

Ryan D. Wilcox proposes the following substitute bill:

**First Responder Health Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends requirements for providing mental health resources to first responders.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends eligibility requirements for the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program;
- ▶ requires the Department of Public Safety (department) to annually submit a report on a first responder agency's compliance with requirements to provide mental health resources to first responders and first responders' spouses to the:
  - Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee; and
  - State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice's public safety portal;
- ▶ creates the Mental Health Resources for First Responders Restricted Account (account) to provide funding for the department to provide certain mental health resources to eligible small first responder agencies;
- ▶ provides sunset dates for the account, grants to first responder agencies, and provisions related to the department providing services to certain first responder agencies;
- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates (\$800,000) in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the General Fund.

This bill appropriates \$800,000 in restricted fund and account transfers for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the General Fund.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

29 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

30 AMENDS:

31 **53-2d-703 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah  
32 2025, Chapter 240

33 **53-21-101 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 135

34 **53-21-102 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

35 **53-21-104.1 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

36 **53-21-104.3 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

37 **63I-1-253 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special  
38 Session, Chapter 9

39 ENACTS:

40 **53-21-105 (Effective 07/01/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

43 Section 1. Section **53-2d-703** is amended to read:

44 **53-2d-703 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/27). Volunteer Emergency**  
45 **Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility**  
46 **-- Benefits -- Rulemaking -- Advisory board.**

47 (1) As used in this section:

48 (a) "Assigned service area" means the operations subdivisions of a geographical service  
49 area that a local government entity creates based on the local government entity's  
50 emergency medical services operational needs.

51 (b) "Basic life insurance benefit" means the standard group life insurance benefit offered  
52 by PEHP that combines basic life, line-of-duty, accidental death and disability, and  
53 dependent coverage into one benefit package.

54 [(b)] (c) "Basic long-term disability benefit" means a \$1,000 monthly benefit arising  
55 from a disability determined in accordance with Title 49, Chapter 21, Public  
56 Employees' Long-Term Disability Act, and excluding any coverage offered on a pilot  
57 basis.

58 [(e)] (d) "Dental plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-22-646.

59 (e) "Emergency medical services operations" means an emergency medical services  
60 provider's duties, as assigned by the local government entity, including:

61 (i) 911 call response in the assigned service area;

62 (ii) standby services for regular operations or special events;

- 63            (iii) training; and
- 64            (iv) emergency medical services-related community engagement in the geographical
- 65            service area.
- 66            (f) "Geographical service area" means a local government entity's jurisdiction.
- 67            [~~(d)~~] (g) "Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 68            31A-1-301.
- 69            [~~(e)~~] (h) "Local government entity" means a political subdivision that:
- 70            (i) is licensed as a ground ambulance provider under Part 5, Ambulance and
- 71            Paramedic Providers, or a quick response provider as designated under Section
- 72            53-2d-403; and
- 73            (ii) does not offer health insurance benefits to volunteer emergency medical service
- 74            personnel.
- 75            [~~(f)~~] (i) "PEHP" means the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program created in
- 76            Section 49-20-103.
- 77            [~~(g)~~] (j) "Political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a limited purpose
- 78            government entity described in Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government
- 79            Entities - Special Districts, or Title 17D, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities
- 80            - Other Entities, or an entity created by an interlocal agreement under Title 11,
- 81            Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.
- 82            [~~(h)~~] (k) "Qualifying association" means an association that represents two or more
- 83            political subdivisions in the state.
- 84            [~~(i)~~] (l) "Qualifying community" means any of the following located in a county of the
- 85            second class:
- 86            (i) a city of the fifth class; or
- 87            (ii) a town.
- 88            (2) The Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program shall promote
- 89            recruitment and retention of volunteer emergency medical service personnel by making
- 90            insurance available to volunteer emergency medical service personnel in accordance
- 91            with this section.
- 92            (3)(a) The bureau shall contract with a qualifying association to create, implement, and
- 93            administer the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program
- 94            described in this section.
- 95            (b) The qualifying association will create promotional campaigns for the Volunteer
- 96            Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program and volunteer emergency

97 medical service recruitment and retention including outreach to local government  
98 entities through social media, video production, and other media platforms.

