

STUDENT GRADUATION ATTIRE AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses cultural and religious attire requirements worn during a high school graduation ceremony.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ provides that students may wear recognized cultural or religious adornments during a high school graduation unless the adornment substantially disrupts or materially interferes with the graduation ceremony.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53G-4-414, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53G-4-414** is enacted to read:

53G-4-414. **Recognized cultural or religious adornment at high school graduation**



28 **ceremonies.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Adornment" means something that a student attaches to, or wears with, but does
31 not replace, graduation attire.

32 (b) "Cultural" means recognized practices and traditions of a certain group of people.

33 (c) "Graduation attire" means attire that an LEA requires a student to wear as part of
34 the dress code for a graduation ceremony.

35 (d) "Graduation ceremony" means a high school graduation ceremony.

36 (2) A student may wear recognized items of cultural or religious significance as an
37 adornment at a graduation ceremony.

38 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), an LEA may prohibit a student from wearing an
39 item of adornment that is likely to cause a substantial disruption of, or material interference
40 with, the graduation ceremony.

41 (4) Nothing in this section limits an LEA's authority related to student expression under
42 applicable federal and state law.