

School-based Speech-language Pathologist Funding Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jill Koford

Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends definitions related to funding.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends certain definitions related to appropriations for teaching supplies; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53F-2-527, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 6

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

Section 1. Section **53F-2-527** is amended to read:

53F-2-527 . Appropriations for teaching supplies and materials.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Classroom teacher" means a teacher [who] or licensed education professional, including a speech-language pathologist or speech-language technician, that:

(i) [is assigned by an LEA in] an LEA assigns to a permanent [teacher] instructional or related service position filled by one teacher, speech-language pathologist, speech-language technician, or two or more job-sharing teachers [employed by an LEA] an LEA employs;

(ii) is licensed and paid on an LEA's salary schedule;

(iii) is employed for an entire contract period; and

(iv) is primarily responsible to provide instruction, therapy, or a combination of

31 instructional, therapeutic, and counseling services to [students in public schools] a
32 student in a public school.

33 (b) "Teaching supplies and materials" means consumable and non-consumable items
34 that are used for educational or therapeutic purposes by [teachers] a classroom teacher
35 in a classroom [activities] activity that [are approved by the LEA] an LEA approves.

36 (2) [For the fiseal year that begins on or after July 1, 2024, and except] Except as provided
37 in Subsection (3), the state board shall distribute money appropriated for teaching
38 supplies and materials as follows:

39 (a) \$500 to each classroom teacher position for pre-kindergarten special education and
40 kindergarten through grade 6; and

41 (b) \$250 to each classroom teacher position for grades 7 through 12.

42 (3) If funding is insufficient to provide the per-teacher amounts described in Subsection (2),
43 the state board may proportionally adjust the per-teacher amount based on the amount of
44 available funding.

45 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

46 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.