99 (4) Participation in the program is limited to any individual who:

100 (a) is licensed under Section 53-2d-402 as an emergency medical technician, an  
101 advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic;

102 (b) is able to perform all necessary functions associated with the license;

103 (c) provides emergency medical services under the direction of a local governmental  
104 entity:

105 (i) by ~~[responding to 20% of calls for emergency medical services in]~~ participating in  
106 at least 20% of emergency medical services operations during a rolling  
107 twelve-month period; and

108 (ii) within a qualifying community or a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class  
109 ~~by responding to the number of calls described in Subsection (4)(c)(i)]; and~~

110 (iii)(A) as a volunteer under the Fair Labor Standards Act, in accordance with 29  
111 C.F.R. Sec. 553.106; or

112 (B) as a part-time unbenefited employee, as classified by the employing local  
113 government entity;

114 (d) if seeking health insurance:

115 (i)(A) is not eligible for a health benefit plan through an employer or a spouse's  
116 employer; and

117 (B) is not eligible for medical coverage under a government sponsored healthcare  
118 program; or

119 (ii) the individual's premium cost for individual, double, or family coverage through  
120 another source exceeds 20% or greater of the premium cost of the program created  
121 by this section;

122 (e) if seeking dental insurance:

123 (i)(A) is not eligible for a dental plan through an employer or a spouse's employer;  
124 and

125 (B) is not eligible for dental coverage under a government sponsored healthcare  
126 program; or

127 (ii) the individual's premium cost for individual, double, or family coverage exceeds  
128 20% or greater of the premium cost of the program created by this section; and

129 (f) resides in the state.

130 (5)(a) A participant in the program is eligible to participate in PEHP in accordance with

- 131 Subsection (5)(b) and Subsection 49-20-201(3).
- 132 (b) Health and dental benefits available to program participants under PEHP are limited  
 133 to health insurance and dental insurance that:
- 134 (i) covers the program participant and the program participant's eligible dependents  
 135 on a July 1 plan year;
- 136 (ii) accepts enrollment during an open enrollment period or for a special enrollment  
 137 event, including the initial eligibility of a program participant;
- 138 (iii) if the program participant is no longer eligible for benefits, terminates on the last  
 139 day of the last month for which the individual is a participant in the Volunteer  
 140 Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program; and
- 141 (iv) is not subject to continuation rights under state or federal law.
- 142 (c) Within existing appropriations, the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel  
 143 Insurance Program may offer basic life insurance and long-term disability insurance  
 144 to participants to enhance recruitment and retention efforts.
- 145 (6)(a) The bureau may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
 146 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to define additional criteria regarding benefit  
 147 design, eligibility for the program, and to implement this section.
- 148 (b) The bureau shall convene an advisory board:
- 149 (i) to advise the bureau on making rules under Subsection (6)(a); and
- 150 (ii) that includes representation from at least the following entities:
- 151 (A) the qualifying association that receives the contract under Subsection (3); and
- 152 (B) PEHP.
- 153 (7) For purposes of this section, the qualifying association that receives the contract under  
 154 Subsection (3) shall be considered the public agency for whom the program participant  
 155 is volunteering under 29 C.F.R. Sec. 553.101.
- 156 Section 2. Section **53-21-101** is amended to read:
- 157 **53-21-101 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**
- 158 As used in this chapter:
- 159 (1) "Crime scene investigator technician" means an individual employed by a law  
 160 enforcement agency to collect and analyze evidence from crime scenes and  
 161 crime-related incidents.
- 162 (2) "Designated mental health resources liaison" means a non-leadership human resources  
 163 or other administrative employee designated by a first responder agency who receives  
 164 and processes a request for mental health resources on behalf of the first responder

