

Bill Number	Bill Name	Bill Description	AFT's View	Sponsor	Support Oppose
H.B. 28	Grants for Educator Professional Learning	This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish a professional learning grant program.	We are watching this closely. It is \$30,000,000 in grant money. Has a collaboration and input from teacher element. Needs further study and input from our union members.	Rep. Last	Support
H.B. 75	Epilepsy Training in Public Schools	This bill provides for the administration of intranasal midazolam to a public school student under certain conditions.	Concerns of who will be trained to give treatment. Concerns about liability to teachers/staff. Information about medication: Can be lethal if administered to a non-epileptic seizure.	Rep. Sagers	Oppose
H.B. 90	Education Background Check Amendments	This bill modifies provisions regarding criminal background checks for individuals associated with education entities.	We are okay with this bill.	Rep. Handy	Support
H.B. 94	Local Funding Options for Public Education	This bill creates the Block Grant Funding Pilot Program.	This bill is a beast! It's immense. We are concerned that removing the earmarks it opens up districts to remove ongoing funding to school nurses, etc. New language is suppose to be coming out on this bill.	Rep. Thurston	Oppose
H.B. 110 2nd Sub.	Election Law Changes	This bill: repeals provisions relating to the Nominating and Recruiting Committee for the office of State Board of Education member; provides that candidates for the office of State Board of Education member participate in a nonpartisan primary election to narrow the number of candidates who participate in the general election; permits a county clerk to list a voter as inactive if the county clerk receives a returned voter identification card, determines that there was no clerical error causing the card to be returned, and has no further information to contact the voter; repeals the authority of a county clerk to remove a voter described	We believe this is the best bill and is a "stop-gap" fix for the situation.	Rep. Hall	Support
H.B. 164	Educational Testing Amendments	This bill amends provisions related to certain student assessments administered in public schools. This bill requires the State Board of Education to make rules providing that scores on certain assessments may be considered in determining a student's academic grade or whether a student may advance to the next grade level. It amends provisions related to a parent's or guardian's right to excuse a student from taking certain assessments. It makes technical and conforming changes.	AFT supports freezing the use of state-mandated student assessments commencing with the 2016-17 school year, including those assessments in the core subjects necessary to satisfy the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015(Public Law 114-95), in grades 3 to 8, inclusive, and once in grades 9 through 12, shall not be used as a factor in the determination of a student's ability to be promoted, graduate or to be placed in a gifted and talented program, the identification and grading of schools, the implementation of the school interventions or the state school turnaround program, and the determination of a teacher or principal's evaluation score, to the extent permitted under Utah Code	Rep. Powell	Oppose
H.B. 175	Public Education Employment Amendments	This bill amends provisions related to employment and licensing in the public education system. This bill: repeals provisions requiring a public school to provide or obtain certain information about a public school employee; and makes technical changes.	We like this part of the bill: <i>(a) give notice of the information to the educator or license applicant; and (b) afford the educator or license applicant an opportunity to respond to the information.</i>	Rep. Powell	Support

HB0277 2nd Sub.	Personalized Learning and Teaching Amendments	This bill: enacts Title 53A, Chapter 1, Part 14, Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program, including provisions related to the following: definitions; the digital teaching and learning master plan; readiness assessments; State Board of Education duties and LEA plan requirements; implementation assessments and board interventions; and procurement; repeals the Smart School Technology Program; repeals language related to a whole-school one-to-one mobile device technology deployment plan; and makes technical and conforming corrections. Money Appropriated in this Bill: This bill appropriates: to the State Board of Education -- Minimum School Program -- Related to Basic School Program -- Digital Teaching and Learning Program, as a one-time appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$750,000; to the State Board of Education -- Minimum School Program -- Related to Basic School Program -- Digital Teaching and Learning Program, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$71,750,000; and to the Utah Education and Telehealth Network -- Digital Teaching and Learning Program, as an ongoing appropriation: from the Education Fund, \$23,500,000.	This is the Digital Teaching and Learning Bill that was proposed last year. It's a huge amount of money. Known last year as the iPad bill. Every student receives a device. Huge cost. Was unpopular with teachers. We feel there are more important priorities than technology for our schools. Not a wise use of money. If there was another revenue stream for this bill it would be better accepted. We have not had any positive feedback from our members on this bill. Everyone that we have heard from has declared opposition to this bill.	Rep. Knotwell	Oppose
HB0301	School Bus Route Grant Program	This bill: defines terms; creates a grant program to provide transportation funding for routes that are unsafe for a student to walk; and makes technical and conforming changes.	Don't have any concerns with this bill	Rep. Stanard	Support
SB0019	Phased Retirement	This bill: defines terms; allows a participating employer to participate in phased retirement for a retiree who has not completed the one-year employment separation requirement; requires a participating employer that offers phased retirement to establish written policies and enter into a written agreement with the retiree; provides for retiree eligibility for phased retirement and establishes restrictions; provides for participating employer and retiree reporting; provides penalties; allows the Legislature to make changes to the program; allows the Utah State Retirement Board to make related rules; provides for a sunset of the phased retirement provisions; and makes technical changes.	This is a good bill that will benefit employees.	Sen. Weiler	Support
S.B. 36	Postretirement Employment Exceptions	This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending postretirement reemployment provisions.	Waiting to see if they combine this bill with other similar bills. Discuss in the Utah One Coalition.	Sen. Mayne	Support
S.B. 38	School Funding Amendments	This bill amends provisions related to charter school funding.	More money for charter schools. Superintendents have asked us to oppose it. If charter schools want equity in funding, than they should be held to the same standards and accountability as public schools.	Sen. Stephenson	Oppose
S.B. 43	Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention in Public Schools	This bill provides for firearm safety and violence prevention instruction in public schools.	This program gives gives districts options for firearm safety programs. Pilot programs tend to become entrenched in	Sen. Weiler	Oppose
S.B. 45	Compulsory Education Revisions	This bill eliminates criminal penalties for a parent of a truant school-age child.	Concerns: Takes any responsibility from parents to ensure that child attends school. Excuse for students not to attend school.	Sen. Jackson	Strongly Oppose
S.B. 51	Teacher Leader Role	This bill enacts provisions related to teacher leaders.	AFT Utah President and Sec/Treasurer attended the National Summit for Teacher Leaders in Washington DC. The Utah Team created a plan for Teacher Leaders. We will be debriefing with the Utah State Office of Education. We will be involved with the USOE in developing this plan. This bill fits well with moving this forward.	Sen. Millner	Support

SB 109	School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments	This bill: enacts language related to the distributions deposited in the Uniform School Fund; creates the Trust Distribution Account within the Uniform School Fund; amends language governing the disposition of revenues in the State School Fund; repeals and reenacts language related to the Invest More for Education Account; directs the School Children's Trust Section to review each school for compliance with applicable law; and makes technical corrections.	Heard this in committee on 2-2-16. This is a good bill and benefits our students.	Sen. Millner	Support
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