

James A. Dunnigan proposes the following substitute bill:

**Social Services Program Amendments**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the provisions related to social services programs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- amends provisions related to the Medicaid ACA Fund;
- amends provisions related to substance use and mental health program licensure;
- amends provisions regarding atypical anti-psychotic, psychotropic drugs, and the Medicaid preferred drug list;
- amends provisions related to case management; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates \$1,172,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the General Fund.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26B-1-315 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 439

**26B-2-101 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 240, 267, 307, and 438

**26B-3-105 (Effective 07/01/25)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 306

**26B-5-101 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 240, 420

**26B-5-102 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 250,

29 420  
 30 **26B-5-301 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023,  
 31 Chapter 308  
 32 **26B-5-801 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2024,  
 33 Chapter 245  
 34 **53-21-101 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345  
 35 **63M-7-204 (Effective 05/07/25)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

36 ENACTS:

37 **26B-2-110 (Effective 05/07/25)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

40 Section 1. Section **26B-1-315** is amended to read:

41 **26B-1-315 (Effective 05/07/25). Medicaid ACA Fund.**

- 42 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Medicaid ACA  
 43 Fund."  
 44 (2) The fund consists of:  
 45 (a) assessments collected under Chapter 3, Part 5, Inpatient Hospital Assessment;  
 46 (b) intergovernmental transfers under Section 26B-3-508;  
 47 (c) savings attributable to the health coverage improvement program, as defined in  
 48 Section 26B-3-501, as determined by the department;  
 49 (d) savings attributable to the enhancement waiver program, as defined in Section  
 50 26B-3-501, as determined by the department;  
 51 (e) savings attributable to the Medicaid waiver expansion, as defined in Section  
 52 26B-3-501, as determined by the department;  
 53 ~~[(f) savings attributable to the inclusion of psychotropic drugs on the preferred drug list~~  
 54 ~~under Subsection 26B-3-105(3) as determined by the department;]~~  
 55 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) revenues collected from the sales tax described in Subsection 59-12-103(11);  
 56 ~~[(h)]~~ (g) gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money that may be made to  
 57 the fund from private sources;  
 58 ~~[(i)]~~ (h) interest earned on money in the fund; and  
 59 ~~[(j)]~~ (i) additional amounts as appropriated by the Legislature.  
 60 (3)(a) The fund shall earn interest.  
 61 (b) All interest earned on fund money shall be deposited into the fund.  
 62 (4)(a) A state agency administering the provisions of Chapter 3, Part 5, Inpatient

63 Hospital Assessment, may use money from the fund to pay the costs, not otherwise  
64 paid for with federal funds or other revenue sources, of:

- 65 (i) the health coverage improvement program as defined in Section 26B-3-501;
- 66 (ii) the enhancement waiver program as defined in Section 26B-3-501;
- 67 (iii) a Medicaid waiver expansion as defined in Section 26B-3-501; and
- 68 (iv) the outpatient upper payment limit supplemental payments under Section  
69 26B-3-511.

70 (b) A state agency administering the provisions of Chapter 3, Part 5, Inpatient Hospital  
71 Assessment, may not use:

- 72 (i) funds described in Subsection (2)(b) to pay the cost of private outpatient upper  
73 payment limit supplemental payments; or
- 74 (ii) money in the fund for any purpose not described in Subsection (4)(a).

75 Section 2. Section **26B-2-101** is amended to read:

76 **26B-2-101 (Effective 05/07/25). Definitions.**

77 As used in this part:

- 78 (1) "Adoption services" means the same as that term is defined in Section 80-2-801.
- 79 (2) "Adult day care" means nonresidential care and supervision:
  - 80 (a) for three or more adults for at least four but less than 24 hours a day; and
  - 81 (b) that meets the needs of functionally impaired adults through a comprehensive  
82 program that provides a variety of health, social, recreational, and related support  
83 services in a protective setting.
- 84 (3) "Applicant" means a person that applies for an initial license or a license renewal under  
85 this part.
- 86 (4)(a) "Associated with the licensee" means that an individual is:
  - 87 (i) affiliated with a licensee as an owner, director, member of the governing body,  
88 employee, agent, provider of care, department contractor, or volunteer; or
  - 89 (ii) applying to become affiliated with a licensee in a capacity described in  
90 Subsection (4)(a)(i).
- 91 (b) "Associated with the licensee" does not include:
  - 92 (i) service on the following bodies, unless that service includes direct access to a  
93 child or a vulnerable adult:
    - 94 (A) a local mental health authority described in Section 17-43-301;
    - 95 (B) a local substance abuse authority described in Section 17-43-201; or
    - 96 (C) a board of an organization operating under a contract to provide mental health

- 97 or substance use programs, or services for the local mental health authority or  
98 substance abuse authority; or
- 99 (ii) a guest or visitor whose access to a child or a vulnerable adult is directly  
100 supervised at all times.
- 101 (5)(a) "Boarding school" means a private school that:
- 102 (i) uses a regionally accredited education program;
- 103 (ii) provides a residence to the school's students:
- 104 (A) for the purpose of enabling the school's students to attend classes at the  
105 school; and
- 106 (B) as an ancillary service to educating the students at the school;
- 107 (iii) has the primary purpose of providing the school's students with an education, as  
108 defined in Subsection (5)(b)(i); and
- 109 (iv)(A) does not provide the treatment or services described in Subsection [~~(40)(a)~~]  
110 (41)(a); or
- 111 (B) provides the treatment or services described in Subsection [~~(40)(a)~~] (41)(a) on  
112 a limited basis, as described in Subsection (5)(b)(ii).
- 113 (b)(i) For purposes of Subsection (5)(a)(iii), "education" means a course of study for  
114 one or more grades from kindergarten through grade 12.
- 115 (ii) For purposes of Subsection (5)(a)(iv)(B), a private school provides the treatment  
116 or services described in Subsection [~~(40)(a)~~] (41)(a) on a limited basis if:
- 117 (A) the treatment or services described in Subsection [~~(40)(a)~~] (41)(a) are provided  
118 only as an incidental service to a student; and
- 119 (B) the school does not:
- 120 (I) specifically solicit a student for the purpose of providing the treatment or  
121 services described in Subsection [~~(40)(a)~~] (41)(a); or
- 122 (II) have a primary purpose of providing the treatment or services described in  
123 Subsection [~~(40)(a)~~] (41)(a).
- 124 (c) "Boarding school" does not include a therapeutic school.
- 125 (6) "Certification" means a less restrictive level of licensure issued by the department.
- 126 (7) "Child" means an individual under 18 years old.
- 127 (8) "Child placing" means receiving, accepting, or providing custody or care for any child,  
128 temporarily or permanently, for the purpose of:
- 129 (a) finding a person to adopt the child;
- 130 (b) placing the child in a home for adoption; or

- 131 (c) foster home placement.
- 132 (9) "Child-placing agency" means a person that engages in child placing.
- 133 (10) "Client" means an individual who receives or has received services from a licensee.
- 134 (11)(a) "Congregate care program" means any of the following that provide services to a  
135 child:
- 136 (i) an outdoor youth program;
  - 137 (ii) a residential support program;
  - 138 (iii) a residential treatment program; or
  - 139 (iv) a therapeutic school.
- 140 (b) "Congregate care program" does not include a human services program that:
- 141 (i) is licensed to serve adults; and
  - 142 (ii) is approved by the office to service a child for a limited time.
- 143 (12) "Day treatment" means specialized treatment that is provided to:
- 144 (a) a client less than 24 hours a day; and
  - 145 (b) four or more persons who:
    - 146 (i) are unrelated to the owner or provider; and
    - 147 (ii) have emotional, psychological, developmental, physical, or behavioral  
148 dysfunctions, impairments, or chemical dependencies.
- 149 (13) "Department contractor" means an individual who:
- 150 (a) provides services under a contract with the department; and
  - 151 (b) due to the contract with the department, has or will likely have direct access to a  
152 child or vulnerable adult.
- 153 (14) "Direct access" means that an individual has, or likely will have:
- 154 (a) contact with or access to a child or vulnerable adult that provides the individual with  
155 an opportunity for personal communication or touch; or
  - 156 (b) an opportunity to view medical, financial, or other confidential personal identifying  
157 information of the child, the child's parents or legal guardians, or the vulnerable adult.
- 158 (15) "Directly supervised" means that an individual is being supervised under the  
159 uninterrupted visual and auditory surveillance of another individual who has a current  
160 background check approval issued by the office.
- 161 (16) "Director" means the director of the office.
- 162 (17) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.
- 163 (18) "Domestic violence treatment program" means a nonresidential program designed to  
164 provide psychological treatment and educational services to perpetrators and victims of

- 165 domestic violence.
- 166 (19) "Elder adult" means a person 65 years old or older.
- 167 (20) "Emergency safety intervention" means a tactic used to protect staff or a client from  
168 being physically injured, utilized by an appropriately trained direct care staff and only  
169 performed in accordance with a nationally or regionally recognized curriculum in the  
170 least restrictive manner to restore staff or client safety.
- 171 (21) "Foster home" means a residence that is licensed or certified by the office for the  
172 full-time substitute care of a child.
- 173 (22) "Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-22-634.
- 174 (23) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-3-403.
- 175 (24) "Health insurer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-22-615.5.
- 176 (25)(a) "Human services program" means:
- 177 (i) a foster home;
- 178 (ii) a therapeutic school;
- 179 (iii) a youth program;
- 180 (iv) an outdoor youth program;
- 181 (v) a residential treatment program;
- 182 (vi) a residential support program;
- 183 (vii) a resource family home;
- 184 (viii) a recovery residence; or
- 185 (ix) a facility or program that provides:
- 186 (A) adult day care;
- 187 (B) day treatment;
- 188 (C) outpatient treatment;
- 189 (D) domestic violence treatment;
- 190 (E) child-placing services;
- 191 (F) social detoxification; or
- 192 (G) any other human services that are required by contract with the department to  
193 be licensed with the department.
- 194 (b) "Human services program" does not include:
- 195 (i) a boarding school;
- 196 (ii) a residential, vocational and life skills program, as defined in Section 13-53-102;
- 197 or
- 198 (iii) a short-term relief care provider.

