

SCHOOL TRANSIT AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Transit Access Pass for Students pilot grant program (the program).

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Transit Access Pass for Students pilot grant program including:
 - application requirements;
 - requirements for the state board to create rules for the program; and
 - reporting requirements; and
- ▶ creates a sunset date for the program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2025:

▶ to State Board of Education - State Board and Administrative Operations - Transit Access Pass for Students as a one-time appropriation:

- from the Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account,

One-time, \$7,500,000

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:



28 **53E-1-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 1, 328 and 380

29 **63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 7,
30 21, 33, 142, 167, 168, 380, 383, and 467

31 **63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 7, 21,
32 33, 142, 167, 168, 310, 380, 383, and 467

33 ENACTS:

34 **53F-5-222**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

37 Section 1. Section **53E-1-201** is amended to read:

38 **53E-1-201. Reports to and action required of the Education Interim Committee.**

39 (1) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section **68-3-14**, the following
40 recurring reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:

41 (a) the report described in Section **9-22-109** by the STEM Action Center Board,
42 including the information described in Section **9-22-113** on the status of the computer science
43 initiative and Section **9-22-114** on the Computing Partnerships Grants Program;

44 (b) the prioritized list of data research described in Section **53B-33-302** and the report
45 on research and activities described in Section **53B-33-304** by the Utah Data Research Center;

46 (c) the report described in Section **35A-15-303** by the State Board of Education on
47 preschool programs;

48 (d) the report described in Section **53B-1-402** by the Utah Board of Higher Education
49 on career and technical education issues and addressing workforce needs;

50 (e) the annual report of the Utah Board of Higher Education described in Section
51 **53B-1-402**;

52 (f) the reports described in Section **53B-28-401** by the Utah Board of Higher Education
53 regarding activities related to campus safety;

54 (g) the State Superintendent's Annual Report by the state board described in Section
55 **53E-1-203**;

56 (h) the annual report described in Section **53E-2-202** by the state board on the strategic
57 plan to improve student outcomes;

58 (i) the report described in Section **53E-8-204** by the state board on the Utah Schools for

59 the Deaf and the Blind;

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

62 (k) the report described in Section 53F-2-522 regarding mental health screening
63 programs;

64 (l) the report described in Section 53F-4-203 by the state board and the independent
65 evaluator on an evaluation of early interactive reading software;

66 (m) the report described in Section 63N-20-107 by the Governor's Office of Economic
67 Opportunity on UPSTART;

68 (n) the reports described in Sections 53F-5-214 and 53F-5-215 by the state board
69 related to grants for professional learning and grants for an elementary teacher preparation
70 assessment;

71 (o) upon request, the report described in Section 53F-5-219 by the state board on the
72 Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program;

73 (p) the report described in Section 53F-5-405 by the State Board of Education
74 regarding an evaluation of a partnership that receives a grant to improve educational outcomes
75 for students who are low income;

76 (q) the report described in Section 53B-35-202 regarding the Higher Education and
77 Corrections Council;

78 (r) the report described in Section 53G-7-221 by the State Board of Education
79 regarding innovation plans;

80 (s) the annual report described in Section 63A-2-502 by the Educational Interpretation
81 and Translation Service Procurement Advisory Council; and

82 (t) the reports described in Section 53F-6-412 regarding the Utah Fits All Scholarship
83 Program.

84 (2) In accordance with applicable provisions and Section 68-3-14, the following
85 occasional reports are due to the Education Interim Committee:

86 [~~(a) the report described in Section 35A-15-303 by the School Readiness Board by
87 November 30, 2020, on benchmarks for certain preschool programs;~~]

88 [~~(b) the report described in Section 53B-28-402 by the Utah Board of Higher Education
89 on or before the Education Interim Committee's November 2021 meeting;~~]

90 ~~[(e)]~~ (a) if required, the report described in Section 53E-4-309 by the state board
91 explaining the reasons for changing the grade level specification for the administration of
92 specific assessments;

93 ~~[(d)]~~ (b) if required, the report described in Section 53E-5-210 by the state board of an
94 adjustment to the minimum level that demonstrates proficiency for each statewide assessment;

95 ~~[(e) in 2022 and in 2023, on or before November 30, the report described in Subsection~~
96 ~~53E-10-309(5) related to the PRIME pilot program;]~~

97 ~~[(f)]~~ (c) the report described in Section 53E-10-702 by Utah Leading through Effective,
98 Actionable, and Dynamic Education;

