

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 health coverage and 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 first responder agencies' 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;
- ▶ amends eligibility for receiving mental health resources for separated first responders and separated first responders' spouses;
- ▶ 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 a sunset date for grants to first responder agencies;
- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates (\$669,700) in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, including:

- ▶ (\$800,000) from General Fund; and
- ▶ \$130,300 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

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

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 This bill provides a special effective date.

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35 **53-2d-703 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah  
36 2025, Chapter 240

37 **53-21-101 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 135

38 **53-21-102 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

39 **53-21-104.1 (Effective 07/01/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

40 **53-21-104.3 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 345

41 **63I-1-253 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special  
42 Session, Chapter 9

43 ENACTS:

44 **53-21-105 (Effective 07/01/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

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

48 **53-2d-703 (Effective 05/06/26) (Repealed 07/01/27). Volunteer Emergency**  
49 **Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility**  
50 **-- Benefits -- Rulemaking -- Advisory board.**

51 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

- 63 (e) "Emergency medical services operations" means an emergency medical services  
 64 provider's duties, as assigned by the local government entity, including:  
 65 (i) 911 call response in the assigned service area;  
 66 (ii) standby services for regular operations or special events;  
 67 (iii) training; and  
 68 (iv) emergency medical services-related community engagement in the geographical  
 69 service area.
- 70 (f) "Geographical service area" means a local government entity's jurisdiction.
- 71 ~~(d)~~ (g) "Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
 72 31A-1-301.
- 73 ~~(e)~~ (h) "Local government entity" means a political subdivision that:  
 74 (i) is licensed as a ground ambulance provider under Part 5, Ambulance and  
 75 Paramedic Providers, or a quick response provider as designated under Section  
 76 53-2d-403; and  
 77 (ii) does not offer health insurance benefits to volunteer emergency medical service  
 78 personnel.
- 79 ~~(f)~~ (i) "PEHP" means the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program created in  
 80 Section 49-20-103.
- 81 ~~(g)~~ (j) "Political subdivision" means a county, a municipality, a limited purpose  
 82 government entity described in Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government  
 83 Entities - Special Districts, or Title 17D, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities  
 84 - Other Entities, or an entity created by an interlocal agreement under Title 11,  
 85 Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act.
- 86 ~~(h)~~ (k) "Qualifying association" means an association that represents two or more  
 87 political subdivisions in the state.
- 88 ~~(i)~~ (l) "Qualifying community" means any of the following located in a county of the  
 89 second class:  
 90 (i) a city of the fifth class; or  
 91 (ii) a town.
- 92 (2) The Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program shall promote  
 93 recruitment and retention of volunteer emergency medical service personnel by making  
 94 insurance available to volunteer emergency medical service personnel in accordance  
 95 with this section.
- 96 (3)(a) The bureau shall contract with a qualifying association to create, implement, and

97 administer the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program  
98 described in this section.

99 (b) The qualifying association will create promotional campaigns for the Volunteer  
100 Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program and volunteer emergency  
101 medical service recruitment and retention including outreach to local government  
102 entities through social media, video production, and other media platforms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

118 (d) if seeking health insurance:

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

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

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

126 (e) if seeking dental insurance:

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

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

131 (ii) the individual's premium cost for individual, double, or family coverage exceeds  
 132 20% or greater of the premium cost of the program created by this section; and

133 (f) resides in the state.

134 (5)(a) A participant in the program is eligible to participate in PEHP in accordance with  
 135 Subsection (5)(b) and Subsection 49-20-201(3).

136 (b) Health and dental benefits available to program participants under PEHP are limited  
 137 to health insurance and dental insurance that:

138 (i) covers the program participant and the program participant's eligible dependents  
 139 on a July 1 plan year;

140 (ii) accepts enrollment during an open enrollment period or for a special enrollment  
 141 event, including the initial eligibility of a program participant;

142 (iii) if the program participant is no longer eligible for benefits, terminates on the last  
 143 day of the last month for which the individual is a participant in the Volunteer  
 144 Emergency Medical Service Personnel Insurance Program; and

145 (iv) is not subject to continuation rights under state or federal law.

