

# House Bill 268

## PUBLIC SCHOOL INNOVATIONS

**Chief Sponsor:** Keith Grover

Creates the Innovation Schools Act, which provides greater flexibility to public schools to meet the educational needs of students.

- **Would allow a school or group of schools in a school district to create an innovation plan and adopt the plan upon approval by the local school board and State Board of Education.**
- **A key purpose of the bill is to encourage innovation in education by providing local school communities and principals with greater control with the goal of achieving improved student achievement. In order to obtain the autonomy necessary to do this, the law provides a means for schools and districts to gain waivers from district policies, state policies, and collective bargaining agreements, allowing schools to best serve the needs of their unique student populations.**
- **Intended to improve student outcomes by supporting greater school autonomy and flexibility in academic and operational decision-making. The Innovation Schools Act encourages schools and districts to design and implement innovative practices that are student-centric and focused on improving academic achievement.**

### **The Innovations Schools Act is enacted to achieve the following purposes - 53A-1a-1102**

1. Grant to school districts and charter schools greater ability to meet the educational needs of a diverse and constantly changing student population
2. Encourage intentionally diverse approaches to learning and education within individual school districts
3. Improve educational performance through greater individual school autonomy and managerial flexibility
4. Encourage innovation in education by providing local school communities and principals with greater control over levels of staffing, personnel selection and evaluation scheduling, and educational programming with the goal of achieving improved student achievement
5. Encourage school districts and schools to find new ways to allocate resources for the benefit of the students they serve
6. Hold schools that receive greater autonomy under this part accountable for student academic achievement, as measured by the Utah Performance Assessment System for Students and other more specifically tailored accountability measures