99 ~~[(g)]~~ (d) if required, the report described in Section 53F-2-513 by the state board
100 evaluating the effects of salary bonuses on the recruitment and retention of effective teachers in
101 high poverty schools;

102 ~~[(h)]~~ (e) the report described in Section 53F-5-210 by the state board on the
103 Educational Improvement Opportunities Outside of the Regular School Day Grant Program;

104 (f) the report described in Section 53F-5-222 by the state board on the Transit Access
105 Pass for Students pilot grant program;

106 ~~[(i)]~~ (g) upon request, a report described in Section 53G-7-222 by an LEA regarding
107 expenditure of a percentage of state restricted funds to support an innovative education
108 program;

109 ~~[(j) the report described in Section 53G-7-503 by the state board regarding fees that~~
110 ~~LEAs charge during the 2020-2021 school year;]~~

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

113 ~~[(l)]~~ (i) the report described in Section 26B-5-113 by the Office of Substance Use and
114 Mental Health, the State Board of Education, and the Department of Health and Human
115 Service regarding recommendations related to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health
116 services.

117 Section 2. Section 53F-5-222 is enacted to read:

118 **53F-5-222. Transit Access Pass for Students Pilot Grant Program.**

119 (1) As used in this section:

120 (a) "Large public transit district" means the same as the term is defined in Section

121 [17B-2a-802.](#)

122 (b) "LEA" means a school district, a charter school, or a campus of the Utah School for
123 the Deaf and Blind that are in the large public transit district service area.

124 (c) "Transit Access Pass for Students pilot grant program" or "program" means the
125 program created in Subsection (2).

126 (2) There is created a three-year pilot program known as the Transit Access Pass for
127 Students pilot grant program to provide funding to an LEA to provide free public transit passes
128 for:

129 (a) a student;

130 (b) a parent of a student; and

131 (c) LEA staff including teachers.

132 (3) (a) An LEA may submit an application to the state board to receive a grant award
133 under this part.

134 (b) An LEA's application shall include:

135 (i) a budget for the total amount requested including:

136 (A) an itemized breakdown of the total amount requested including an amount for
137 student transit passes and an amount for parent transit passes;

138 (B) evidence of an LEA match of total amount requested; and

139 (C) any contributions from other entities including a local political subdivision;

140 (ii) evidence of need including the portion of the LEA's student population that is
141 eligible for free and reduced lunch;

142 (iii) documentation of:

143 (A) a per student price set by the large public transit district for the passes issued under
144 this program; and

145 (B) which services the transit pass will offer to a student or parent; and

146 (iv) metrics for tracking the success of the program within the LEA.

147 (4) The state board shall:

148 (a) in accordance with this section and subject to legislative appropriations, award a
149 grant to an LEA;

150 (b) in selecting an LEA, prioritize an LEA that:

151 (i) demonstrates the greatest need; and

- 152 (ii) provides evidence of capacity to implement the program;
- 153 (c) ensure an LEA that receives a grant does not receive reduced transportation funds
- 154 as a result of participating in the grant; and
- 155 (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
- 156 make rules to:
 - 157 (i) establish:
 - 158 (A) the minimum required match for an LEA described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)(B); and
 - 159 (B) a formula to award a grant to an LEA;
 - 160 (ii) create an application process including time lines;
 - 161 (iii) define economically disadvantaged for purposes of the program; and
 - 162 (iv) create monitoring requirements to ensure compliance with this part.
- 163 (5) An LEA that receives a grant may not use funds to replace or reduce transportation
- 164 services currently offered by the LEA.
- 165 (6) An LEA may accept private grants, loans, gifts, endowments, devises, or bequests
- 166 which are made to support the program in accordance with this section.
- 167 (7) Upon request of the Education Interim Committee, an LEA that receives a grant
- 168 and the state board shall report to the Education Interim Committee on the program's progress
- 169 and outcomes.

Section 3. Section **63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24)** is amended to read:

63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.

- 172 (1) Section **53-1-118** is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 173 (2) Section **53-1-120** is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 174 (3) Section **53-7-109** is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 175 (4) Section **53-22-104** is repealed December 31, 2023.
- 176 (5) Section **53B-6-105.7** is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 177 (6) Section **53B-7-707** regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is repealed
- 178 July 1, 2023.
- 179 (7) Section **53B-8-114** is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 180 (8) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are repealed
- 181 on July 1, 2023:
- 182 (a) in Subsection **53B-8-105(12)**, the language that states, "or any scholarship

183 established under Sections [53B-8-202](#) through [53B-8-205](#)";

184 (b) Section [53B-8-202](#);

185 (c) Section [53B-8-203](#);

186 (d) Section [53B-8-204](#); and

187 (e) Section [53B-8-205](#).