- 199 (26) "Indian child" means the same as that term is defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903.
- 200 (27) "Indian country" means the same as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151.
- 201 (28) "Indian tribe" means the same as that term is defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903.
- 202 (29) "Intermediate secure treatment" means 24-hour specialized residential treatment or  
203 care for an individual who:
- 204 (a) cannot live independently or in a less restrictive environment; and
- 205 (b) requires, without the individual's consent or control, the use of locked doors to care  
206 for the individual.
- 207 (30) "Licensee" means an individual or a human services program licensed by the office.
- 208 (31) "Local government" means a city, town, or county.
- 209 (32) "Mental health treatment program" means a program that:
- 210 (a) is a structured intervention; and
- 211 (b) is used to improve mental health, prevent mental disorders, and treat mental health  
212 conditions.
- 213 [~~(32)~~] (33) "Minor" means child.
- 214 [~~(33)~~] (34) "Office" means the Office of Licensing within the department.
- 215 [~~(34)~~] (35) "Outdoor youth program" means a program that provides:
- 216 (a) services to a child that has:
- 217 (i) a chemical dependency; or
- 218 (ii) a dysfunction or impairment that is emotional, psychological, developmental,  
219 physical, or behavioral;
- 220 (b) a 24-hour outdoor group living environment; and
- 221 (c)(i) regular therapy, including group, individual, or supportive family therapy; or
- 222 (ii) informal therapy or similar services, including wilderness therapy, adventure  
223 therapy, or outdoor behavioral healthcare.
- 224 [~~(35)~~] (36) "Outpatient treatment" means individual, family, or group therapy or counseling  
225 designed to improve and enhance social or psychological functioning for those whose  
226 physical and emotional status allows them to continue functioning in their usual living  
227 environment.
- 228 [~~(36)~~] (37) "Practice group" or "group practice" means two or more health care providers  
229 legally organized as a partnership, professional corporation, or similar association, for  
230 which:
- 231 (a) substantially all of the services of the health care providers who are members of the  
232 group are provided through the group and are billed in the name of the group and

- 233 amounts received are treated as receipts of the group; and
- 234 (b) the overhead expenses of and the income from the practice are distributed in
- 235 accordance with methods previously determined by members of the group.
- 236 [(37)] (38) "Private-placement child" means a child whose parent or guardian enters into a
- 237 contract with a congregate care program for the child to receive services.
- 238 [(38)] (39)(a) "Recovery residence" means a home, residence, or facility that meets at
- 239 least two of the following requirements:
- 240 (i) provides a supervised living environment for individuals recovering from a
- 241 substance use disorder;
- 242 (ii) provides a living environment in which more than half of the individuals in the
- 243 residence are recovering from a substance use disorder;
- 244 (iii) provides or arranges for residents to receive services related to the resident's
- 245 recovery from a substance use disorder, either on or off site;
- 246 (iv) is held out as a living environment in which individuals recovering from
- 247 substance abuse disorders live together to encourage continued sobriety; or
- 248 (v)(A) receives public funding; or
- 249 (B) is run as a business venture, either for-profit or not-for-profit.
- 250 (b) "Recovery residence" does not mean:
- 251 (i) a residential treatment program;
- 252 (ii) residential support program; or
- 253 (iii) a home, residence, or facility, in which:
- 254 (A) residents, by a majority vote of the residents, establish, implement, and
- 255 enforce policies governing the living environment, including the manner in
- 256 which applications for residence are approved and the manner in which
- 257 residents are expelled;
- 258 (B) residents equitably share rent and housing-related expenses; and
- 259 (C) a landlord, owner, or operator does not receive compensation, other than fair
- 260 market rental income, for establishing, implementing, or enforcing policies
- 261 governing the living environment.
- 262 [(39)] (40) "Regular business hours" means:
- 263 (a) the hours during which services of any kind are provided to a client; or
- 264 (b) the hours during which a client is present at the facility of a licensee.
- 265 [(40)] (41)(a) "Residential support program" means a program that arranges for or
- 266 provides the necessities of life as a protective service to individuals or families who



- 267 have a disability or who are experiencing a dislocation or emergency that prevents  
 268 them from providing these services for themselves or their families.
- 269 (b) "Residential support program" includes a program that provides a supervised living  
 270 environment for individuals with dysfunctions or impairments that are:
- 271 (i) emotional;  
 272 (ii) psychological;  
 273 (iii) developmental; or  
 274 (iv) behavioral.
- 275 (c) Treatment is not a necessary component of a residential support program.
- 276 (d) "Residential support program" does not include:
- 277 (i) a recovery residence; or  
 278 (ii) a program that provides residential services that are performed:
- 279 (A) exclusively under contract with the department and provided to individuals  
 280 through the Division of Services for People with Disabilities; or  
 281 (B) in a facility that serves fewer than four individuals.
- 282 ~~[(41)]~~ (42)(a) "Residential treatment" means a 24-hour group living environment for four  
 283 or more individuals unrelated to the owner or provider that offers room or board and  
 284 specialized treatment, behavior modification, rehabilitation, discipline, emotional  
 285 growth, or habilitation services for persons with emotional, psychological,  
 286 developmental, or behavioral dysfunctions, impairments, or chemical dependencies.
- 287 (b) "Residential treatment" does not include a:
- 288 (i) boarding school;  
 289 (ii) foster home; or  
 290 (iii) recovery residence.
- 291 ~~[(42)]~~ (43) "Residential treatment program" means a program or facility that provides:
- 292 (a) residential treatment; or  
 293 (b) intermediate secure treatment.
- 294 ~~[(43)]~~ (44) "Seclusion" means the involuntary confinement of an individual in a room or an  
 295 area:
- 296 (a) away from the individual's peers; and  
 297 (b) in a manner that physically prevents the individual from leaving the room or area.
- 298 ~~[(44)]~~ (45) "Short-term relief care provider" means an individual who:
- 299 (a) provides short-term and temporary relief care to a foster parent:  
 300 (i) for less than six consecutive nights; and

- 301 (ii) in the short-term relief care provider's home;
- 302 (b) is an immediate family member or relative, as those terms are defined in Section
- 303 80-3-102, of the foster parent;
- 304 (c) is direct access qualified, as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-120;
- 305 (d) has been approved to provide short-term relief care by the department;
- 306 (e) is not reimbursed by the department for the temporary relief care provided; and
- 307 (f) is not an immediate family member or relative, as those terms are defined in Section
- 308 80-3-102, of the foster child.

309 [~~(45)~~] (46) "Social detoxification" means short-term residential services for persons who are

310 experiencing or have recently experienced drug or alcohol intoxication, that are provided

311 outside of a health care facility licensed under Part 2, Health Care Facility Licensing and

312 Inspection, and that include:

- 313 (a) room and board for persons who are unrelated to the owner or manager of the facility;
- 314 (b) specialized rehabilitation to acquire sobriety; and
- 315 (c) aftercare services.

316 [~~(46)~~] (47) "Substance abuse disorder" or "substance use disorder" mean the same as

317 "substance use disorder" is defined in Section 26B-5-501.

318 [~~(47)~~] (48) "Substance abuse treatment program" or "substance use disorder treatment

319 program" means a program:

- 320 (a) designed to provide:
- 321 (i) specialized drug or alcohol treatment;
- 322 (ii) rehabilitation; or
- 323 (iii) habilitation services; and
- 324 (b) that provides the treatment or services described in Subsection [~~(47)(a)~~] (48)(a) to
- 325 persons with:
- 326 (i) a diagnosed substance use disorder; or
- 327 (ii) chemical dependency disorder.

328 [~~(48)~~] (49) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:

- 329 (a) for four or more individuals that are not related to:
- 330 (i) the owner of the facility; or
- 331 (ii) the primary service provider of the facility;
- 332 (b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:
- 333 (i) at home;
- 334 (ii) in a public school; or

335 (iii) in a nonresidential private school; and

336 (c) that offers:

337 (i) room and board; and

338 (ii) an academic education integrated with:

339 (A) specialized structure and supervision; or

340 (B) services or treatment related to:

341 (I) a disability;

342 (II) emotional development;

343 (III) behavioral development;

344 (IV) familial development; or

345 (V) social development.

346 [~~(49)~~] (50) "Unrelated persons" means persons other than parents, legal guardians,  
347 grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, or aunts.

348 [~~(50)~~] (51) "Vulnerable adult" means an elder adult or an adult who has a temporary or  
349 permanent mental or physical impairment that substantially affects the person's ability to:

350 (a) provide personal protection;

351 (b) provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or mental or other health care;

352 (c) obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;

353 (d) carry out the activities of daily living;

354 (e) manage the adult's own resources; or

355 (f) comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse,  
356 neglect, or exploitation.

357 [~~(51)~~] (52)(a) "Youth program" means a program designed to provide behavioral,  
358 substance use, or mental health services to minors that:

359 (i) serves adjudicated or nonadjudicated youth;

360 (ii) charges a fee for the program's services;

361 (iii) may provide host homes or other arrangements for overnight accommodation of  
362 the youth;

363 (iv) may provide all or part of the program's services in the outdoors;

364 (v) may limit or censor access to parents or guardians; and

365 (vi) prohibits or restricts a minor's ability to leave the program at any time of the  
366 minor's own free will.

