

**EQUAL RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL PARENT  
GROUPS**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires an education entity to allow all parent groups equal access to certain opportunities and resources.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides definitions;
- ▶ requires an education entity to allow all parent groups equal access to certain opportunities and resources; and
- ▶ prohibits an education entity from working in conjunction with a parent group that requires the payment of dues as a condition for participation in its group.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53A-3-428**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **53A-3-428** is enacted to read:

29 **53A-3-428. Parent groups -- Equal participation.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Parent group" means all legally organized parent or parent/teacher groups,  
32 associations, or organizations on a local, district, or state level.

33 (b) "School" means:

34 (i) a public school, school district, local school board, governing board of a charter  
35 school, and the State Board of Education; and

36 (ii) employees and officers of the entities described under Subsection (1)(b)(i).

37 (2) A school shall allow all parent groups equal access to the following:

38 (a) general meetings with the school;

39 (b) access to school facilities, resources, and staff assistance;

40 (c) opportunities and invitations to serve as parent representatives on school  
41 committees;

42 (d) school goods and services; and

43 (e) volunteer opportunities, leadership opportunities, and voting privileges at the  
44 school.

45 (3) If a school permits a parent group to engage in any of the activities described under  
46 Subsection (2), the school shall permit other parent groups to engage in the activity on the same  
47 terms and conditions.

48 (4) If a school accepts invitations to attend and participate in meetings sponsored by a  
49 parent group, it shall also accept invitations to attend and participate in other parent group  
50 meetings.

51 (5) A school may not:

52 (a) establish or maintain structures, procedures, or policies that favor or give  
53 preferential treatment to one parent group over another parent group;

54 (b) explicitly or implicitly endorse, support, sanction, or give approval to one parent  
55 group over another parent group; or

56 (c) work in conjunction with a parent group that requires the payment of dues as a  
57 condition for participation in its group, including participation in volunteer opportunities,  
58 leadership positions, or the ability to vote.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**S.B. 199 - Equal Recognition of School Parent Groups**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**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.

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