

Child Tax Credit Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the individual income tax credit for child dependents.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- expands eligibility for the child tax credit by increasing the thresholds for the income-based phaseout.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides retrospective operation.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-10-1047, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 407

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

Section 1. Section **59-10-1047** is amended to read:

59-10-1047 . Nonrefundable child tax credit.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Joint filing status" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-10-1018.
- (b) "Head of household filing status" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-10-1018.
- (c) "Married filing separately status" means a married individual who:
 - (i) does not file a single federal individual income tax return jointly with that married individual's spouse for the taxable year; and
 - (ii) files a single federal individual income tax return for the taxable year.
- (d) "Modified adjusted gross income" means the sum of the following for a claimant or, if the claimant's federal individual income tax return is allowed a joint filing status,

the claimant and the claimant's spouse:

(i) adjusted gross income for the taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed under this section;

(ii) any interest income that is not included in adjusted gross income for the taxable year described in Subsection (1)(d)(i); and

(iii) any addition to adjusted gross income required by Section 59-10-114 for the taxable year described in Subsection (1)(d)(i).

(e) "Qualifying child" means an individual:

(i) with respect to whom the claimant is allowed to claim a tax credit under Section 24, Internal Revenue Code, on the claimant's federal individual income tax return for the taxable year; and

(ii) who is under six years old on the last day of the claimant's taxable year.

(f) "Single filing status" means a single individual who files a single federal individual income tax return for the taxable year.

(2) Subject to Section 59-10-1002.2, a claimant may claim a nonrefundable tax credit of \$1,000 for each qualifying child.

(3) A claimant may not carry forward or carry back the amount of the tax credit that exceeds the claimant's tax liability.

(4) The tax credit allowed by Subsection (2) claimed on a return filed under this [part] chapter shall be reduced by \$.10 for each dollar by which modified adjusted gross income for purposes of the return exceeds:

(a) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a married filing separately status, [~~\$27,000~~] \$30,500;

(b) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a single filing status or head of household filing status, [~~\$43,000~~] \$49,000; and

(c) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a joint filing status, [~~\$54,000~~] \$61,000.

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

Section 3. **Retrospective operation.**

This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2026.