367 (b) "Youth program" does not include recreational programs such as Boy Scouts, Girl  
368 Scouts, 4-H, and other such organizations.

- 369 [(52)] (53)(a) "Youth transportation company" means any person that transports a child  
 370 for payment to or from a congregate care program in Utah.
- 371 (b) "Youth transportation company" does not include:
- 372 (i) a relative of the child;
- 373 (ii) a state agency; or
- 374 (iii) a congregate care program's employee who transports the child from the  
 375 congregate care program that employs the employee and returns the child to the  
 376 same congregate care program.

377 Section 3. Section **26B-2-110** is enacted to read:

378 **26B-2-110 (Effective 05/07/25). Adult substance use and mental health providers.**

379 (1) As used in this section:

380 (a) "Deemed site" means a site:

381 (i) operated by a licensee; and

382 (ii) that is approved by the department in accordance with Subsection (2).

383 (b) "Good standing" means:

384 (i) that a licensee has not had a violation that is considered by the department as  
 385 moderate, high, or extreme noncompliance in the previous 24 months; and

386 (ii) does not have outstanding fees or civil money penalties owed to the department.

387 (c) "Licensee" means a substance abuse treatment program or mental health treatment  
 388 program.

389 (2)(a) The department may approve a site operated by a licensee as a deemed site if:

390 (i) the licensee meets the requirements of Subsection (2)(b); and

391 (ii) at the time of licensure or renewal, the licensee is in good standing.

392 (b) A deemed site:

393 (i) may not serve an individual that is not at least 18 years old;

394 (ii) shall be accredited by a national accrediting organization that is recognized by the  
 395 department through rule; and

396 (iii) shall provide the department with documentation from the accrediting  
 397 organization that includes:

398 (A) inspection reports;

399 (B) findings;

400 (C) plans of correction issued by the accrediting organization; and

401 (D) progress reports on any plan of correction required by the accrediting  
 402 organization.

- 403 (3)(a) A licensee may opt-out of on-site renewal inspections conducted by the  
404 department for a deemed site.
- 405 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), the department may investigate complaints or  
406 incidents involving the deemed site.
- 407 (c) A licensee is still subject to all renewal licensing fees for a deemed site.
- 408 (4) The department shall revoke a licensee's deemed site status if:
- 409 (a) a compliance or incident investigation of the deemed site results in a moderate, high,  
410 or extreme noncompliance violation;
- 411 (b) the licensee does not submit accreditation documentation described in Subsection  
412 (2)(b)(iii) for the deemed site; or
- 413 (c) documentation from the accrediting organization shows any findings that equate to a  
414 moderate, high, or extreme noncompliance violation in a state licensing finding for  
415 the deemed site.
- 416 (5)(a) If a licensee has multiple sites, the department shall consider whether a site  
417 becomes a deemed site through a separate evaluation described in Subsection (2).
- 418 (b) The revocation of deemed status for a site does not cause the revocation of deemed  
419 status for another of a licensee's deemed sites unless the conditions listed in  
420 Subsection (4) apply to each site that is subject to losing the site's deemed site status.
- 421 (6) Information received by the department from a licensee pertaining to that licensee's  
422 accreditation by a voluntary accrediting organization, shall be private data except for a  
423 summary prepared by the department related to licensure standards.
- 424 (7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
425 office shall make rules to implement and enforce this section.
- 426 Section 4. Section **26B-3-105** is amended to read:
- 427 **26B-3-105 (Effective 07/01/25). Medicaid drug program -- Preferred drug list.**
- 428 (1) As used in this section:
- 429 (a) "Immunosuppressive drug" means a drug that:
- 430 (i) is used in immunosuppressive therapy to inhibit or prevent activity of the immune  
431 system to aid the body in preventing the rejection of transplanted organs and  
432 tissue; and
- 433 (ii) does not include drugs used for the treatment of autoimmune disease or diseases  
434 that are most likely of autoimmune origin.
- 435 (b) "Psychotropic drug" means the following classes of drugs:
- 436 (i) anti-depressant;

- 437           (ii) anti-convulsant/mood stabilizer;  
438           (iii) anti-anxiety; and  
439           (iv) attention deficit hyperactivity disorder stimulant.
- 440       (c) "Stabilized" means a health care provider has documented in the patient's medical  
441           chart that a patient has achieved a stable or steadfast medical state within the past 90  
442           days.
- 443   (2) A Medicaid drug program developed by the department under Subsection  
444       26B-3-104(2)(f):
- 445       (a) shall, notwithstanding Subsection 26B-3-104(1)(b), be based on clinical and  
446           cost-related factors which include medical necessity as determined by a provider in  
447           accordance with administrative rules established by the Drug Utilization Review  
448           Board;
- 449       (b) may include therapeutic categories of drugs that may be exempted from the drug  
450           program;
- 451       (c) notwithstanding Section 58-17b-606, may include placing some drugs~~[, except the~~  
452           ~~drugs described in Subsection (2);]~~ on a preferred drug list:
- 453           (i) to the extent determined appropriate by the department; and  
454           (ii) in the manner described in Subsection ~~[(3)]~~ (4) for ~~[psychotropic]~~ atypical  
455           anti-psychotic drugs;
- 456       (d) notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 26B-3-302 through 26B-3-309  
457           regarding the Drug Utilization Review Board, and except as provided in Subsection [  
458           ~~(3)]~~ (4), shall immediately implement the prior authorization requirements for a  
459           nonpreferred drug that is in the same therapeutic class as a drug that is:
- 460           (i) on the preferred drug list on the date that this act takes effect; or  
461           (ii) added to the preferred drug list after this act takes effect; and
- 462       (e) except as prohibited by Subsections 58-17b-606(4) and (5), shall establish the prior  
463           authorization requirements ~~[established under Subsections (1)(c) and (d)]~~ which shall  
464           permit a health care provider or the health care provider's agent to obtain a prior  
465           authorization override of the preferred drug list through the department's pharmacy  
466           prior authorization review process, and which shall:
- 467           (i) provide either telephone or fax approval or denial of the request within 24 hours of  
468               the receipt of a request that is submitted during normal business hours of Monday  
469               through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;
- 470           (ii) provide for the dispensing of a limited supply of a requested drug as determined

471 appropriate by the department in an emergency situation, if the request for an  
 472 override is received outside of the department's normal business hours; and  
 473 (iii) require the health care provider to provide the department with documentation of  
 474 the medical need for the preferred drug list override in accordance with criteria  
 475 established by the department in consultation with the Pharmacy and Therapeutics  
 476 Committee.

477 ~~[(2)] (3)[(a) As used in this Subsection (2):]~~

478 ~~[(i) "Immunosuppressive drug":]~~

479 ~~[(A) means a drug that is used in immunosuppressive therapy to inhibit or prevent~~  
 480 ~~activity of the immune system to aid the body in preventing the rejection of~~  
 481 ~~transplanted organs and tissue; and]~~

482 ~~[(B) does not include drugs used for the treatment of autoimmune disease or~~  
 483 ~~diseases that are most likely of autoimmune origin.]~~

484 ~~[(ii) "Stabilized" means a health care provider has documented in the patient's~~  
 485 ~~medical chart that a patient has achieved a stable or steadfast medical state within~~  
 486 ~~the past 90 days using a particular psychotropic drug.]~~

487 ~~[(b)]~~

488 ~~(a) A preferred drug list developed under the provisions of this section may not include~~  
 489 ~~an immunosuppressive drug.~~

490 ~~[(e)]~~

491 ~~[(i)] (b) The state Medicaid program shall reimburse for a prescription for an~~  
 492 ~~immunosuppressive drug as written by the health care provider for a patient who has~~  
 493 ~~undergone an organ transplant.~~

494 ~~[(ii)] (c) For purposes of Subsection 58-17b-606(4), and with respect to patients who~~  
 495 ~~have undergone an organ transplant, the prescription for a particular~~  
 496 ~~immunosuppressive drug as written by a health care provider meets the criteria of~~  
 497 ~~demonstrating to the department a medical necessity for dispensing the prescribed~~  
 498 ~~immunosuppressive drug.~~

499 (d) Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 26B-3-302 through 26B-3-309  
 500 regarding the Drug Utilization Review Board, the state Medicaid drug program may  
 501 not require the use of step therapy for immunosuppressive drugs without the written  
 502 or oral consent of the health care provider and the patient.

