

1 **School Funding for Veterans Day Commemorations**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill creates the Veterans Day School Assembly Pilot Program.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ defines terms;
- 9 ▶ establishes the Veterans Day School Assembly Pilot Program (pilot program);
- 10 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to administer the pilot program and post best
- 11 practices; and
- 12 ▶ repeals the pilot program on July 1, 2027.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 This bill appropriates \$960,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of

15 which is from the Income Tax Fund.

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 This bill provides a special effective date.

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

21 ENACTS:

22 **53F-5-224**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

25 Section 1. Section **53F-5-224** is enacted to read:

26 **53F-5-224 . Veterans Day School Assembly Pilot Program.**

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Pilot program" means the Veterans Day School Assembly Pilot Program created in

29 Subsection (2).

30 (b) "Veteran" means an individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces of

- 31           the United States.
- 32   (2)(a) There is created a three-year pilot program, known as the Veterans Day School  
 33   Assembly Pilot Program, to reimburse schools for holding assemblies to honor  
 34   veterans during the week of Veterans Day.
- 35   (b) Within appropriations made by the Legislature for the pilot program, the state board  
 36   shall administer the pilot program and award reimbursement in accordance with the  
 37   requirements of this section.
- 38   (3)(a) An LEA may submit a proposal to the state board to receive reimbursement under  
 39   this section.
- 40   (b) An LEA's proposal shall:
- 41       (i) identify the schools within the LEA that held an assembly to honor veterans  
 42       during the week of Veterans Day;
- 43       (ii) specify the day on which the assembly was held; and
- 44       (iii) describe how each participating school incorporated educational activities and  
 45       curriculum related to the assembly to promote understanding and appreciation of a  
 46       veterans' service.
- 47   (4) The state board shall compile best practices and guidance from LEAs that have  
 48   previously held Veterans Day assemblies and post the best practices and guidelines on  
 49   the board's official website.
- 50   (5) Upon request of the Education Interim Committee, the state board shall report to the  
 51   Education Interim Committee and LEA recipients of reimbursement on:
- 52       (a) Veterans Day assemblies held by LEAs within the state before the creation of the  
 53       pilot program; and
- 54       (b) implementation of the pilot program.
- 55       Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:
- 56       **63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 57   (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is  
 58   repealed July 1, 2028.
- 59   (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --  
 60   Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 61   (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,  
 62   is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 63   (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is  
 64   repealed July 1, 2027.

- 65 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 66 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --  
67 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 68 (7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance  
69 Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking --  
70 Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 71 (8) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed  
72 July 1, 2029.
- 73 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 74 (10) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem  
75 -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.
- 76 (11) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is  
77 repealed December 31, 2025.
- 78 (12) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council,  
79 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 80 (13) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 81 (14) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed July 1,  
82 2028.
- 83 (15) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 84 (16) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established -- Members,  
85 is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 86 (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 87 (18) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 88 (19) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure  
89 Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 90 (20) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed July 1,  
91 2027.
- 92 (21) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the Land  
93 Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other  
94 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 95 (22) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council,  
96 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 97 (23) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or waiver of  
98 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.

- 99 (24) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
100 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 101 (25) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
102 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 103 (26) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed  
104 January 1, 2028.
- 105 (27) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 106 (28) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is  
107 repealed July 1, 2033.
- 108 (29) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of governmental  
109 immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 110 (30) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is repealed  
111 July 1, 2024.
- 112 (31) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 113 (32) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 114 (33) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed July  
115 1, 2025.
- 116 (34) Section 53F-5-224, which creates the Veterans Day School Assembly Pilot Program, is  
117 repealed on July 1, 2027.
- 118 [~~34~~] (35) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July  
119 1, 2027.
- 120 [~~35~~] (36) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
121 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 122 [~~36~~] (37) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
123 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 124 [~~37~~] (38) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.

125 **Section 3. FY 2026 Appropriation.**

126 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
127 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
128 fiscal year 2026.

129 **Subsection 3(a). Operating and Capital Budgets**

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

133 ITEM 1 To State Board of Education - State Board and Administrative Operations  
134 From Income Tax Fund, One-time 960,000  
135 Schedule of Programs:  
136 Financial Operations 960,000  
137 The Legislature intends that the state board  
138 distribute funding to local education agencies in an  
139 amount that does not exceed \$1,000 per school to support  
140 Veterans Day commemorations in accordance with this  
141 bill.  
142 Section 4. **Effective date.**  
143 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.