- 165 agency under this chapter.
- 166 (3) "First responder" means:
- 167 (a) a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section 53-13-103;
- 168 (b) an emergency medical technician, as defined in Section 53-2e-101;
- 169 (c) an advanced emergency medical technician, as defined in Section 53-2e-101;
- 170 (d) a paramedic, as defined in Section 53-2e-101;
- 171 (e) a firefighter, as defined in Section ~~[34A-3-113]~~ 34A-3-101;
- 172 (f) a dispatcher, as defined in Section 53-6-102;
- 173 (g) a correctional officer, as defined in Section 53-13-104;
- 174 (h) a special function officer, as defined in Section 53-13-105, employed by a local
- 175 sheriff;
- 176 (i) a search and rescue worker under the supervision of a local sheriff;
- 177 (j) a forensic interviewer or victim advocate employed by a ~~[children's justice center]~~
- 178 Children's Justice Center established in accordance with Section 67-5b-102;
- 179 (k) a credentialed criminal justice system victim advocate as defined in Section
- 180 77-38-403 who responds to incidents with a law enforcement officer;
- 181 (l) a crime scene investigator technician;
- 182 (m) a wildland firefighter;
- 183 (n) an investigator or prosecutor of cases involving sexual crimes against children; or
- 184 (o) a civilian employee of a first responder agency who has been authorized to view or
- 185 otherwise access information concerning crimes, accidents, or other traumatic events.
- 186 (4) "First responder agency" means:
- 187 (a) a special district, municipality, interlocal entity, or other political subdivision that
- 188 employs a first responder to provide fire protection, paramedic, law enforcement, or
- 189 emergency services; or
- 190 (b) a certified private law enforcement agency as defined in Section 53-19-102.
- 191 (5)(a) "Mental health resources" means:
- 192 (i) an assessment to determine appropriate mental health treatment that is performed
- 193 by a mental health therapist;
- 194 (ii) outpatient mental health treatment provided by a mental health therapist; or
- 195 (iii) peer support services provided by a peer support specialist who is qualified to
- 196 provide peer support services under Subsection 26B-5-102(2)(gg).
- 197 (b) "Mental health resources" includes, at a minimum, the following services:
- 198 (i) regular periodic screenings for all employees within the first responder agency;

- 199 (ii) assessments and availability to mental health services for personnel directly  
 200 involved in a critical incident within 48 hours of the incident; and  
 201 (iii) regular and continuing access to the mental health program for:  
 202 (A) spouses and children of first responders;  
 203 (B) first responders who have retired or separated from the agency; and  
 204 (C) spouses of first responders who have retired or separated from the agency.
- 205 (6) "Mental health therapist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-60-102.  
 206 (7) "Plan" means a plan to implement or expand a program that provides mental health  
 207 resources to first responders for which the division awards a grant under this chapter.  
 208 (8) "Retired" means the status of an individual who has become eligible, applies for, and  
 209 may receive an allowance under Title 49, Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit  
 210 Act.  
 211 (9) "Separated" means the status of an individual who has separated from employment as a  
 212 first responder from a first responder agency as a result of a critical incident involving  
 213 the first responder.  
 214 (10) "Small first responder agency" means a first responder agency that:  
 215 (a) has 10 or fewer employees;  
 216 (b) is primarily staffed by volunteers; or  
 217 (c) is located in:  
 218 (i) a county of the [~~third, fourth, fifth,~~] fifth or sixth class;  
 219 (ii) a city of the [~~third, fourth, fifth,~~] fifth or sixth class; or  
 220 (iii) a town.

221 Section 3. Section **53-21-102** is amended to read:

222 **53-21-102 (Effective 05/06/26). Mental health services -- Requirement to provide**  
 223 **-- Eligibility -- Confidentiality -- Requests -- Reporting noncompliance -- Designation.**

- 224 (1) As used in this section:  
 225 (a) "Commission" means the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice created  
 226 in Section 63M-7-201.  
 227 (b) "Public safety portal" means the data portal created in Section 63A-16-1002.  
 228 (2) Every first responder agency within the state shall provide or make available mental  
 229 health resources to:  
 230 (a) all first responders;  
 231 (b) the spouse and children of first responders;  
 232 (c) surviving spouses of first responders whose death is classified as a line-of-duty death

- 233 under Title 49, Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act;
- 234 (d) retired or separated first responders for at least three years from the date that the
- 235 retired or separated first responder requests mental health resources, regardless of any
- 236 subsequent employment as a non-first responder; and
- 237 (e) spouses of retired or separated first responders for at least three years from the date
- 238 that the spouse of the retired or separated first responder requests mental health
- 239 resources, regardless of any subsequent employment as a non-first responder.

240 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) All access by first responders and their families to mental health resources shall be

241 kept confidential.

