

Senator Mark B. Madsen proposes the following substitute bill:

HOME SCHOOL AND DUAL ENROLLMENT

AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

House Sponsor: Michael T. Morley

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies procedures for exempting minors who are home schooled from attendance at a public or private school and provides that private or home school students shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at a public school.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a minor shall be excused from attendance at a public or private school if the minor's parent files a statement signed by the parent with the local board of education stating that the minor will attend a home school;

- ▶ provides that a minor who is enrolled in a regularly established private school or a home school shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at a public school;

- ▶ provides that a private or home school student may only participate in extracurricular activities at the public school within whose boundaries the student's custodial parent or legal guardian resides or a public school within the student's school district of residence which is open for enrollment of nonresident students;

and



26 ▶ provides that private and home school students shall be eligible for extracurricular
27 activities at a public school consistent with eligibility standards for fully enrolled
28 public school students.

29 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

30 None

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 None

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35 **53A-11-102**, as last amended by Chapter 253, Laws of Utah 2005

36 **53A-11-102.5**, as last amended by Chapter 221, Laws of Utah 2003



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

39 Section 1. Section **53A-11-102** is amended to read:

40 **53A-11-102. Minors exempt from school attendance.**

41 (1) (a) A school-age minor may be excused from attendance by the local board of
42 education and a parent exempted from application of Subsections 53A-11-101(2) and (3) for
43 any of the following reasons:

44 (i) a minor over age 16 may receive a partial release from school to enter employment
45 if the minor has completed the eighth grade; or

46 (ii) on an annual basis, a minor may receive a full release from attending a public,
47 regularly established private, or part-time school or class if:

48 (A) the minor has already completed the work required for graduation from high
49 school, or has demonstrated mastery of required skills and competencies in accordance with
50 Subsection 53A-15-102(1);

51 (B) the minor is in a physical or mental condition, certified by a competent physician if
52 required by the district board, which renders attendance inexpedient and impracticable;

53 (C) proper influences and adequate opportunities for education are provided in
54 connection with the minor's employment; or

55 (D) the district superintendent has determined that a minor over the age of 16 is unable
56 to profit from attendance at school because of inability or a continuing negative attitude toward

57 school regulations and discipline.

58 (b) Minors receiving a partial release from school under Subsection (1)(a)(i) are
59 required to attend:

60 (i) school part-time as prescribed by the local school board; or

61 (ii) a home school part-time.

62 (c) In each case, evidence of reasons for granting an exemption under Subsection (1)
63 must be sufficient to satisfy the local board.

64 (2) (a) On an annual basis, a school-age minor shall be excused from attendance by a
65 local board of education and a parent exempted from application of Subsections 53A-11-101(2)
66 and (3), if the minor's parent files a statement signed [~~affidavit~~] by the parent with the minor's
67 school district of residence, as defined in Section 53A-2-201, stating that the minor will attend
68 a home school and receive instruction as required by Subsection (2)(b).

69 (b) Each minor who attends a home school shall receive instruction:

70 (i) in the subjects the State Board of Education requires to be taught in public schools
71 in accordance with the law; and

72 (ii) for the same length of time as minors are required by law to receive instruction in
73 public schools, as provided by rules of the State Board of Education.

74 (c) Subject to the requirements of Subsection (2)(b), a parent of a minor who attends a
75 home school is solely responsible for:

76 (i) the selection of instructional materials and textbooks;

77 (ii) the time, place, and method of instruction, and

78 (iii) the evaluation of the home school instruction.

79 (d) A local school board may not:

80 (i) require a parent of a minor who attends a home school to maintain records of
81 instruction or attendance;

82 (ii) require credentials for individuals providing home school instruction;

83 (iii) inspect home school facilities; or

84 (iv) require standardized or other testing of home school students.

85 (3) Boards excusing minors from attendance as provided by Subsections (1) and (2)
86 shall issue a certificate stating that the minor is excused from attendance during the time
87 specified on the certificate.

88 (4) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit or discourage voluntary
89 cooperation, resource sharing, or testing opportunities between a school or school district and a
90 parent or guardian of a minor attending a home school.

91 Section 2. Section **53A-11-102.5** is amended to read:

92 **53A-11-102.5. Participation in public school programs -- Dual enrollment --**
93 **Private or home school students -- Extracurricular activities.**

94 (1) A person having control of a minor under this part who is enrolled in a regularly
95 established private school or a home school may also enroll the minor in a public school for
96 dual enrollment purposes.

97 (2) The minor may participate in any academic activity in the public school available to
98 students in the minor's grade or age group, subject to compliance with the same rules and
99 requirements that apply to a full-time student's participation in the activity.

100 (3) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 53A-11-101 and 53A-11-102, a student
101 enrolled in a public school may also be enrolled in a private school or a home school for dual
102 enrollment purposes.

103 (4) A student enrolled in a dual enrollment program is considered a student of the
104 district in which the public school of attendance is located for purposes of state funding to the
105 extent of the student's participation in the public school programs.

106 (5) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
107 State Board of Education shall make rules for purposes of dual enrollment to govern and
108 regulate the transferability of credits toward graduation that are earned in a private or home
109 school.

110 ~~[(6) The State Board of Education shall determine the policies and procedures~~
111 ~~necessary to permit students enrolled under Subsection (1) to participate in public school~~
112 ~~extracurricular activities.]~~

113 (6) (a) A minor who is enrolled in a regularly established private school or in a home
114 school shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at a public school as provided
115 in this Subsection (6).

116 (b) A private or home school student may only participate in extracurricular activities
117 at:

118 (i) the public school within whose boundaries the student's custodial parent or legal

119 guardian resides; or

120 (ii) a public school:

121 (A) within the home school student's school district of residence; and

122 (B) which is open for enrollment of nonresident students pursuant to Section

123 53A-2-207 or Section 53A-2-213.

124 (c) A school district or public school may not impose additional requirements on
125 private or home school students to participate in extracurricular activities that are not imposed
126 on fully enrolled public school students.

127 (d) Eligibility requirements based on school attendance are not applicable to home
128 school students.

129 (e) When selection to participate in an extracurricular activity is made on a competitive
130 basis, the private or home school student shall be eligible to try out for and participate in the
131 activity as provided in this Subsection (6).

132 (f) To demonstrate a home school student's compliance with scholastic eligibility
133 requirements, the individual providing the primary instruction of a home school student shall
134 submit a written statement that indicates:

135 (i) the student is mastering the material in each course or subject being taught; and

136 (ii) the student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards advancement or promotion.

137 (g) Private and home school students shall be eligible for extracurricular activities at a
138 public school consistent with other eligibility standards as applied to fully enrolled public
139 school students not exempted in Subsection (6)(d) or (f).

140 (h) A public school student who has been declared to be academically ineligible to
141 participate in an extracurricular activity and who subsequently enrolls in a private school or in
142 a home school shall lose eligibility for participation in the extracurricular activity until the
143 commencement of the next season or cycle of the extracurricular activity for which the student
144 was academically ineligible.