146 (c) Within existing appropriations, the Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel  
 147 Insurance Program may offer basic life insurance and long-term disability insurance  
 148 to participants to enhance recruitment and retention efforts.

149 (6)(a) The bureau may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
 150 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to define additional criteria regarding benefit  
 151 design, eligibility for the program, and to implement this section.

152 (b) The bureau shall convene an advisory board:

153 (i) to advise the bureau on making rules under Subsection (6)(a); and

154 (ii) that includes representation from at least the following entities:

155 (A) the qualifying association that receives the contract under Subsection (3); and

156 (B) PEHP.

157 (7) For purposes of this section, the qualifying association that receives the contract under  
 158 Subsection (3) shall be considered the public agency for whom the program participant  
 159 is volunteering under 29 C.F.R. Sec. 553.101.

160 Section 2. Section **53-21-101** is amended to read:

161 **53-21-101 (Effective 07/01/26). Definitions.**

162 As used in this chapter:

163 (1) "Crime scene investigator technician" means an individual employed by a law  
 164 enforcement agency to collect and analyze evidence from crime scenes and

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

- 199 (iii) peer support services provided by a peer support specialist who is qualified to  
 200 provide peer support services under Subsection 26B-5-102(2)(gg).
- 201 (b) "Mental health resources" includes, at a minimum, the following services:
- 202 (i) regular periodic screenings for all employees within the first responder agency;
- 203 (ii) assessments and availability to mental health services for personnel directly  
 204 involved in a critical incident within 48 hours of the incident; and
- 205 (iii) regular and continuing access to the mental health program for:
- 206 (A) spouses and children of first responders;
- 207 (B) first responders who have retired or separated from the agency; and
- 208 (C) spouses of first responders who have retired or separated from the agency.
- 209 (6) "Mental health therapist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-60-102.
- 210 (7) "Plan" means a plan to implement or expand a program that provides mental health  
 211 resources to first responders for which the division awards a grant under this chapter.
- 212 (8) "Retired" means the status of an individual who has become eligible, applies for, and  
 213 may receive an allowance under Title 49, Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit  
 214 Act.
- 215 (9) "Separated" means the status of an individual who has separated from employment as a  
 216 first responder from a first responder agency, except as a result of [~~a critical incident~~  
 217 ~~involving the first responder~~] misconduct or disciplinary action.
- 218 (10) "Small first responder agency" means a first responder agency that:
- 219 (a) has 10 or fewer employees;
- 220 (b) is primarily staffed by volunteers; or
- 221 (c) is located in:
- 222 (i) a county of the [~~third, fourth, fifth,~~] fifth or sixth class;
- 223 (ii) a city of the [~~third, fourth, fifth,~~] fifth or sixth class; or
- 224 (iii) a town.

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

226 **53-21-102 (Effective 05/06/26). Mental health services -- Requirement to provide**  
 227 **-- Eligibility -- Confidentiality -- Requests -- Reporting noncompliance -- Designation.**

- 228 (1) As used in this section, "public safety portal" means the data portal created in Section  
 229 63A-16-1002.
- 230 (2) Every first responder agency within the state shall provide or make available mental  
 231 health resources to:
- 232 (a) all first responders;

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

242 [~~2~~] (3) All access by first responders and their families to mental health resources shall be  
243 kept confidential.

244 [~~3~~] (4) A first responder agency shall:

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

258 (5)(a)(i) The department shall annually submit a report to the Law Enforcement and  
259 Criminal Justice Interim Committee, on or before the date of the committee's  
260 November meeting, on first responder agencies' compliance with this section.

261 (ii) The department may fulfill the requirement described in Subsection (5)(a)(i) by  
262 conducting a survey of first responder agencies and reporting the first responder  
263 agencies' responses related to the first responder agencies' compliance with this  
264 section.