242 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A first responder agency shall:

- 243 (a) annually provide information to all employed first responders regarding:
- 244 (i) the availability of mental health resources under this section, including:
- 245 (A) for individuals in addition to the first responders as described in Subsection [
- 246 ~~(1)]~~ (2); and
- 247 (B) subsequent to a separation or retirement;
- 248 (ii) how to access the mental health resources under this section; and
- 249 (iii) directions on how to appeal a denial of mental health resources under this section
- 250 to the department, as provided under Section 53-21-104.3; and
- 251 (b)(i) assign a designated mental health resources liaison;
- 252 (ii) inform the department of the identity of the designated mental health resources
- 253 liaison; and
- 254 (iii) update the department as to the identity of the designated mental health resources
- 255 liaison when a new individual is assigned.

256 (5)(a) The department shall annually submit a report to the Law Enforcement and

257 Criminal Justice Interim Committee, on or before the date of the committee's

258 November meeting, on first responder agencies' compliance with this section.

259 (b) The department shall submit a copy of the report described in Subsection (5)(a) to

260 the commission's public safety portal as described in Section 63A-16-1002.

261 Section 4. Section **53-21-104.1** is amended to read:

262 **53-21-104.1 (Effective 07/01/26). Department may provide certain mental health**

263 **resources -- Requirements.**

264 (1) As used in this section:

- 265 (a) "Account" means the Mental Health Resources for First Responders Restricted
- 266 Account created in Section 53-21-105.

267 (b) "Eligible first responder agency" means a small first responder agency that  
 268 contributes funds to the account in accordance with Section 53-21-105.

269 ~~[(1)]~~ ~~(2)(a)~~ In accordance with ~~[Subsection (4)]~~ Subsection (5), the department may, at  
 270 the department's discretion, provide certain mental health resources to ~~[a small]~~ an  
 271 eligible first responder agency.

272 (b) The mental health resources described in Subsection ~~[(1)(a)]~~ ~~(2)(a)~~ may include an  
 273 assessment and availability to mental health services for personnel directly involved  
 274 in a critical incident within 48 hours of the incident.

275 ~~[(2)]~~ ~~(3)~~ The department may use a contracted provider to provide the services described in  
 276 Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ ~~(2)~~.

277 ~~[(3)]~~ ~~(4)~~ If ~~[a small]~~ an eligible first responder agency elects to receive mental health services  
 278 as provided under this section, the ~~[small]~~ eligible first responder agency shall designate  
 279 a representative of the small first responder agency who is responsible for providing a  
 280 timely notification to the department or the department's designee if a critical incident  
 281 occurs as described in Subsection ~~[(1)(b)]~~ ~~(2)(b)~~.

282 ~~[(4)]~~ ~~(5)(a)~~ As provided in Subsection 53-21-103(10), the department may use up to 25%  
 283 of the remaining grant funds for the mental health resources described in this section[;  
 284 ~~and may discontinue the mental health resources once the available grant funding is~~  
 285 ~~depleted].~~

286 (b) The department may use funds in the account for the mental health resources  
 287 described in this section, and may discontinue the mental health resources if there are  
 288 insufficient funds in the account.

289 Section 5. Section **53-21-104.3** is amended to read:

290 **53-21-104.3 (Effective 05/06/26). Education -- Complaints -- Investigations.**

291 (1) On or before September 1, 2024, the department shall inform all first responder  
 292 agencies in the state of the requirements described in Section 53-21-102.

293 (2) In addition to the notification required under Subsection (1), the department shall, on  
 294 the department's website, provide information describing:

295 (a) an individual's eligibility for mental health resources under Section 53-21-102;

296 (b) the statutory definition for mental health resources provided in Section 53-21-101;

297 (c) the designated mental health resources liaison for each first responder agency as  
 298 described in Subsection ~~[53-21-102(3)(b)]~~ 53-21-102(4)(b); and

299 (d) how to appeal a denial of mental health resources to the department.

300 (3)(a) The department shall investigate a denial of mental health resources that is

- 301 received under Subsection (2)(d) to determine whether the denial was in violation of  
 302 this chapter.
- 303 (b) If, after an investigation, the department determines that a first responder agency  
 304 improperly denied mental health resources in violation of this chapter, the department  
 305 shall notify the first responder agency and provide 60 days for the first responder  
 306 agency to correct the improper denial.
- 307 (c) The department shall determine whether a first responder agency has cured the  
 308 violation within the time described in Subsection (3)(b) and, if the first responder  
 309 agency has not, the department shall send a letter within a reasonable time identifying  
 310 the first responder agency and the relevant details of the department's investigation to:  
 311 (i) the commissioner;  
 312 (ii) the chairs of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee; and  
 313 (iii) the director of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, who shall  
 314 refer the matter for investigation under Section 63M-7-204 and may restrict state  
 315 grant money under Section 63M-7-218.

