

# HB0145S01 compared with HB0145

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1                    ~~{Extracurricular Activity}~~ School Excused Absence Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht**

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell



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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5        This bill amends a definition related to ~~{extracurricular activities in a public-}~~ a student being  
6 excused from school.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7        This bill:

8            ▶ amends ~~{the-}~~ a definition ~~{of "valid excuse"}~~ related to ~~{include certain clubs}~~ a student being  
9 excused from school; and

9            ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

10 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

11        None

12 **Other Special Clauses:**

13        This bill provides a special effective date.

14 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

15 **AMENDS:**

16        **53G-6-201** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 34

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

Section 1. Section **53G-6-201** is amended to read:

**53G-6-201. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

- (1)
- (a) "Absence" or "absent" means the failure of a school-age child assigned to a class or class period to attend a class or class period.
- (b) "Absence" or "absent" does not mean multiple tardies used to calculate an absence for the sake of a truancy.
- (2) "Educational neglect" means the same as that term is defined in Section 80-1-102.
- (3)
- (a) "Home-based microschool" means an individual or association of individuals that:
- (i) registers as a business entity in accordance with state and local laws; and
- (ii) for compensation, provides kindergarten through grade 12 education services to 16 or fewer students from an individual's residential dwelling, accessory dwelling unit, or residential property.
- (b) "Home-based microschool" does not include a daycare.
- (4) "Instructor" means an individual who teaches a student as part of a home-based microschool or micro-education entity.
- (5)
- (a) "Micro-education entity" means a person or association of persons that:
- (i) registers as a business entity in accordance with state and local laws; and
- (ii) for compensation, provides kindergarten through grade 12 education services to 100 students or fewer.
- (b) "Micro-education entity" does not include:
- (i) a daycare;
- (ii) a home-based microschool;
- (iii) a private school; or
- (iv) a school within the public education system.
- (6) "Minor" means an individual who is under 18 years old.

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- 45 (7) "Parent" includes:
- 46 (a) a custodial parent of the minor;
- 47 (b) a legally appointed guardian of a minor; or
- 48 (c) any other person purporting to exercise any authority over the minor which could be exercised by a  
person described in Subsection (7)(a) or (b).
- 50 (8) "School day" means the portion of a day that school is in session in which a school-age child is  
required to be in school for purposes of receiving instruction.
- 52 (9) "School year" means the period of time designated by a local school board or charter school  
governing board as the school year for the school where the school-age child:
- 54 (a) is enrolled; or
- 55 (b) should be enrolled, if the school-age child is not enrolled in school.
- 56 (10) "School-age child" means a minor who:
- 57 (a) is at least six years old but younger than 18 years old; and
- 58 (b) is not emancipated.
- 59 (11)
- (a) "Truant" means a condition in which a school-age child, without a valid excuse, and subject to  
Subsection (11)(b), is absent for at least:
- 61 (i) half of the school day; or
- 62 (ii) if the school-age child is enrolled in a learner verified program, as that term is defined by the  
state board, the relevant amount of time under the LEA's policy regarding the LEA's continuing  
enrollment measure as it relates to truancy.
- 65 (b) A school-age child may not be considered truant under this part more than one time during one day.
- 67 (12) "Truant minor" means a school-age child who:
- 68 (a) is subject to the requirements of Section 53G-6-202 or 53G-6-203; and
- 69 (b) is truant.
- 70 (13)
- (a) "Valid excuse" means:
- 71 (i) an illness, which may be either mental or physical, regardless of whether the school-age child or  
parent provides documentation from a medical professional;
- 73 (ii) mental or behavioral health of the school-age child;
- 74 (iii) a family death;

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- 75 (iv) an approved school activity;
- 76 (v) an absence permitted by a school-age child's:
- 77 (A) individualized education program; or
- 78 (B) Section 504 accommodation plan;
- 79 (vi) competition in a rodeo sanctioned by an international, non-profit organization dedicated to  
the development of sportsmanship, horsemanship, and character in youth through the sport of  
rodeo;
- 82 (vii) {if} any reason a parent provides to justify a {school-age child} student's absence if the  
student maintains a {2.0} cumulative grade point average{-} of at least 2.0, including an event  
related to participation in the following clubs:
- 84 (A) mountain biking;
- 85 (B) shooting sports; or
- 86 (C) a youth development program Utah State University administers, which provides educational  
experiences in areas including agriculture, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, civic  
engagement, leadership, and healthy living through hands-on learning, mentoring, and community-  
based clubs or activities;
- 91 [~~vii~~] (viii) an absence permitted in accordance with Subsection 53G-6-803(5); or
- 92 [~~viii~~] (ix) any other excuse established as valid by a local school board, charter school governing  
board, or school district.
- 94 (b) "Valid excuse" does not mean a parent acknowledgment of an absence for a reason other than a  
reason described in [~~Subsections (13)(a)(i) through (vii)~~] Subsections (13)(a)(i) through (viii), unless  
specifically permitted by the local school board, charter school governing board, or school district  
under [~~Subsection (13)(a)(viii)~~] Subsection (13)(a)(ix).

### 100 Section 2. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

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