188 (9) Section [53B-10-101](#) is repealed on July 1, 2027.

189 (10) Subsection [53E-1-201\(1\)\(s\)](#) regarding the report by the Educational Interpretation
190 and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024.

191 (11) Section [53E-1-202.2](#), regarding a Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee
192 evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024.

193 (12) Section [53F-2-209](#), regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility, is
194 repealed July 1, 2024.

195 (13) Subsection [53F-2-314\(4\)](#), relating to a one-time expenditure between the at-risk
196 WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024.

197 (14) Section [53F-2-524](#), regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments, is
198 repealed July 1, 2024.

199 (15) Section [53F-5-221](#), regarding a management of energy and water pilot program, is
200 repealed July 1, 2028.

201 (16) Section [53F-5-222](#) is repealed July 1, 2027.

202 [~~(16)~~] (17) Section [53F-9-401](#) is repealed on July 1, 2024.

203 [~~(17)~~] (18) Section [53F-9-403](#) is repealed on July 1, 2024.

204 [~~(18)~~] (19) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of
205 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under
206 Section [36-12-12](#), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified
207 in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of the
208 Legislature's intent.

209 Section 4. Section **63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24)** is amended to read:

210 **63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**

211 (1) Subsection [53-1-104\(1\)\(b\)](#), regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed
212 July 1, 2024.

213 (2) Section [53-1-118](#) is repealed on July 1, 2024.

- 214 (3) Section 53-1-120 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 215 (4) Section 53-2d-107, regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed July 1,
216 2024.
- 217 (5) In relation to the Air Ambulance Committee, on July 1, 2024, Subsection
218 53-2d-702(1)(a) is amended to read:
219 "(a) provide the patient or the patient's representative with the following information
220 before contacting an air medical transport provider:
221 (i) which health insurers in the state the air medical transport provider contracts with;
222 (ii) if sufficient data is available, the average charge for air medical transport services
223 for a patient who is uninsured or out of network; and
224 (iii) whether the air medical transport provider balance bills a patient for any charge not
225 paid by the patient's health insurer; and."[-]
- 226 (6) Section 53-7-109 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 227 (7) Section 53-22-104 is repealed December 31, 2023.
- 228 (8) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 229 (9) Section 53B-7-707 regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is repealed
230 July 1, 2023.
- 231 (10) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 232 (11) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are
233 repealed on July 1, 2023:
234 (a) in Subsection 53B-8-105(12), the language that states, "or any scholarship
235 established under Sections 53B-8-202 through 53B-8-205";
236 (b) Section 53B-8-202;
237 (c) Section 53B-8-203;
238 (d) Section 53B-8-204; and
239 (e) Section 53B-8-205.
- 240 (12) Section 53B-10-101 is repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 241 (13) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(s) regarding the report by the Educational Interpretation
242 and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 243 (14) Section 53E-1-202.2, regarding a Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee
244 evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024.

245 (15) Section 53F-2-209, regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility, is
246 repealed July 1, 2024.

247 (16) Subsection 53F-2-314(4), relating to a one-time expenditure between the at-risk
248 WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024.

249 (17) Section 53F-2-524, regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments, is
250 repealed July 1, 2024.

251 (18) Section 53F-5-221, regarding a management of energy and water pilot program, is
252 repealed July 1, 2028.

253 (19) Section 53F-5-222 is repealed July 1, 2027.

254 [~~(19)~~] (20) Section 53F-9-401 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

255 [~~(20)~~] (21) Section 53F-9-403 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

256 [~~(21)~~] (22) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of
257 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under
258 Section 36-12-12, make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified
259 in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of the
260 Legislature's intent.

261 Section 5. **FY 2025 Appropriation.**

262 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
263 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
264 fiscal year 2025.

265 Subsection 5(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets.**

266 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
267 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for
268 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

269	ITEM 1	To State Board of Education - State Board and Administrative Operations	
270		From Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted	\$7,500,000
		Account, One-time	
271		Schedule of Programs:	
272		Transit Access Pass for Students	\$7,500,000

273 Section 6. **Effective date.**

274 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.

275 (2) The actions affecting Section [63I-2-253](#) shall take effect on July 1, 2024.