265 (b) The department shall submit a copy of the report described in Subsection (5)(a) to  
266 the public safety portal as described in Section 63A-16-1002.

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

268 **53-21-104.1 (Effective 07/01/26). Department may provide certain mental health**  
 269 **resources -- Requirements.**

270 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

275 ~~[(1)]~~ ~~(2)(a)~~ In accordance with ~~[Subsection (4)]~~ Subsection (5), the department may, at  
 276 the department's discretion, provide certain mental health resources to ~~[a small]~~ an  
 277 eligible first responder agency.

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

281 ~~[(2)]~~ ~~(3)~~ The department may use a contracted provider to provide the services described in  
 282 Subsection ~~[(1)]~~ ~~(2)~~.

283 ~~[(3)]~~ ~~(4)~~ If ~~[a small]~~ an eligible first responder agency elects to receive mental health services  
 284 as provided under this section, the ~~[small]~~ eligible first responder agency shall designate  
 285 a representative of the small first responder agency who is responsible for providing a  
 286 timely notification to the department or the department's designee if a critical incident  
 287 occurs as described in Subsection ~~[(1)(b)]~~ ~~(2)(b)~~.

288 ~~[(4)]~~ ~~(5)(a)~~ As provided in Subsection 53-21-103(10), the department may use up to 25%  
 289 of the remaining grant funds for the mental health resources described in this section~~;~~  
 290 ~~and may discontinue the mental health resources once the available grant funding is~~  
 291 ~~depleted].~~

292 (b) The department may:

293 (i) use funds in the account for the mental health resources described in this section  
 294 and for administrative support related to providing the mental health resources;  
 295 and

296 (ii) may discontinue the mental health resources if there are insufficient funds in the  
 297 account.

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

299 **53-21-104.3 (Effective 05/06/26). Education -- Complaints -- Investigations.**

300 (1) On or before September 1, 2024, the department shall inform all first responder

- 301 agencies in the state of the requirements described in Section 53-21-102.
- 302 (2) In addition to the notification required under Subsection (1), the department shall, on  
 303 the department's website, provide information describing:
- 304 (a) an individual's eligibility for mental health resources under Section 53-21-102;  
 305 (b) the statutory definition for mental health resources provided in Section 53-21-101;  
 306 (c) the designated mental health resources liaison for each first responder agency as  
 307 described in Subsection [~~53-21-102(3)(b)~~] 53-21-102(4)(b); and  
 308 (d) how to appeal a denial of mental health resources to the department.
- 309 (3)(a) The department shall investigate a denial of mental health resources that is  
 310 received under Subsection (2)(d) to determine whether the denial was in violation of  
 311 this chapter.
- 312 (b) If, after an investigation, the department determines that a first responder agency  
 313 improperly denied mental health resources in violation of this chapter, the department  
 314 shall notify the first responder agency and provide 60 days for the first responder  
 315 agency to correct the improper denial.
- 316 (c) The department shall determine whether a first responder agency has cured the  
 317 violation within the time described in Subsection (3)(b) and, if the first responder  
 318 agency has not, the department shall send a letter within a reasonable time identifying  
 319 the first responder agency and the relevant details of the department's investigation to:  
 320 (i) the commissioner;  
 321 (ii) the chairs of the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee; and  
 322 (iii) the director of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, who shall  
 323 refer the matter for investigation under Section 63M-7-204 and may restrict state  
 324 grant money under Section 63M-7-218.

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

326 **53-21-105 (Effective 07/01/26). Mental Health Resources for First Responders**

327 **Restricted Account.**

328 (1) As used in this section:

- 329 (a) "Account" means the Mental Health Resources for First Responders Restricted  
 330 Account created in this section.
- 331 (b) "Committee" means the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.
- 332 (c) "Contributing first responder agency" means a small first responder agency that  
 333 contributes funds to the account.