503 ~~[(e) The department may include a sedative hypnotic on a preferred drug list in~~  
 504 ~~accordance with Subsection (2)(f).]~~

- 505       ~~[(f) The department shall grant a prior authorization for a sedative hypnotic that is not on~~  
506       ~~the preferred drug list under Subsection (2)(e), if the health care provider has~~  
507       ~~documentation related to one of the following conditions for the Medicaid client:]~~  
508       ~~[(i) a trial and failure of at least one preferred agent in the drug class, including the~~  
509       ~~name of the preferred drug that was tried, the length of therapy, and the reason for~~  
510       ~~the discontinuation;]~~  
511       ~~[(ii) detailed evidence of a potential drug interaction between current medication and~~  
512       ~~the preferred drug;]~~  
513       ~~[(iii) detailed evidence of a condition or contraindication that prevents the use of the~~  
514       ~~preferred drug;]~~  
515       ~~[(iv) objective clinical evidence that a patient is at high risk of adverse events due to~~  
516       ~~a therapeutic interchange with a preferred drug;]~~  
517       ~~[(v) the patient is a new or previous Medicaid client with an existing diagnosis~~  
518       ~~previously stabilized with a nonpreferred drug; or]~~  
519       ~~[(vi) other valid reasons as determined by the department.]~~  
520       ~~[(g) A prior authorization granted under Subsection (2)(f) is valid for one year from the~~  
521       ~~date the department grants the prior authorization and shall be renewed in accordance~~  
522       ~~with Subsection (2)(f).]~~
- 523    ~~[(3)]~~ ~~(4)~~ [(a) As used in this Subsection (3), "psychotropic drug" means the following  
524       ~~classes of drugs:]~~  
525       ~~[(i) atypical anti-psychotic;]~~  
526       ~~[(ii) anti-depressant;]~~  
527       ~~[(iii) anti-convulsant/mood stabilizer;]~~  
528       ~~[(iv) anti-anxiety; and]~~  
529       ~~[(v) attention deficit hyperactivity disorder stimulant.]~~
- 530    ~~[(b)]~~ ~~(a)~~ (i) The department shall ~~[develop a preferred drug list for psychotropic drugs]~~  
531       include atypical anti-psychotic drugs on the preferred drug list.  
532       (ii) ~~[Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), a preferred drug list for psychotropic~~  
533       ~~drugs developed under this section]~~ The department shall allow a health care  
534       provider to override the preferred drug list for an atypical anti-psychotic drug by  
535       writing "dispense as written" on the prescription for the ~~[psychotropic]~~ atypical  
536       anti-psychotic drug.  
537       (iii) A health care provider may not override Section 58-17b-606 by writing  
538       "dispense as written" on a prescription.



- 539       ~~[(e)]~~ (b) The department, and a Medicaid accountable care organization that is  
540           responsible for providing behavioral health, shall~~[:]~~  
541       ~~[(f)]~~ establish a system to:
- 542           ~~[(A)]~~ (i) track health care provider prescribing patterns for ~~[psychotropic]~~ atypical  
543           anti-psychotic drugs;
  - 544           ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) educate health care providers who are not complying with the preferred drug  
545           list; and
  - 546           ~~[(C)]~~ (iii) implement peer to peer education for health care providers whose  
547           prescribing practices continue to not comply with the preferred drug list~~[:and]~~ .
- 548       ~~[(ii) determine whether health care provider compliance with the preferred drug list is~~  
549           ~~at least:]~~
- 550           ~~[(A) 55% of prescriptions by July 1, 2017;]~~
  - 551           ~~[(B) 65% of prescriptions by July 1, 2018; and]~~
  - 552           ~~[(C) 75% of prescriptions by July 1, 2019.]~~
- 553       ~~[(d) Beginning October 1, 2019, the department shall eliminate the dispense as written~~  
554           ~~override for the preferred drug list, and shall implement a prior authorization system~~  
555           ~~for psychotropic drugs, in accordance with Subsection (2)(f), if by July 1, 2019, the~~  
556           ~~department has not realized annual savings from implementing the preferred drug list~~  
557           ~~for psychotropic drugs of at least \$750,000 General Fund savings.]~~
- 558       (5) For enrollees that begin a psychotropic drug treatment on or after July 1, 2025, the  
559           department shall pay for a psychotropic drug that is not on the preferred drug list if the  
560           department, based on patient claims history or health care provider attestation, has  
561           evidence of:
- 562           (a) an enrollee's trial and failure of a psychotropic drug on the preferred drug list that is  
563           equivalent or similar to the drug that is not on the preferred drug list in the last 365  
564           days; or
  - 565           (b) the enrollee being stabilized on the psychotropic drug that is not on the preferred  
566           drug list at the time of enrollment.
- 567       Section 5. Section **26B-5-101** is amended to read:
- 568       **26B-5-101 (Effective 05/07/25). Chapter definitions.**
- 569       As used in this chapter:
- 570       (1) "Criminal risk factors" means a person's characteristics and behaviors that:
    - 571           (a) affect the person's risk of engaging in criminal behavior; and
    - 572           (b) are diminished when addressed by effective treatment, supervision, and other support

- 573 resources, resulting in reduced risk of criminal behavior.
- 574 (2) "Director" means the director appointed under Section 26B-5-103.
- 575 (3) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section 26B-1-1202.
- 576 (4) "Local mental health authority" means a county legislative body.
- 577 (5) "Local substance abuse authority" means a county legislative body.
- 578 (6) "Mental health crisis" means:
- 579 (a) a mental health condition that manifests in an individual by symptoms of sufficient
- 580 severity that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of mental
- 581 health issues could reasonably expect the absence of immediate attention or
- 582 intervention to result in:
- 583 (i) serious danger to the individual's health or well-being; or
- 584 (ii) a danger to the health or well-being of others; or
- 585 (b) a mental health condition that, in the opinion of a mental health therapist or the
- 586 therapist's designee, requires direct professional observation or intervention.
- 587 (7) "Mental health crisis response training" means community-based training that educates
- 588 laypersons and professionals on the warning signs of a mental health crisis and how to
- 589 respond.
- 590 (8) "Mental health crisis services" means an array of services provided to an individual who
- 591 experiences a mental health crisis, which may include:
- 592 (a) direct mental health services;
- 593 (b) on-site intervention provided by a mobile crisis outreach team;
- 594 (c) the provision of safety and care plans;
- 595 (d) prolonged mental health services for up to 90 days after the day on which an
- 596 individual experiences a mental health crisis;
- 597 (e) referrals to other community resources;
- 598 (f) local mental health crisis lines; and
- 599 (g) the statewide mental health crisis line.
- 600 (9) "Mental health therapist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-60-102.
- 601 (10) "Mobile crisis outreach team" or "MCOT" means a mobile team of medical and mental
- 602 health professionals that, in coordination with local law enforcement and emergency
- 603 medical service personnel, provides mental health crisis services.
- 604 (11) "Office" means the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health created in Section
- 605 26B-5-102.
- 606 (12)(a) "Public funds" means federal money received from the department, and state

- 607 money appropriated by the Legislature to the department, a county governing body,  
608 or a local substance abuse authority, or a local mental health authority for the  
609 purposes of providing substance abuse or mental health programs or services.
- 610 (b) "Public funds" include federal and state money that has been transferred by a local  
611 substance abuse authority or a local mental health authority to a private provider  
612 under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide comprehensive substance  
613 abuse or mental health programs or services for the local substance abuse authority or  
614 local mental health authority. The money maintains the nature of "public funds"  
615 while in the possession of the private entity that has an annual or otherwise ongoing  
616 contract with a local substance abuse authority or a local mental health authority to  
617 provide comprehensive substance use or mental health programs or services for the  
618 local substance abuse authority or local mental health authority.
- 619 (c) Public funds received for the provision of services under substance use or mental  
620 health service plans may not be used for any other purpose except those authorized in  
621 the contract between the local mental health or substance abuse authority and  
622 provider for the provision of plan services.
- 623 (13) "Severe mental disorder" means schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorders,  
624 delusional disorders, psychotic disorders, and other mental disorders as defined by the  
625 division.
- 626 (14) "Stabilization services" means in-home services provided to a child with, or who is at  
627 risk for, complex emotional and behavioral needs, including teaching the child's parent  
628 or guardian skills to improve family functioning.
- 629 (15) "Statewide mental health crisis line" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
630 26B-5-610.
- 631 (16) "System of care" means a broad, flexible array of services and supports that:
- 632 (a) serve a child with or who is at risk for complex emotional and behavioral needs;  
633 (b) are community based;  
634 (c) are informed about trauma;  
635 (d) build meaningful partnerships with families and children;  
636 (e) integrate service planning, service coordination, and management across state and  
637 local entities;  
638 (f) include individualized case planning;  
639 (g) provide management and policy infrastructure that supports a coordinated network of  
640 interdepartmental service providers, contractors, and service providers who are

641 outside of the department; and

642 (h) are guided by the type and variety of services needed by a child with or who is at risk  
643 for complex emotional and behavioral needs and by the child's family.

644 ~~[(17) "Targeted case management" means a service that assists Medicaid recipients in a  
645 target group to gain access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services.]~~

646 Section 6. Section **26B-5-102** is amended to read:

647 **26B-5-102 (Effective 05/07/25). Division of Integrated Healthcare -- Office of**  
648 **Substance Use and Mental Health -- Creation -- Responsibilities.**

649 (1)(a) The Division of Integrated Healthcare shall exercise responsibility over the  
650 policymaking functions, regulatory and enforcement powers, rights, duties, and  
651 responsibilities outlined in state law that were previously vested in the Division of  
652 Substance Abuse and Mental Health within the department, under the administration  
653 and general supervision of the executive director.

654 (b) The division is the substance abuse authority and the mental health authority for this  
655 state.

656 (c) There is created the Office of Substance Use and Mental Health within the division.

657 (d) The office shall exercise the responsibilities, powers, rights, duties, and  
658 responsibilities assigned to the office by the executive director.