316 Section 6. Section **53-21-105** is enacted to read:

317 **53-21-105 (Effective 07/01/26). Mental Health Resources for First Responders**

318 **Restricted Account.**

319 (1) As used in this section:

- 320 (a) "Account" means the Mental Health Resources for First Responders Restricted  
 321 Account created in this section.
- 322 (b) "Contributing first responder agency" means a small first responder agency that  
 323 contributes funds to the account.

324 (2) There is created within the General Fund a restricted fund known as the "Mental Health  
 325 Resources for First Responders Restricted Account."

326 (3) The account consists of:

- 327 (a) appropriations of the Legislature;
- 328 (b) amounts deposited into the account in accordance with this section;
- 329 (c) gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money that may be made to the  
 330 account from private sources;
- 331 (d) the funds described in Subsection 53-21-103(10); and
- 332 (e) interest earned on money in the account.

333 (4)(a) The account shall earn interest.

- 334 (b) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account.

- 335 (5)(a) A small first responder agency may contribute funds to the account.
- 336 (b) If a small first responder agency contributes to the account, the small first responder
- 337 agency shall contribute to the account as described in this section.
- 338 (6) In a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2026, a contributing first responder agency
- 339 shall annually contribute \$25 per first responder employed by the contributing first
- 340 responder agency.
- 341 (7)(a) On or before July 1, 2031, the department shall:
- 342 (i) return any unexpended gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money
- 343 made to the account to the donor; and
- 344 (ii) return any unexpended contributions to contributing first responder agencies.
- 345 (b) On July 1, 2031, any funds remaining in the account after the department complies
- 346 with Subsection (7)(a) shall be deposited into the General Fund.
- 347 (8) The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 348 Administrative Rulemaking Act, for:
- 349 (a) a process for collecting contributing first responder agency contributions to the
- 350 account described in this section; and
- 351 (b) a process for depositing into the account contributing first responder agency
- 352 contributions described in this section.
- 353 (9) The department may use money in the account only to provide the mental health
- 354 resources to a small first responder agency as described in Section 53-1-104.1.
- 355 Section 7. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:
- 356 **63I-1-253 (Effective 05/06/26). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 357 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is
- 358 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 359 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --
- 360 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 361 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,
- 362 is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 363 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is
- 364 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 365 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 366 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --
- 367 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 368 (7) Section 53-2d-503, Establishment of maximum rates, is repealed July 1, 2027.

- 369 (8) Section 53-5a-302, Concealed Firearm Review Board -- Membership -- Compensation  
370 -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 371 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 372 (10) Section 53-21-103, Grants to first responder agencies -- Rulemaking, is repealed July  
373 1, 2032.
- 374 (11) Section 53-21-104.1, Department may provide certain mental health resources --  
375 Requirements, is repealed July 1, 2032.
- 376 (12) Section 53-21-105, Mental Health Resources for First Responders Restricted Account,  
377 is repealed July 1, 2032.
- 378 [~~10~~] (13) Title 53, Chapter 31, Department Interaction With Local Law Enforcement, is  
379 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 380 [~~11~~] (14) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the  
381 Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other  
382 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 383 [~~12~~] (15) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections  
384 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 385 [~~13~~] (16) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or  
386 waiver of governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 387 [~~14~~] (17) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
388 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 389 [~~15~~] (18) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
390 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 391 [~~16~~] (19) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed  
392 January 1, 2028.
- 393 [~~17~~] (20) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 394 [~~18~~] (21) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission,  
395 is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 396 [~~19~~] (22) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of  
397 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 398 [~~20~~] (23) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation assessment grant, is repealed  
399 July 1, 2028.
- 400 [~~21~~] (24) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is  
401 repealed July 1, 2026.
- 402 [~~22~~] (25) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July

