

USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY COMMUNITY

ORGANIZATIONS

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions of the State System of Public Education code relating to the use of public school buildings and grounds as a civic center.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires all public school buildings and grounds to be made available as a civic center to district residents for supervised recreational activities and meetings;
- ▶ provides that a local school board may not refuse the use of a civic center, for other than school purposes, unless it determines that the use interferes with a school function or purpose;
- ▶ requires a local school board to ensure that school administrators are trained about and properly implement certain provisions; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:



28 53A-3-413, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1988, Chapter 2
29 53A-3-414, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1999, Chapter 21



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

32 Section 1. Section 53A-3-413 is amended to read:

33 **53A-3-413. Use of public school buildings and grounds as civic centers.**

34 (1) All public school buildings and grounds are civic centers and ~~[may be used by]~~
35 shall be made available to district residents for supervised recreational activities and meetings.

36 (2) Use of school property for civic center purposes may not interfere with ~~[any]~~ a
37 school function or purpose.

38 Section 2. Section 53A-3-414 is amended to read:

39 **53A-3-414. Local school boards' responsibility for school buildings and grounds**
40 **when used as civic centers.**

41 A local school board ~~[has the following powers]:~~

42 (1) ~~[It manages, directs, and controls]~~ shall manage, direct, and control civic centers
43 under this chapter[-];

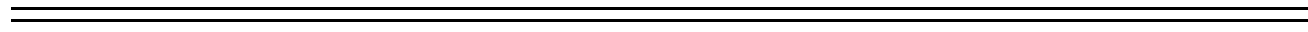
44 (2) ~~[It adopts]~~ shall adopt rules for the use of ~~[these]~~ civic centers[-];

45 (3) ~~[It]~~ may charge a reasonable fee for the use of school facilities as a civic center so
46 that the district incurs no expense for that use[-];

47 (4) ~~[It]~~ may appoint a special functions officer under Section 53-13-105 to have charge
48 of the grounds and protect school property when used for civic center purposes[-];

49 (5) ~~[It]~~ may not refuse the use of a civic center, for other than school purposes, ~~[if]~~
50 unless it determines that the use ~~[inadvisable:]~~ interferes with a school function or purpose; and

51 (6) shall ensure that school administrators are trained about and properly implement the
52 provisions of this section and Section 53A-3-413.



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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
