



# House of Representatives *State of Utah*

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Mr. Speaker:

The Education Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 148**, SCHOOL TRUANCY AMENDMENTS, by Representative E. Hutchings, with the following amendments:

0. *Page 3, Lines 60 through 63:*

60           ~~{(4) For the purposes of this section, failure to resolve a child's excessive~~  
61           ~~absenteeism is~~  
62           ~~evidenced by ten unexcused absences, as defined by a school district's or charter~~  
63           ~~school's~~  
64           ~~policy, following a parent's receipt of the written notice required under Subsection~~  
65           ~~53A-11-103(1)(b).}~~ =

(4)(a) For the purposes of this section, a parent is considered to have knowingly failed to resolve a child's excessive absenteeism if the child, during any one school year, has ten absences without a valid excuse, as defined in Subsection (4)(b), following the parent's receipt of the written notice required under Subsection 53A-11-103(1)(b).

(b) As used in this section, "valid excuse" means:

(i) illness;

(ii) family death or crisis;

(iii) approved school activity;

(iv) family activity with prior school notice and approval; or

(v) additional reasons established by a local school board or school community council.

1. *Page 3, Lines 73 through 85:*

73           (1) For each school-age minor who is or should be enrolled within that school  
74           district,  
75           the local school board or school district shall make efforts to resolve a minor's school  
76           attendance problems. Those efforts shall include, as reasonably feasible:  
77           (a) counseling of the minor by school authorities;  
78           (b) a written request for parental support in securing regular attendance by the minor

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- 78 delivered by certified mail or by hand to the parent, containing notice of the requirements  
of  
79 this section [~~and stating that refusal to respond to the notice is a class B misdemeanor~~];  
80 (c) at least one meeting with the minor and the parents;  
81 (d) any necessary adjustment to the curriculum and schedule to meet special needs  
of  
82 the minor; [~~and~~]  
83 (e) monitoring school attendance of the minor for a period not to exceed 30 days[-];  
84 {~~—and~~}  
85 (f) consideration of alternatives proposed by the parent {[-]} ; and  
(g) participation in a truancy mediation.

Respectfully,

Margaret Dayton  
Committee Chair

Voting: 7-3-5

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