district's certified tax rate calculated pursuant to Section 1794 59-2-924 if:

1795	(a) the contributing divided school district budgets an increased amount of ad valorem					
1796	property tax revenue exclusive of new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4) for the					
1797	capital [outlay] discretionary levy required in Section 53A-2-118.3; and					
1798	(b) the increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue described in Subsection					
1799	(3)(a) is less than or equal to that contributing divided school district's capital [outlay]					
1800	discretionary levy increment for the prior year.					
1801	(4) Beginning with the fiscal year after the qualifying fiscal year, a contributing divided					
1802	school district is exempt from the notice and public hearing provisions of Section 59-2-919 for					
1803	the contributing divided school district's certified tax rate calculated pursuant to Section					
1804	59-2-924 if:					
1805	(a) the contributing divided school district budgets an increased amount of ad valorem					
1806	property tax revenue exclusive of new growth as defined in Subsection 59-2-924(4) for the					
1807	capital [outlay] discretionary levy described in Section 53A-2-118.3; and					
1808	(b) the increased amount of ad valorem property tax revenue described in Subsection					
1809	(4)(a) is less than or equal to the difference between:					
1810	(i) the amount of revenue generated by a levy of .0006 per dollar of taxable value					
1811	imposed within the contributing divided school district during the current taxable year; and					
1812	(ii) the amount of revenue generated by a levy of .0006 per dollar of taxable value					
1813	imposed within the contributing divided school district during the prior taxable year.					
1814	(5) Regardless of the amount a school district receives from the revenue collected from					
1815	the .0006 portion of the capital [outlay] discretionary levy described in Section 53A-2-118.3,					
1816	the revenue generated within the school district from the .0006 portion of the capital outlay					
1817	levy described in Section 53A-2-118.3 shall be considered to be budgeted ad valorem property					
1818	tax revenues of the school district that levies the .0006 portion of the capital [outlay]					
1819	discretionary levy for purposes of calculating the school district's certified tax rate in					
1820	accordance with Section 59-2-924.					
1821	Section 36. Section 59-2-926 is amended to read:					
1822	59-2-926. Proposed tax increase by state Notice Contents Dates.					
1823	If the state authorizes a levy [pursuant to Section 53A-17a-135 that exceeds the					
1824	certified revenue levy as defined in Section 53A-17a-103 or authorizes a levy] pursuant to					
1825	Section 59-2-1602 that exceeds the certified revenue levy as defined in Section 59-2-102, the					

1826	state shall publish a notice no later than 10 days after the last day of the annual legislative					
1827	general session that meets the following requirements:					
1828	(1) (a) The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall advertise that the state					
1829	authorized a levy that generates revenue in excess of the previous year's ad valorem tax					
1830	revenue, plus new growth, but exclusive of revenue from collections from redemptions,					
1831	interest, and penalties:					
1832	(i) in a newspaper of general circulation in the state; and					
1833	(ii) as required in Section 45-1-101.					
1834	(b) Except an advertisement published on a website, the advertisement described in					
1835	Subsection (1)(a):					
1836	(i) shall be no less than 1/4 page in size and the type used shall be no smaller than 18					
1837	point, and surrounded by a 1/4-inch border[:];					
1838	(ii) may not be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and					
1839	classified advertisements appear; and					
1840	(iii) shall be run once.					
1841	(2) The form and content of the notice shall be substantially as follows:					
1842	"NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE					
1843	The state has budgeted an increase in its property tax revenue from \$ to					
1844	\$ or%. The increase in property tax revenues will come from the following					
1845	sources (include all of the following provisions):					
1846	(a) \$ of the increase will come from (provide an explanation of the cause					
1847	of adjustment or increased revenues, such as reappraisals or factoring orders);					
1848	(b) \$ of the increase will come from natural increases in the value of the					
1849	tax base due to (explain cause of new growth, such as new building activity, annexation, etc.);					
1850	(c) a home valued at \$100,000 in the state of Utah which based on last year's ([levy for					
1851	the basic state-supported school program,] levy for the Property Tax Valuation Agency Fund,					
1852	[or both]) paid \$ in property taxes would pay the following:					
1853	(i) \$ if the state of Utah did not budget an increase in property tax revenue					
1854	exclusive of new growth; and					
1855	(ii) \$ under the increased property tax revenues exclusive of new growth					
1856	budgeted by the state of Utah."					

1857	Section 37. Section 63G-7-704 is amended to read:
1858	63G-7-704. Tax levy by political subdivisions for payment of claims, judgments,
1859	or insurance premiums.
1860	(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a political subdivision may
1861	levy an annual property tax sufficient to pay:
1862	(a) any claim, settlement, or judgment;
1863	(b) the costs to defend against any claim, settlement, or judgment; or
1864	(c) for the establishment and maintenance of a reserve fund for the payment of claims,
1865	settlements, or judgments that may be reasonably anticipated.
1866	(2) (a) The payments authorized to pay for punitive damages or to pay the premium for
1867	authorized insurance is money spent for a public purpose within the meaning of this section
1868	and Article XIII, Sec. 5, Utah Constitution, even though, as a result of the levy, the maximum
1869	levy as otherwise restricted by law is exceeded.
1870	(b) No levy under this section may exceed .0001 per dollar of taxable value of taxable
1871	property.
1872	(c) The revenues derived from this levy may not be used for any purpose other than
1873	those specified in this section.
1874	(3) Beginning January 1, 2011, a local school board may not levy a tax in accordance
1875	with this section.
1876	Section 38. Repealer.
1877	This bill repeals:
1878	Section 53A-16-111, Payment of judgments and warrants Special tax.
1879	Section 39. Effective date.

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H.B. 129 - Amendments to Education Financing

Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enacting this bill freezes the minimum basic state rate and guarantees a minimum amount of property tax revenue from the basic rate. This increases the local portion of the minimum school program by \$5,146,000 in FY 2012 and is distributed through the WPU. Due to recapture, revenue to the Uniform School Fund could increase by \$4,650,000 in FY 2012.

	FY 2010 <u>Approp.</u>	FY 2011 <u>Approp.</u>	FY 2012 <u>Approp.</u>	FY 2010	FY 2011 Revenue	Revenue
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Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,650,000
Property Tax	\$0	\$0	\$5,146,000	ΨÜ	\$0	\$5,146,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$5,146,000	¢n	\$0	

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enacting this bill could increase or decrease revenue to school districts depending upon property tax revenue generated within a district and the funding received by the district through the minimum school program. Because of the revenue increase from the basic rate freeze, other local property taxes decrease by \$5,146,000. If a school district that has a decrease in revenue decides to make up the lost revenue, there will be an increase in property tax on individuals and businesses. There will likely be recapture of \$4,650,000 from school districts to the Uniform School Fund in FY 2012.

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