659 (2) The division shall:

660 ~~[(a)(i)]~~ (a) educate the general public regarding the nature and consequences of substance  
661 use by promoting school and community-based prevention programs;

662 ~~[(ii)]~~ (b) render support and assistance to public schools through approved school-based  
663 substance abuse education programs aimed at prevention of substance use;

664 ~~[(iii)]~~ (c) promote or establish programs for the prevention of substance use within the  
665 community setting through community-based prevention programs;

666 ~~[(iv)]~~ (d) cooperate with and assist treatment centers, recovery residences, and other  
667 organizations that provide services to individuals recovering from a substance use  
668 disorder, by identifying and disseminating information about effective practices and  
669 programs;

670 ~~[(v)]~~ (e) promote integrated programs that address an individual's substance use, mental  
671 health, and physical health;

672 ~~[(vi)]~~ (f) establish and promote an evidence-based continuum of screening, assessment,  
673 prevention, treatment, and recovery support services in the community for  
674 individuals with a substance use disorder or mental illness;

675           ~~[(vii)]~~ (g) evaluate the effectiveness of programs described in this Subsection (2);

676           ~~[(viii)]~~ (h) consider the impact of the programs described in this Subsection (2) on:

677                   ~~[(A)]~~ (i) emergency department utilization;

678                   ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) jail and prison populations;

679                   ~~[(C)]~~ (iii) the homeless population; and

680                   ~~[(D)]~~ (iv) the child welfare system; ~~[and]~~

681           ~~[(ix)]~~ (i) promote or establish programs for education and certification of instructors to

682                   educate individuals convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs or

683                   driving with any measurable controlled substance in the body;

684           ~~[(b)(i)]~~ (j) collect and disseminate information pertaining to mental health;

685                   ~~[(ii)]~~ (k) provide direction over the state hospital including approval of the state hospital's

686                   budget, administrative policy, and coordination of services with local service plans;

687           ~~[(iii)]~~ (l) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

688                   Rulemaking Act, to educate families concerning mental illness and promote family

689                   involvement, when appropriate, and with patient consent, in the treatment program of

690                   a family member;

691           ~~[(iv)]~~ (m) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

692                   Rulemaking Act, to direct that an individual receiving services through a local mental

693                   health authority or the Utah State Hospital be informed about and, if desired by the

694                   individual, provided assistance in the completion of a declaration for mental health

695                   treatment in accordance with Section 26B-5-313; ~~[and]~~

696           ~~[(v)]~~ (n) ~~[to the extent authorized and in accordance with statute,]~~ make rules in

697                   accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that:

698                   ~~[(A)]~~ (i) ~~[create a certification for targeted case management]~~ certify an adult as a case

699                               manager, qualified to provide case management services within the state;

700                   ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) establish training and certification requirements;

701                   ~~[(C)]~~ (iii) specify the types of services each certificate holder is qualified to provide;

702                   ~~[(D)]~~ (iv) specify the type of supervision under which a certificate holder is required

703                               to operate; and

704                   ~~[(E)]~~ (v) specify continuing education and other requirements for maintaining or

705                               renewing certification;

706           ~~[(e)(i)]~~ (o) consult and coordinate with local substance abuse authorities and local mental

707                   health authorities regarding programs and services;

708                   ~~[(ii)]~~ (p) provide consultation and other assistance to public and private agencies and

709 groups working on substance use and mental health issues;

710 [(iii)] (q) promote and establish cooperative relationships with courts, hospitals, clinics,  
 711 medical and social agencies, public health authorities, law enforcement agencies,  
 712 education and research organizations, and other related groups;

713 [(iv)] (r) promote or conduct research on substance use and mental health issues, and  
 714 submit to the governor and the Legislature recommendations for changes in policy  
 715 and legislation;

716 [(v)] (s) receive, distribute, and provide direction over public funds for substance use and  
 717 mental health services;

718 [(vi)] (t) monitor and evaluate programs provided by local substance abuse authorities  
 719 and local mental health authorities;

720 [(vii)] (u) examine expenditures of local, state, and federal funds;

721 [(viii)] (v) monitor the expenditure of public funds by:

722 [(A)] (i) local substance abuse authorities;

723 [(B)] (ii) local mental health authorities; and

724 [(C)] (iii) in counties where they exist, a private contract provider that has an annual  
 725 or otherwise ongoing contract to provide comprehensive substance abuse or  
 726 mental health programs or services for the local substance abuse authority or local  
 727 mental health authority;

728 [(ix)] (w) contract with local substance abuse authorities and local mental health  
 729 authorities to provide a comprehensive continuum of services that include  
 730 community-based services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, in  
 731 accordance with division policy, contract provisions, and the local plan;

732 (x) contract with private and public entities for special statewide or nonclinical services,  
 733 or services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, according to  
 734 division rules;

735 [(xi)] (y) review and approve each local substance abuse authority's plan and each local  
 736 mental health authority's plan in order to ensure:

737 [(A)] (i) a statewide comprehensive continuum of substance use services;

738 [(B)] (ii) a statewide comprehensive continuum of mental health services;

739 [(C)] (iii) services result in improved overall health and functioning;

740 [(D)] (iv) a statewide comprehensive continuum of community-based services  
 741 designed to reduce criminal risk factors for individuals who are determined to  
 742 have substance use or mental illness conditions or both, and who are involved in

743 the criminal justice system;

744 [~~(E)~~] (v) compliance, where appropriate, with the certification requirements in

745 Subsection [~~(2)(h)~~] (2)(gg); and

746 [~~(F)~~] (vi) appropriate expenditure of public funds;

747 [~~(xii)~~] (z) review and make recommendations regarding each local substance abuse

748 authority's contract with the local substance abuse authority's provider of substance

749 use programs and services and each local mental health authority's contract with the

750 local mental health authority's provider of mental health programs and services to

751 ensure compliance with state and federal law and policy;

752 [~~(xiii)~~] (aa) monitor and ensure compliance with division rules and contract

753 requirements; [~~and~~]

754 [~~(xiv)~~] (bb) withhold funds from local substance abuse authorities, local mental health

755 authorities, and public and private providers for contract noncompliance, failure to

756 comply with division directives regarding the use of public funds, or for misuse of

757 public funds or money;

758 [~~(d)~~] (cc) ensure that the requirements of this part are met and applied uniformly by local

759 substance abuse authorities and local mental health authorities across the state;

760 [~~(e)~~] (dd) require each local substance abuse authority and each local mental health

761 authority, in accordance with Subsections 17-43-201(5)(b) and 17-43-301(6)(a)(ii), to

762 submit a plan to the division on or before May 15 of each year;

763 [~~(f)~~] (ee) conduct an annual program audit and review of each local substance abuse

764 authority and each local substance abuse authority's contract provider, and each local

765 mental health authority and each local mental health authority's contract provider,

766 including:

767 (i) a review and determination regarding whether:

768 (A) public funds allocated to the local substance abuse authority or the local

769 mental health authorities are consistent with services rendered by the authority

770 or the authority's contract provider, and with outcomes reported by the

771 authority's contract provider; and

772 (B) each local substance abuse authority and each local mental health authority is

773 exercising sufficient oversight and control over public funds allocated for

774 substance use disorder and mental health programs and services; and

775 (ii) items determined by the division to be necessary and appropriate;

776 [~~(g)~~] (ff) define "prevention" by rule as required under Title 32B, Chapter 2, Part 4,

777 Alcoholic Beverage and Substance Abuse Enforcement and Treatment Restricted  
 778 Account Act;  
 779 [~~h~~]  
 780 [(+)] (~~g~~) train and certify an adult as a peer support specialist, qualified to provide peer  
 781 supports services to an individual with:  
 782 [~~A~~] (i) a substance use disorder;  
 783 [~~B~~] (ii) a mental health disorder; [~~or~~]  
 784 [~~C~~] (iii) a substance use disorder and a mental health disorder;  
 785 [(+)] (iv) certify a person to carry out, as needed, the division's duty to train and  
 786 certify an adult as a peer support specialist;  
 787 [(+)] (v) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
 788 Rulemaking Act, that:  
 789 (A) establish training and certification requirements for a peer support specialist;  
 790 (B) specify the types of services a peer support specialist is qualified to provide;  
 791 (C) specify the type of supervision under which a peer support specialist is  
 792 required to operate; and  
 793 (D) specify continuing education and other requirements for maintaining or  
 794 renewing certification as a peer support specialist; and  
 795 [(+)] (vi) make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative  
 796 Rulemaking Act, that:  
 797 (A) establish the requirements for a person to be certified to carry out, as needed,  
 798 the division's duty to train and certify an adult as a peer support specialist; and  
 799 (B) specify how the division shall provide oversight of a person certified to train  
 800 and certify a peer support specialist;  
 801 [(+)] (~~h~~) collaborate with the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to  
 802 analyze and provide recommendations to the Legislature regarding:  
 803 (i) pretrial services and the resources needed to reduce recidivism;  
 804 (ii) county jail and county behavioral health early-assessment resources needed for an  
 805 individual convicted of a class A or class B misdemeanor; and  
 806 (iii) the replacement of federal dollars associated with drug interdiction law  
 807 enforcement task forces that are reduced;  
 808 [(+)] (ii) establish performance goals and outcome measurements for a mental health or  
 809 substance use treatment program that is licensed under Chapter 2, Part 1, Human  
 810 Services Programs and Facilities, and contracts with the department, including goals



811 and measurements related to employment and reducing recidivism of individuals  
 812 receiving mental health or substance use treatment who are involved with the  
 813 criminal justice system;

814 ~~[(k)]~~ (jj) annually, on or before November 30, submit a written report to the Judiciary  
 815 Interim Committee, the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, and the Law  
 816 Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee, that includes:

817 (i) a description of the performance goals and outcome measurements described in  
 818 Subsection ~~[(2)(j)]~~ (2)(ii); and

819 (ii) information on the effectiveness of the goals and measurements in ensuring  
 820 appropriate and adequate mental health or substance use treatment is provided in a  
 821 treatment program described in Subsection ~~[(2)(j)]~~ (2)(ii);

822 ~~[(h)]~~ (kk) collaborate with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of  
 823 Corrections, the Department of Workforce Services, and the Board of Pardons and  
 824 Parole to collect data on recidivism in accordance with the metrics and requirements  
 825 described in Section 63M-7-102;