334 (2) There is created within the General Fund a restricted fund known as the "Mental Health

- 335 Resources for First Responders Restricted Account."
- 336 (3) The account consists of:
- 337 (a) appropriations of the Legislature;
- 338 (b) amounts deposited into the account in accordance with this section;
- 339 (c) gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money that may be made to the
- 340 account from private sources;
- 341 (d) the funds described in Subsection 53-21-103(10); and
- 342 (e) interest earned on money in the account.
- 343 (4)(a) The account shall earn interest.
- 344 (b) Interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account.
- 345 (5)(a) A small first responder agency may contribute funds to the account.
- 346 (b) If a small first responder agency contributes to the account, the small first responder
- 347 agency shall contribute to the account as described in this section.
- 348 (6) In a fiscal year that begins on or after July 1, 2026, a contributing first responder agency
- 349 shall annually contribute \$25 per first responder employed by the contributing first
- 350 responder agency.
- 351 (7) The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
- 352 Administrative Rulemaking Act, for:
- 353 (a) a process for collecting contributing first responder agency contributions to the
- 354 account described in this section; and
- 355 (b) a process for depositing into the account contributing first responder agency
- 356 contributions described in this section.
- 357 (8) Subject to appropriations from the Legislature, the department may use money in the
- 358 account:
- 359 (a) to provide the mental health resources to an eligible first responder agency as
- 360 described in Section 53-1-104.1; and
- 361 (b) for administrative support related to providing the mental health resources described
- 362 in Section 53-1-104.1.
- 363 Section 7. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:
- 364 **63I-1-253 (Effective 05/06/26). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 365 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is
- 366 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 367 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --
- 368 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.

- 369 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,  
370 is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 371 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is  
372 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 373 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 374 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --  
375 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 376 (7) Section 53-2d-503, Establishment of maximum rates, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 377 (8) Section 53-5a-302, Concealed Firearm Review Board -- Membership -- Compensation  
378 -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 379 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 380 (10) Section 53-21-103, Grants to first responder agencies -- Rulemaking, is repealed July  
381 1, 2027.
- 382 (11) Subsection 53-21-105(3)(d), describing certain funds related to grants for first  
383 responder agencies, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 384 ~~[(10)]~~ (12) Title 53, Chapter 31, Department Interaction With Local Law Enforcement, is  
385 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 386 ~~[(11)]~~ (13) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the  
387 Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other  
388 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 389 ~~[(12)]~~ (14) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections  
390 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 391 ~~[(13)]~~ (15) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or  
392 waiver of governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 393 ~~[(14)]~~ (16) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
394 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 395 ~~[(15)]~~ (17) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is  
396 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 397 ~~[(16)]~~ (18) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed  
398 January 1, 2028.
- 399 ~~[(17)]~~ (19) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 400 ~~[(18)]~~ (20) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission,  
401 is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 402 ~~[(19)]~~ (21) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of

- 403 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 404 [~~(20)~~] (22) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation assessment grant, is repealed  
405 July 1, 2028.
- 406 [~~(21)~~] (23) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is  
407 repealed July 1, 2026.
- 408 [~~(22)~~] (24) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July  
409 1, 2027.
- 410 [~~(23)~~] (25) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
411 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 412 [~~(24)~~] (26) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
413 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 414 [~~(25)~~] (27) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 415 [~~(26)~~] (28) Subsection 53G-9-703(4), regarding the parental video presentation concerning  
416 student use of technology, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 417 [~~(27)~~] (29) Subsection 53H-1-402(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections  
418 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 419 [~~(28)~~] (30) Section 53H-1-604, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed July  
420 1, 2027.
- 421 [~~(29)~~] (31) Subsection 53H-4-210(3), regarding the creation of the SafeUT and School  
422 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 423 [~~(30)~~] (32) Subsection 53H-4-210(4), regarding the appointment of the members of the  
424 SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 425 [~~(31)~~] (33) Subsection 53H-4-210(5), regarding the attorney general designating the chair of  
426 the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 427 [~~(32)~~] (34) Subsection 53H-4-210(6), regarding the quorum requirements of the SafeUT and  
428 School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 429 [~~(33)~~] (35) Subsection 53H-4-210(7), regarding a formal action of the SafeUT and School  
430 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 431 [~~(34)~~] (36) Subsection 53H-4-210(8), regarding compensation for members of the SafeUT  
432 and School Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 433 [~~(35)~~] (37) Subsection 53H-4-210(9), regarding the support staff for the SafeUT and School  
434 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 435 [~~(36)~~] (38) Section 53H-4-306.1, Definitions -- Electrification of Transportation  
436 Infrastructure Research Center, is repealed July 1, 2028.

