

Ariel Defay proposes the following substitute bill:

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**Public Education Course Grade Requirements**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ariel Defay**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill prohibits a local education agency (LEA) from requiring student attendance at an off-campus event.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits an LEA from requiring a student to attend an off-campus event as a condition for grades or academic credit;
- prohibits adverse effects on a student's grades or academic standing due to non-attendance at an off-campus event; and
- requires an LEA to provide optional transportation, a fee waiver, and alternative options for students to meet academic requirements.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53G-10-307**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53G-10-307** is enacted to read:

**53G-10-307 . Prohibition on mandatory attendance at off-campus event.**

(1) As used in this section, "off-campus event" means an activity or meeting held outside the premises of the school where the student is enrolled.

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29 (2) An LEA may not require a student to attend, or pay admission to, an off-campus event  
30 as a condition for:

31 (a) earning academic credit or receiving a certain grade; or

32 (b) satisfying an academic requirement.

33 (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, an LEA may require a student to  
34 attend, or pay admission to, an off-campus event for the reasons described in S  
35 ubsections (2)(a) and (b) if an LEA designs and approves a school program to occur at  
36 an off-campus location that:

37 (a) takes place off-campus for some or all of the instructional period;

38 (b) is essential for fulfilling the instructional objectives of the class; and

39 (c) school administration approves for student travel.

40 (4) An LEA may not impose a negative consequence on a student for the student's failure to  
41 attend or pay for an off-campus event.

42 (5) If an LEA grants credit for attendance at, or payment for admission to, an off-campus  
43 event, the LEA shall provide:

44 (a) optional transportation to and from the off-campus event;

45 (b) a fee waiver for the off-campus event; and

46 (c) a reasonable alternative for a student to obtain the credit on campus during regular  
47 school hours.

48 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

49 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.