## 1st Sub. (Green) S.B. 122

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section <b>53A-11-1501</b> is enacted to read:
Part 15. Parental Rights
<u>53A-11-1501.</u> Definitions.
As used in this part:
(1) "LEA" means a school district, charter school, or the Utah Schools for the Deaf and
the Blind.
(2) "Reasonably accommodate" means an LEA shall make its best effort to allow a
parent or guardian to exercise a parental right specified in Section 53A-15-1503:
(a) without substantial impact to staff and resources; and
(b) while balancing:
(i) the parental rights of parents or guardians; and
(ii) the educational needs of $\hat{S} \rightarrow \underline{other} \leftarrow \hat{S}$ students.
Section 2. Section <b>53A-15-1502</b> is enacted to read:
53A-15-1502. Annual notice of parental rights.
An LEA shall annually notify a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the LEA of
the parent's or guardian's rights as specified in this part.
Section 3. Section <b>53A-15-1503</b> is enacted to read:
53A-15-1503. Parental right to academic accommodations.
(1) A student's parent or guardian is the primary person responsible for the education of
the student, and the state is in a secondary and supportive role to the parent or guardian. As
such, a student's parent or guardian has the right to reasonable academic accommodations from
the student's LEA as specified in this section.
(2) An LEA shall comply with a parent's or guardian's request to retain a student on
grade level based on the student's academic ability or the student's social, emotional, or
physical maturity.
(3) An LEA shall reasonably accommodate a parent's or guardian's initial selection of a
teacher or request for a change of teacher.
(4) An LEA shall reasonably accommodate the request of a student's parent or guardian
to visit and observe any class the student attends.

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57	(5) An LEA shall reasonably accommodate the request of a student's parent or guardian
58	to excuse the student from attendance for a family $\hat{S} \rightarrow [vacation]$ event $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ or visit to a health care
58a	provider,
59	without obtaining a note from the provider, if the student completes all assignments and takes
60	all assessments.
61	(6) An LEA shall reasonably accommodate a parent's or guardian's determination of
62	the level of rigor of a class or subject that a student is ready or able to experience.
63	(7) Consistent with Section 53A-13-108, which requires the State Board of Education
64	to establish graduation requirements that use competency-based standards and assessments, an
65	LEA shall allow a student to earn course credit towards high school graduation without
66	completing a course in school by:
67	(a) testing out of the course; or
68	(b) demonstrating competency in course standards.
69	(8) An LEA shall reasonably accommodate a parent's or guardian's request to meet
70	with a teacher if the parent or guardian is unable to attend a regularly scheduled parent teacher
71	conference.
72	(9) At the request of a student's parent or guardian, an LEA shall excuse the student
73	from taking a test that is administered statewide or the National Assessment of Educational
74	Progress.
75	(10) (a) An LEA shall provide for the distribution of a copy of a school's discipline and
76	conduct policy to each student in accordance with Section 53A-11-903.
77	(b) An LEA shall notify a parent or guardian of a student's violation of a school's
78	discipline and conduct policy and allow a parent or guardian to respond to the notice in
79	accordance with Chapter 11, Part 9, School Discipline and Conduct Plans.