- 403 1, 2027.
- 404 [~~(23)~~] (26) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
- 405 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 406 [~~(24)~~] (27) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
- 407 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 408 [~~(25)~~] (28) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 409 [~~(26)~~] (29) Subsection 53G-9-703(4), regarding the parental video presentation concerning
- 410 student use of technology, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 411 [~~(27)~~] (30) Subsection 53H-1-402(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections
- 412 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 413 [~~(28)~~] (31) Section 53H-1-604, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed July
- 414 1, 2027.
- 415 [~~(29)~~] (32) Subsection 53H-4-210(3), regarding the creation of the SafeUT and School
- 416 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 417 [~~(30)~~] (33) Subsection 53H-4-210(4), regarding the appointment of the members of the
- 418 SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 419 [~~(31)~~] (34) Subsection 53H-4-210(5), regarding the attorney general designating the chair of
- 420 the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 421 [~~(32)~~] (35) Subsection 53H-4-210(6), regarding the quorum requirements of the SafeUT and
- 422 School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 423 [~~(33)~~] (36) Subsection 53H-4-210(7), regarding a formal action of the SafeUT and School
- 424 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 425 [~~(34)~~] (37) Subsection 53H-4-210(8), regarding compensation for members of the SafeUT
- 426 and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 427 [~~(35)~~] (38) Subsection 53H-4-210(9), regarding the support staff for the SafeUT and School
- 428 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 429 [~~(36)~~] (39) Section 53H-4-306.1, Definitions -- Electrification of Transportation
- 430 Infrastructure Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 431 [~~(37)~~] (40) Section 53H-4-306.2, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research
- 432 Center -- Designation -- Duties, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 433 [~~(38)~~] (41) Section 53H-4-306.3, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research
- 434 Center -- Steering committee, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 435 [~~(39)~~] (42) Section 53H-4-306.4, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research
- 436 Center -- Industry advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2028.

437     ~~[(40)]~~ (43) Section 53H-4-306.5, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
 438             Center -- Duties of the project director, is repealed July 1, 2028.  
 439     ~~[(41)]~~ (44) Section 53H-4-306.6, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
 440             Center -- Project development and strategic objectives -- Reporting requirements, is  
 441             repealed July 1, 2028.  
 442     ~~[(42)]~~ (45) Section 53H-4-307.1, Center for Civic Excellence, is repealed July 1, 2030.  
 443     ~~[(43)]~~ (46) Section 53H-4-307.2, Center for Civic Excellence -- Duties -- Authority, is  
 444             repealed July 1, 2030.  
 445     ~~[(44)]~~ (47) Section 53H-4-307.3, Center for Civic Excellence -- Leadership, is repealed July  
 446             1, 2030.  
 447     ~~[(45)]~~ (48) Section 53H-4-307.4, Center for Civic Excellence -- Faculty, is repealed July 1,  
 448             2030.  
 449     ~~[(46)]~~ (49) Section 53H-4-307.5, Center for Civic Excellence -- Curriculum, is repealed July  
 450             1, 2030.  
 451     ~~[(47)]~~ (50) Section 53H-4-307.6, Center for Civic Excellence -- Oversight -- Reporting, is  
 452             repealed July 1, 2030.  
 453     ~~[(48)]~~ (51) Section 53H-4-313, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 454     ~~[(49)]~~ (52) Section 53H-8-305, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 455     ~~[(50)]~~ (53) Title 53H, Chapter 10, Part 4, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed  
 456             July 1, 2028.

457             Section 8. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

458             The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
 459     2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
 460     fiscal year 2027.

461             Subsection 8(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

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

465     ITEM 1     To Department of Public Safety - Programs & Operations

466                     From General Fund, One-time (800,000)

467                     Schedule of Programs:

468                             Department Commissioner's Office (800,000)

469             Subsection 8(b). **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers**

470             The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following

471 amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from  
472 the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.

473 ITEM 2 To General Fund Restricted - Mental Health Resources for First Responders  
474 Account

475 From General Fund, One-time 800,000

476 Schedule of Programs:

477 Mental Health Resources for First Responders

478 Account 800,000

479 Section 9. **Effective Date.**

480 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect May 6, 2026.

481 (2) The actions affecting the following sections take effect on July 1, 2026:

482 (a) Section 53-21-101 (Effective 07/01/26);

483 (b) Section 53-21-104.1 (Effective 07/01/26); and

484 (c) Section 53-21-105 (Effective 07/01/26).