826 ~~[(m)]~~ (ll) at the division's discretion, use the data described in Subsection ~~[(2)(h)]~~ (2)(kk)  
 827 to make decisions regarding the use of funds allocated to the division to provide  
 828 treatment;

829 ~~[(n)]~~ (mm) annually, on or before August 31, submit the data collected under Subsection ~~[(2)(h)]~~ (2)(kk) and any recommendations to improve the data collection to the State  
 830 Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to be included in the report described  
 831 in Subsection 63M-7-204(1)(x);

832 ~~[(o)]~~ (nn) publish the following on the division's website:

833 (i) the performance goals and outcome measurements described in Subsection ~~[(2)(j)]~~  
 834 (2)(ii); and

835 (ii) a description of the services provided and the contact information for the mental  
 836 health and substance use treatment programs described in Subsection ~~[(2)(j)]~~ (2)(ii)  
 837 and residential, vocational and life skills programs, as defined in Section  
 838 13-53-102; and

839 ~~[(p)]~~ (oo) consult and coordinate with the Division of Child and Family Services to  
 840 develop and manage the operation of a program designed to reduce substance use  
 841 during pregnancy and by parents of a newborn child that includes:

842 (i) providing education and resources to health care providers and individuals in the  
 843 state regarding prevention of substance use during pregnancy;

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- 845 (ii) providing training to health care providers in the state regarding screening of a  
846 pregnant woman or pregnant minor to identify a substance use disorder; and
- 847 (iii) providing referrals to pregnant women, pregnant minors, or parents of a newborn  
848 child in need of substance use treatment services to a facility that has the capacity  
849 to provide the treatment services.
- 850 (3) In addition to the responsibilities described in Subsection (2), the division shall, within  
851 funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, implement and manage the  
852 operation of a firearm safety and suicide prevention program, in consultation with the  
853 Bureau of Criminal Identification created in Section 53-10-201, including:
- 854 (a) coordinating with local mental health and substance abuse authorities, a nonprofit  
855 behavioral health advocacy group, and a representative from a Utah-based nonprofit  
856 organization with expertise in the field of firearm use and safety that represents  
857 firearm owners, to:
- 858 (i) produce and periodically review and update a firearm safety brochure and other  
859 educational materials with information about the safe handling and use of firearms  
860 that includes:
- 861 (A) information on safe handling, storage, and use of firearms in a home  
862 environment;
- 863 (B) information about at-risk individuals and individuals who are legally  
864 prohibited from possessing firearms;
- 865 (C) information about suicide prevention awareness; and
- 866 (D) information about the availability of firearm safety packets;
- 867 (ii) procure cable-style gun locks for distribution under this section;
- 868 (iii) produce a firearm safety packet that includes the firearm safety brochure and the  
869 cable-style gun lock described in this Subsection (3); and
- 870 (iv) create a suicide prevention education course that:
- 871 (A) provides information for distribution regarding firearm safety education;
- 872 (B) incorporates current information on how to recognize suicidal behaviors and  
873 identify individuals who may be suicidal; and
- 874 (C) provides information regarding crisis intervention resources;
- 875 (b) distributing, free of charge, the firearm safety packet to the following persons, who  
876 shall make the firearm safety packet available free of charge:
- 877 (i) health care providers, including emergency rooms;
- 878 (ii) mobile crisis outreach teams;

- 879 (iii) mental health practitioners;
- 880 (iv) other public health suicide prevention organizations;
- 881 (v) entities that teach firearm safety courses;
- 882 (vi) school districts for use in the seminar, described in Section 53G-9-702, for
- 883 parents of students in the school district; and
- 884 (vii) firearm dealers to be distributed in accordance with Section 76-10-526;
- 885 (c) creating and administering a rebate program that includes a rebate that offers
- 886 between \$10 and \$200 off the purchase price of a firearm safe from a participating
- 887 firearms dealer or a person engaged in the business of selling firearm safes in Utah,
- 888 by a Utah resident; and
- 889 (d) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
- 890 making rules that establish procedures for:
- 891 (i) producing and distributing the suicide prevention education course and the firearm
- 892 safety brochures and packets;
- 893 (ii) procuring the cable-style gun locks for distribution; and
- 894 (iii) administering the rebate program.
- 895 (4)(a) The division may refuse to contract with and may pursue legal remedies against
- 896 any local substance abuse authority or local mental health authority that fails, or has
- 897 failed, to expend public funds in accordance with state law, division policy, contract
- 898 provisions, or directives issued in accordance with state law.
- 899 (b) The division may withhold funds from a local substance abuse authority or local
- 900 mental health authority if the authority's contract provider of substance use or mental
- 901 health programs or services fails to comply with state and federal law or policy.
- 902 (5)(a) Before reissuing or renewing a contract with any local substance abuse authority
- 903 or local mental health authority, the division shall review and determine whether the
- 904 local substance abuse authority or local mental health authority is complying with the
- 905 oversight and management responsibilities described in Sections 17-43-201,
- 906 17-43-203, 17-43-303, and 17-43-309.
- 907 (b) Nothing in this Subsection (5) may be used as a defense to the responsibility and
- 908 liability described in Section 17-43-303 and to the responsibility and liability
- 909 described in Section 17-43-203.
- 910 (6) In carrying out the division's duties and responsibilities, the division may not duplicate
- 911 treatment or educational facilities that exist in other divisions or departments of the state,
- 912 but shall work in conjunction with those divisions and departments in rendering the

913 treatment or educational services that those divisions and departments are competent and  
 914 able to provide.

915 (7) The division may accept in the name of and on behalf of the state donations, gifts,  
 916 devises, or bequests of real or personal property or services to be used as specified by  
 917 the donor.

918 (8) The division shall annually review with each local substance abuse authority and each  
 919 local mental health authority the authority's statutory and contract responsibilities  
 920 regarding:

921 (a) use of public funds;

922 (b) oversight of public funds; and

923 (c) governance of substance use disorder and mental health programs and services.

924 (9) The Legislature may refuse to appropriate funds to the division upon the division's  
 925 failure to comply with the provisions of this part.

926 (10) If a local substance abuse authority contacts the division under Subsection 17-43-201  
 927 (10) for assistance in providing treatment services to a pregnant woman or pregnant  
 928 minor, the division shall:

929 (a) refer the pregnant woman or pregnant minor to a treatment facility that has the  
 930 capacity to provide the treatment services; or

931 (b) otherwise ensure that treatment services are made available to the pregnant woman  
 932 or pregnant minor.

933 (11) The division shall employ a school-based mental health specialist to be housed at the  
 934 State Board of Education who shall work with the State Board of Education to:

935 (a) provide coordination between a local education agency and local mental health  
 936 authority;

937 (b) recommend evidence-based and evidence informed mental health screenings and  
 938 intervention assessments for a local education agency; and

939 (c) coordinate with the local community, including local departments of health, to  
 940 enhance and expand mental health related resources for a local education agency.

941 Section 7. Section **26B-5-301** is amended to read:

942 **26B-5-301 (Effective 05/07/25). Definitions.**

943 As used in this part, Part 4, Commitment of Persons Under Age 18, and Part 5, Essential  
 944 Treatment and Intervention:

945 (1) "Adult" means an individual 18 years old or older.

946 (2) "Approved treatment facility or program" means a mental health or substance use

- 947 treatment provider that meets the goals and measurements described in Subsection [  
948 26B-5-102(2)(j)] 26B-5-102(2)(ii).
- 949 (3) "Assisted outpatient treatment" means involuntary outpatient mental health treatment  
950 ordered under Section 26B-5-351.
- 951 (4) "Attending physician" means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state who  
952 has primary responsibility for the care and treatment of the declarant.
- 953 (5) "Attorney-in-fact" means an adult properly appointed under this part to make mental  
954 health treatment decisions for a declarant under a declaration for mental health treatment.
- 955 (6) "Commitment to the custody of a local mental health authority" means that an adult is  
956 committed to the custody of the local mental health authority that governs the mental  
957 health catchment area where the adult resides or is found.
- 958 (7) "Community mental health center" means an entity that provides treatment and services  
959 to a resident of a designated geographical area, that operates by or under contract with a  
960 local mental health authority, and that complies with state standards for community  
961 mental health centers.
- 962 (8) "Designated examiner" means:
- 963 (a) a licensed physician, preferably a psychiatrist, who is designated by the division as  
964 specially qualified by training or experience in the diagnosis of mental or related  
965 illness; or
- 966 (b) a licensed mental health professional designated by the division as specially qualified  
967 by training and who has at least five years' continual experience in the treatment of  
968 mental illness.
- 969 (9) "Designee" means a physician who has responsibility for medical functions including  
970 admission and discharge, an employee of a local mental health authority, or an employee  
971 of a person that has contracted with a local mental health authority to provide mental  
972 health services under Section 17-43-304.
- 973 (10) "Essential treatment" and "essential treatment and intervention" mean court-ordered  
974 treatment at a local substance abuse authority or an approved treatment facility or  
975 program for the treatment of an adult's substance use disorder.
- 976 (11) "Harmful sexual conduct" means the following conduct upon an individual without the  
977 individual's consent, including the nonconsensual circumstances described in  
978 Subsections 76-5-406(2)(a) through (l):
- 979 (a) sexual intercourse;
- 980 (b) penetration, however slight, of the genital or anal opening of the individual;

