

**Katy Hall** proposes the following substitute bill:

**Public Education Student Athlete Protections**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Katy Hall**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill prohibits a public school from participating in an association that governs athletic interscholastic activities in certain circumstances.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- prohibits a public school from participating in an association that governs athletic interscholastic activities (association) if the association does not:
  - include certain policies in the association's policies; or
  - sufficiently enforce the association's rules and policies;
- requires an association to report to the ~~§~~ → **[Rules Review and General Oversight]**

**Education Interim** ← ~~§~~ Committee;

and

- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53G-7-1102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 408

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

Section 1. Section **53G-7-1102** is amended to read:

**53G-7-1102 . Public schools prohibited from membership.**

(1) A public school may not be a member of or pay dues to an association that:

- 28 (a) is not in compliance with:
- 29 (i) this part;
- 30 (ii) Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act;
- 31 (iii) Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act; and
- 32 (iv) Title 67, Chapter 16, Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act;
- 33 (b) does not collect each student's unamended birth certificate, as that term is defined in
- 34 Section 53G-6-1001, or subject to Subsection (3), equivalent documentation, as
- 35 described in Subsection (2)(a), to determine eligibility as a condition of the
- 36 association's registration process for an athletic team, event, or category;[-øf]
- 37 (c) does not require a student to provide the student's date of birth and sex as a condition
- 38 of the registration process for an athletic team, event, or category[-:] ;
- 39 (d) does not include the following policies in the association's bylaws or policies:
- 40 (i) providing moratorium periods for all sports statewide during the Independence
- 41 Day, Thanksgiving, and winter break holidays;
- 42 (ii) providing a summer moratorium on a sport-by-sport basis on the state, region,
- 43 district, or school level;
- 44 (iii) imposing a sport-specific off-season moratorium of at least six ~~Ŧ~~ → [consecutive] ← Ŧ
- 45 weeks, which may include reasonable accommodations to address the needs of
- 46 rural schools and the regions of rural schools; and
- 47 (iv) definitions that, in relation to enforcing a moratorium, may exclude time in
- 48 weight training or conditioning that is not dedicated for a specific team or sport;
- 49 (e) does not establish penalties for an infraction of association policies or rules by a
- 50 member school; and
- 51 (f) does not equally enforce the penalties described in Subsection (1)(e) on every
- 52 member school.
- 53 (2)(a) For a student who is not a United States citizen and who is unable to provide an
- 54 unamended birth certificate, as that term is defined in Section 53G-6-1001, the
- 55 association may collect the student's:
- 56 (i) state-issued identification document, including a driver's license or passport; or
- 57 (ii) federally recognized identification document, including a document that the
- 58 Department of Homeland Security issues.
- 59 (b) If a student who is not a United States citizen is unable to provide a document under
- 60 Subsection (2)(a), the association may collect other reliable proof of a student's date
- 61 of birth and sex, including:

- 62 (i) an affidavit from the student's parent or legal guardian attesting:
- 63 (A) to the student's date of birth and sex; and
- 64 (B) that the parent or legal guardian is unable to obtain a document described in
- 65 Subsection (2)(a); and
- 66 (ii) one of the following:
- 67 (A) a religious, hospital, or physician certificate;
- 68 (B) verified school records;
- 69 (C) verified immunization records; or
- 70 (D) documentation from a social service provider.
- 71 (3)(a) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to an association for a student who is a homeless
- 72 child or youth, as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42
- 73 U.S.C. Sec. 11431 et seq.
- 74 (b) For a student who is a homeless child or youth, including an unaccompanied
- 75 homeless child or youth, an association may collect:
- 76 (i) an affidavit from the student's parent or guardian, or the student if the student is an
- 77 unaccompanied homeless child or youth, indicating that the student does not meet
- 78 the necessary requirements to obtain a document described in Subsection (2)(a);
- 79 and
- 80 (ii) a document described in Subsection (2)(b)(ii).
- 81 (4) Nothing in this section limits or impairs an LEA's requirement to verify a student's
- 82 initial review of eligibility to participate in an athletic team, event, or category under
- 83 applicable state or federal law or state board rule, including the student's:
- 84 (a) residency status;
- 85 (b) age;
- 86 (c) sex, verified by the student's unamended birth certificate, as that term is defined in
- 87 Section 53G-6-1001;
- 88 (d) academic requirements; or
- 89 (e) school enrollment capacity.
- 90 (5) Unless otherwise specified, an association's compliance with or an association employee
- 91 or officer's compliance with the provisions described in Subsection (1) does not alter:
- 92 (a) the association's public or private status; or
- 93 (b) the public or private employment status of the employee or officer.
- 94 (6) An association shall annually ~~§~~ **submit a written** ~~←§~~ report to the Education Interim
- 94a Committee ~~§~~ **after July of each year, in relation to the preceding school year,** ~~←§~~

94b regarding:  
95 (a) the implementation of the policies described in Subsection ~~§~~ → [(1)(d)] (2)(d) ← ~~§~~  
95a ; and  
96 (b) the compliance and monitoring described in Subsections ~~§~~ → [(1)(e)] (2)(e) ← ~~§~~  
96a and ~~§~~ → [(1)(f)] (2)(f) ← ~~§~~ .  
97 Section 2. **Effective Date.**  
98 This bill takes effect on August 1, 2026.