437     ~~[(37)]~~ (39) Section 53H-4-306.2, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
438             Center -- Designation -- Duties, is repealed July 1, 2028.

439     ~~[(38)]~~ (40) Section 53H-4-306.3, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
440             Center -- Steering committee, is repealed July 1, 2028.

441     ~~[(39)]~~ (41) Section 53H-4-306.4, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
442             Center -- Industry advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2028.

443     ~~[(40)]~~ (42) Section 53H-4-306.5, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
444             Center -- Duties of the project director, is repealed July 1, 2028.

445     ~~[(41)]~~ (43) Section 53H-4-306.6, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure Research  
446             Center -- Project development and strategic objectives -- Reporting requirements, is  
447             repealed July 1, 2028.

448     ~~[(42)]~~ (44) Section 53H-4-307.1, Center for Civic Excellence, is repealed July 1, 2030.

449     ~~[(43)]~~ (45) Section 53H-4-307.2, Center for Civic Excellence -- Duties -- Authority, is  
450             repealed July 1, 2030.

451     ~~[(44)]~~ (46) Section 53H-4-307.3, Center for Civic Excellence -- Leadership, is repealed July  
452             1, 2030.

453     ~~[(45)]~~ (47) Section 53H-4-307.4, Center for Civic Excellence -- Faculty, is repealed July 1,  
454             2030.

455     ~~[(46)]~~ (48) Section 53H-4-307.5, Center for Civic Excellence -- Curriculum, is repealed July  
456             1, 2030.

457     ~~[(47)]~~ (49) Section 53H-4-307.6, Center for Civic Excellence -- Oversight -- Reporting, is  
458             repealed July 1, 2030.

459     ~~[(48)]~~ (50) Section 53H-4-313, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.

460     ~~[(49)]~~ (51) Section 53H-8-305, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.

461     ~~[(50)]~~ (52) Title 53H, Chapter 10, Part 4, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed  
462             July 1, 2028.

463             Section 8. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

464             The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
465             2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
466             fiscal year 2027.

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

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

471	ITEM 1	To Department of Public Safety - Programs & Operations	
472		From General Fund, One-time	(800,000)
473		From Mental Health Resources for First Responders	
474		Restricted Account	112,500
475		From Mental Health Resources for First Responders	
476		Restricted Account, One-time	15,000
477		Schedule of Programs:	
478		Department Commissioner's Office	(672,500)
479	ITEM 2	To Department of Government Operations - Division of Finance	
480		From Mental Health Resources for First Responders	
481		Restricted Account	1,900
482		From Mental Health Resources for First Responders	
483		Restricted Account, One-time	900
484		Schedule of Programs:	
485		Financial Reporting	2,800
486		<b>Subsection 8(b). Restricted Fund and Account Transfers</b>	
487		The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following	
488		amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from	
489		the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.	
490	ITEM 3	To General Fund Restricted - Mental Health Resources for First Responders	
491		Account	
492		From General Fund, One-time	800,000
493		Schedule of Programs:	
494		Mental Health Resources for First Responders	
495		Account	800,000

496 Section 9. **Effective Date.**

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

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

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

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

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