- 981 (c) any sexual act involving the genitals or anus of the actor or the individual and the  
982 mouth or anus of either individual, regardless of the gender of either participant; or  
983 (d) any sexual act causing substantial emotional injury or bodily pain.
- 984 (12) "Informed waiver" means the patient was informed of a right and, after being informed  
985 of that right and the patient's right to waive the right, expressly communicated his or her  
986 intention to waive that right.
- 987 (13) "Incapable" means that, in the opinion of the court in a guardianship proceeding under  
988 Title 75, Utah Uniform Probate Code, or in the opinion of two physicians, a person's  
989 ability to receive and evaluate information effectively or communicate decisions is  
990 impaired to such an extent that the person currently lacks the capacity to make mental  
991 health treatment decisions.
- 992 (14) "Institution" means a hospital or a health facility licensed under Section 26B-2-206.
- 993 (15) "Local substance abuse authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
994 26B-5-101 and described in Section 17-43-201.
- 995 (16) "Mental health facility" means the Utah State Hospital or other facility that provides  
996 mental health services under contract with the division, a local mental health authority, a  
997 person that contracts with a local mental health authority, or a person that provides acute  
998 inpatient psychiatric services to a patient.
- 999 (17) "Mental health officer" means an individual who is designated by a local mental health  
1000 authority as qualified by training and experience in the recognition and identification of  
1001 mental illness, to:
- 1002 (a) apply for and provide certification for a temporary commitment; or  
1003 (b) assist in the arrangement of transportation to a designated mental health facility.
- 1004 (18) "Mental illness" means:
- 1005 (a) a psychiatric disorder that substantially impairs an individual's mental, emotional,  
1006 behavioral, or related functioning; or  
1007 (b) the same as that term is defined in:
- 1008 (i) the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders  
1009 published by the American Psychiatric Association; or  
1010 (ii) the current edition of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and  
1011 Related Health Problems.
- 1012 (19) "Mental health treatment" means convulsive treatment, treatment with psychoactive  
1013 medication, or admission to and retention in a facility for a period not to exceed 17 days.
- 1014 (20) "Patient" means an individual who is:

1015 (a) under commitment to the custody or to the treatment services of a local mental health  
1016 authority; or

1017 (b) undergoing essential treatment and intervention.

1018 (21) "Physician" means an individual who is:

1019 (a) licensed as a physician under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act; or

1020 (b) licensed as a physician under Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical  
1021 Practice Act.

1022 (22) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that involves a substantial risk of death,  
1023 unconsciousness, extreme physical pain, protracted and obvious disfigurement, or  
1024 protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental  
1025 faculty.

1026 (23) "State hospital" means the Utah State Hospital established in Section 26B-5-302.

1027 (24) "Substantial danger" means that due to mental illness, an individual is at serious risk of:

1028 (a) suicide;

1029 (b) serious bodily self-injury;

1030 (c) serious bodily injury because the individual is incapable of providing the basic  
1031 necessities of life, including food, clothing, or shelter;

1032 (d) causing or attempting to cause serious bodily injury to another individual;

1033 (e) engaging in harmful sexual conduct; or

1034 (f) if not treated, suffering severe and abnormal mental, emotional, or physical distress  
1035 that:

1036 (i) is associated with significant impairment of judgment, reason, or behavior; and

1037 (ii) causes a substantial deterioration of the individual's previous ability to function  
1038 independently.

1039 (25) "Treatment" means psychotherapy, medication, including the administration of  
1040 psychotropic medication, or other medical treatments that are generally accepted  
1041 medical or psychosocial interventions for the purpose of restoring the patient to an  
1042 optimal level of functioning in the least restrictive environment.

1043 Section 8. Section **26B-5-801** is amended to read:

1044 **26B-5-801 (Effective 05/07/25). Definitions -- Creation of committee --**

1045 **Membership -- Terms.**

1046 (1)(a) As used in this part, "committee" means the Utah Substance Use and Mental  
1047 Health Advisory Committee created in this section.

1048 (b) There is created within the department the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health

1049 Advisory Committee, which serves under the direction of the Utah Behavioral Health  
 1050 Commission created in Section 26B-5-702.

1051 (2) The committee shall be comprised of the following voting members:

- 1052 (a) the attorney general or the attorney general's designee;
- 1053 (b) one elected county official appointed by the Utah Association of Counties;
- 1054 (c) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee;
- 1055 (d) the director of the Division of Integrated Healthcare or the director's designee;
- 1056 (e) the state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee;
- 1057 (f) the executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services or the  
 1058 executive director's designee;
- 1059 (g) the executive director of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice or  
 1060 the executive director's designee;
- 1061 (h) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive director's  
 1062 designee;
- 1063 (i) the director of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services or the director's  
 1064 designee;
- 1065 (j) the director of the Division of Child and Family Services or the director's designee;
- 1066 (k) the chair of the Board of Pardons and Parole or the chair's designee;
- 1067 (l) the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs or the director's designee;
- 1068 (m) the director of the Division of Indian Affairs or the director's designee;
- 1069 [~~(nn)~~] (n) the state court administrator or the state court administrator's designee;
- 1070 [~~(oo)~~] (o) one district court judge who presides over a drug court and who is appointed  
 1071 by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- 1072 [~~(pp)~~] (p) one district court judge who presides over a mental health court and who is  
 1073 appointed by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- 1074 [~~(qq)~~] (q) one juvenile court judge who presides over a drug court and who is appointed  
 1075 by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- 1076 [~~(rr)~~] (r) one prosecutor appointed by the Statewide Association of Prosecutors;
- 1077 [~~(ss)~~] (s) the chair or co-chair of each subcommittee established by the committee;
- 1078 [~~(tt)~~] (t) the chair or co-chair of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Committee created  
 1079 under Subsection 26B-5-611(3);
- 1080 [~~(uu)~~] (u) one representative appointed by the Utah League of Cities and Towns to serve  
 1081 a four-year term;
- 1082 [~~(vv)~~] (v) the chair of the Utah Victim Services Commission or the chair's designee;



1083 [~~(ww)~~] (w) the superintendent of the Utah State Hospital or the superintendent's designee;  
 1084 [~~(xx)~~] (x) the following members appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms:  
 1085 (i) one resident of the state who has been personally affected by a substance use or  
 1086 mental health disorder; and  
 1087 (ii) one citizen representative; and  
 1088 [~~(yy)~~] (y) in addition to the voting members described in Subsections (2)(a) through (x),  
 1089 the following voting members appointed by a majority of the members described in  
 1090 Subsections (2)(a) through (x) to serve four-year terms:  
 1091 (i) one resident of the state who represents a statewide advocacy organization for  
 1092 recovery from substance use disorders;  
 1093 (ii) one resident of the state who represents a statewide advocacy organization for  
 1094 recovery from mental illness;  
 1095 (iii) one resident of the state who represents a statewide advocacy organization for  
 1096 protection of rights of individuals with a disability;  
 1097 (iv) one resident of the state who represents prevention professionals;  
 1098 (v) one resident of the state who represents treatment professionals;  
 1099 (vi) one resident of the state who represents the physical health care field;  
 1100 (vii) one resident of the state who is a criminal defense attorney;  
 1101 (viii) one resident of the state who is a military servicemember or military veteran  
 1102 under Section 53B-8-102;  
 1103 (ix) one resident of the state who represents local law enforcement agencies;  
 1104 (x) one representative of private service providers that serve youth with substance use  
 1105 disorders or mental health disorders; and  
 1106 (xi) one resident of the state who is certified by the Division of Integrated Healthcare  
 1107 as a peer support specialist as described in Subsection [~~26B-5-102(2)(h)~~]  
 1108 26B-5-102(2)(gg).

1109 (3) An individual other than an individual described in Subsection (2) may not be appointed  
 1110 as a voting member of the committee.

1111 Section 9. Section **53-21-101** is amended to read:

1112 **53-21-101 (Effective 05/07/25). Definitions.**

1113 As used in this chapter:

1114 (1) "Crime scene investigator technician" means an individual employed by a law  
 1115 enforcement agency to collect and analyze evidence from crime scenes and  
 1116 crime-related incidents.

- 1117 (2) "Designated mental health resources liaison" means a non-leadership human resources  
1118 or other administrative employee designated by a first responder agency who receives  
1119 and processes a request for mental health resources on behalf of the first responder  
1120 agency under this chapter.
- 1121 (3) "First responder" means:
- 1122 (a) a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 53-13-103;
  - 1123 (b) an emergency medical technician, as defined in Section 53-2e-101;
  - 1124 (c) an advanced emergency medical technician, as defined in Section 53-2e-101;
  - 1125 (d) a paramedic, as defined in Section 53-2e-101;
  - 1126 (e) a firefighter, as defined in Section 34A-3-113;
  - 1127 (f) a dispatcher, as defined in Section 53-6-102;
  - 1128 (g) a correctional officer, as defined in Section 53-13-104;
  - 1129 (h) a special function officer, as defined in Section 53-13-105, employed by a local  
1130 sheriff;
  - 1131 (i) a search and rescue worker under the supervision of a local sheriff;
  - 1132 (j) a forensic interviewer or victim advocate employed by a children's justice center  
1133 established in accordance with Section 67-5b-102;
  - 1134 (k) a credentialed criminal justice system victim advocate as defined in Section  
1135 77-38-403 who responds to incidents with a law enforcement officer;
  - 1136 (l) a crime scene investigator technician;
  - 1137 (m) a wildland firefighter;
  - 1138 (n) an investigator or prosecutor of cases involving sexual crimes against children; or
  - 1139 (o) a civilian employee of a first responder agency who has been authorized to view or  
1140 otherwise access information concerning crimes, accidents, or other traumatic events.
- 1141 (4) "First responder agency" means:
- 1142 (a) a special district, municipality, interlocal entity, or other political subdivision that  
1143 employs a first responder to provide fire protection, paramedic, law enforcement, or  
1144 emergency services; or
  - 1145 (b) a certified private law enforcement agency as defined in Section 53-19-102.
- 1146 (5)(a) "Mental health resources" means:
- 1147 (i) an assessment to determine appropriate mental health treatment that is performed  
1148 by a mental health therapist;
  - 1149 (ii) outpatient mental health treatment provided by a mental health therapist; or
  - 1150 (iii) peer support services provided by a peer support specialist who is qualified to

- 1151 provide peer support services under Subsection [26B-5-102(2)(h)]  
 1152 26B-5-102(2)(gg).
- 1153 (b) "Mental health resources" includes, at a minimum, the following services:  
 1154 (i) regular periodic screenings for all employees within the first responder agency;  
 1155 (ii) assessments and availability to mental health services for personnel directly  
 1156 involved in a critical incident within 48 hours of the incident; and  
 1157 (iii) regular and continuing access to the mental health program for:  
 1158 (A) spouses and children of first responders;  
 1159 (B) first responders who have retired or separated from the agency; and  
 1160 (C) spouses of first responders who have retired or separated from the agency.
- 1161 (6) "Mental health therapist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-60-102.  
 1162 (7) "Plan" means a plan to implement or expand a program that provides mental health  
 1163 resources to first responders for which the division awards a grant under this chapter.  
 1164 (8) "Retired" means the status of an individual who has become eligible, applies for, and  
 1165 may receive an allowance under Title 49, Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit  
 1166 Act.  
 1167 (9) "Separated" means the status of an individual who has separated from employment as a  
 1168 first responder from a first responder agency as a result of a critical incident involving  
 1169 the first responder.  
 1170 (10) "Small first responder agency" means a first responder agency that:  
 1171 (a) has 10 or fewer employees;  
 1172 (b) is primarily staffed by volunteers; or  
 1173 (c) is located in:  
 1174 (i) a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class;  
 1175 (ii) a city of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class; or  
 1176 (iii) a town.
- 1177 Section 10. Section **63M-7-204** is amended to read:  
 1178 **63M-7-204 (Effective 05/07/25). Duties of commission.**  
 1179 (1) The commission shall:  
 1180 (a) promote the commission's purposes as enumerated in Section 63M-7-201;  
 1181 (b) promote the communication and coordination of all criminal and juvenile justice  
 1182 agencies;  
 1183 (c) study, evaluate, and report on the status of crime in the state and on the effectiveness  
 1184 of criminal justice policies, procedures, and programs that are directed toward the

- 1185 reduction of crime in the state;
- 1186 (d) study, evaluate, and report on programs initiated by state and local agencies to  
1187 address reducing recidivism, including changes in penalties and sentencing  
1188 guidelines intended to reduce recidivism, costs savings associated with the reduction  
1189 in the number of inmates, and evaluation of expenses and resources needed to meet  
1190 goals regarding the use of treatment as an alternative to incarceration, as resources  
1191 allow;
- 1192 (e) study, evaluate, and report on policies, procedures, and programs of other  
1193 jurisdictions which have effectively reduced crime;
- 1194 (f) identify and promote the implementation of specific policies and programs the  
1195 commission determines will significantly reduce crime in Utah;
- 1196 (g) provide analysis and recommendations on all criminal and juvenile justice  
1197 legislation, state budget, and facility requests, including program and fiscal impact on  
1198 all components of the criminal and juvenile justice system;
- 1199 (h) provide analysis, accountability, recommendations, and supervision for state and  
1200 federal criminal justice grant money;
- 1201 (i) provide public information on the criminal and juvenile justice system and give  
1202 technical assistance to agencies or local units of government on methods to promote  
1203 public awareness;
- 1204 (j) promote research and program evaluation as an integral part of the criminal and  
1205 juvenile justice system;
- 1206 (k) provide a comprehensive criminal justice plan annually;
- 1207 (l) review agency forecasts regarding future demands on the criminal and juvenile  
1208 justice systems, including specific projections for secure bed space;
- 1209 (m) promote the development of criminal and juvenile justice information systems that  
1210 are consistent with common standards for data storage and are capable of  
1211 appropriately sharing information with other criminal justice information systems by:
- 1212 (i) developing and maintaining common data standards for use by all state criminal  
1213 justice agencies;
- 1214 (ii) annually performing audits of criminal history record information maintained by  
1215 state criminal justice agencies to assess their accuracy, completeness, and  
1216 adherence to standards;
- 1217 (iii) defining and developing state and local programs and projects associated with  
1218 the improvement of information management for law enforcement and the

- 1219 administration of justice; and
- 1220 (iv) establishing general policies concerning criminal and juvenile justice information
- 1221 systems and making rules as necessary to carry out the duties under Subsection
- 1222 (1)(k) and this Subsection (1)(m);
- 1223 (n) allocate and administer grants, from money made available, for approved education
- 1224 programs to help prevent the sexual exploitation of children;
- 1225 (o) allocate and administer grants for law enforcement operations and programs related
- 1226 to reducing illegal drug activity and related criminal activity;
- 1227 (p) request, receive, and evaluate data and recommendations collected and reported by
- 1228 agencies and contractors related to policies recommended by the commission
- 1229 regarding recidivism reduction, including the data described in Section 13-53-111
- 1230 and Subsection [26B-5-102(2)(l)] 26B-5-102(kk);
- 1231 (q) establish and administer a performance incentive grant program that allocates funds
- 1232 appropriated by the Legislature to programs and practices implemented by counties
- 1233 that reduce recidivism and reduce the number of offenders per capita who are
- 1234 incarcerated;
- 1235 (r) oversee or designate an entity to oversee the implementation of juvenile justice
- 1236 reforms;
- 1237 (s) make rules and administer the juvenile holding room standards and juvenile jail
- 1238 standards to align with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
- 1239 requirements pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5633;
- 1240 (t) allocate and administer grants, from money made available, for pilot qualifying
- 1241 education programs;
- 1242 (u) request, receive, and evaluate the aggregate data collected from prosecutorial
- 1243 agencies and the Administrative Office of the Courts, in accordance with Sections
- 1244 63M-7-216 and 78A-2-109.5;
- 1245 (v) report annually to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee on
- 1246 the progress made on each of the following goals of the Justice Reinvestment
- 1247 Initiative:
- 1248 (i) ensuring oversight and accountability;
- 1249 (ii) supporting local corrections systems;
- 1250 (iii) improving and expanding reentry and treatment services; and
- 1251 (iv) strengthening probation and parole supervision;
- 1252 (w) compile a report of findings based on the data and recommendations provided under

- 1253 Section 13-53-111 and Subsection [~~26B-5-102(2)(n)~~] 26B-5-102(2)(mm) that:
- 1254 (i) separates the data provided under Section 13-53-111 by each residential,
- 1255 vocational and life skills program; and
- 1256 (ii) separates the data provided under Subsection [~~26B-5-102(2)(n)~~]
- 1257 26B-5-102(2)(mm) by each mental health or substance use treatment program;
- 1258 (x) publish the report described in Subsection (1)(w) on the commission's website and
- 1259 annually provide the report to the Judiciary Interim Committee, the Health and
- 1260 Human Services Interim Committee, the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 1261 Interim Committee, and the related appropriations subcommittees;
- 1262 (y) receive, compile, and publish on the commission's website the data provided under:
- 1263 (i) Section 53-25-202;
- 1264 (ii) Section 53-25-301; and
- 1265 (iii) Section 53-25-401;
- 1266 (z) review, research, advise, and make recommendations to the three branches of
- 1267 government regarding evidence-based sex offense management policies and
- 1268 practices, including supervision standards, treatment standards, and the sex offender
- 1269 registry;
- 1270 (aa) receive and evaluate a referral from the Department of Public Safety received under
- 1271 Section 53-21-104.3 involving a denial of mental health resources to an eligible
- 1272 individual, including, if appropriate in the commission's discretion, deny the relevant
- 1273 entity from receiving any grant of state funds under Section 63M-7-218 for a
- 1274 specified period of time; and
- 1275 (bb) accept public comment.
- 1276 (2)(a) The commission may designate an entity to perform the duties described in this
- 1277 part.
- 1278 (b) If the commission designates an entity under Subsection (2)(a), the commission shall
- 1279 ensure that the membership of the designated entity includes representation from
- 1280 relevant stakeholder groups from the parts of the justice system implicated in the
- 1281 policy area.
- 1282 (3) in fulfilling the commission's duties under Subsection (1), the commission may seek
- 1283 input and request assistance from groups with knowledge and expertise in criminal
- 1284 justice, including other boards and commissions affiliated or housed within the
- 1285 commission.
- 1286 Section 11. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

1287 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 1288 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
 1289 fiscal year 2026.

1290 Subsection 11(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

1291 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the  
 1292 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for  
 1293 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

1294 ITEM 1 To Department of Workforce Services - Housing and Community Development  
 1295 From General Fund 100,000  
 1296 From General Fund, One-time 450,000

1297 Schedule of Programs:

1298 Homeless Committee 550,000

1299 The Legislature intends that this funding be used  
 1300 to fund the item "Healthcare and Housing: Medical  
 1301 Respite & End-of-Life Care for Homeless".

1302 ITEM 2 To Department of Health and Human Services - Integrated Health Care Services  
 1303 From General Fund 1,267,000  
 1304 From General Fund, One-time (645,000)

1305 Schedule of Programs:

1306 Medicaid Long Term Care Services 622,000

1307 The Legislature intends that this funding be used  
 1308 to fund the item "Skilled Nursing Facility Behavioral  
 1309 Health".

1310 Section 12. **Effective date.**

1311 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

1312 (2) The actions affecting Section 26B-3-105 (Effective 07/01/25) take effect on July 1,  
 1313 2025.