

1 **Certified Teacher Librarian Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Arthur**

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3 **LONG TITLE**4 **General Description:**5 This bill requires a school district or regional education service agency to staff a full-time  
6 certified teacher librarian.7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

9 ▶ defines terms;  
10 ▶ requires a school district or a regional education service agency to staff a certified teacher  
11 librarian to:  
12     • oversee the curation of materials in a school's library;  
13     • develop certain curricula;  
14     • assist schools in complying with certain state statutes; and  
15     • provide professional learning and mentorship; and  
16 ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:  
17     • distribute funds the Legislature appropriates; and  
18     • make relevant rules.19 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

20 None

21 **Other Special Clauses:**

22 This bill provides a special effective date.

23 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

## 24 ENACTS:

25 **53G-11-210**, Utah Code Annotated 195326 

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27 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*28     Section 1. Section **53G-11-210** is enacted to read:29       **53G-11-210 . Certified teacher librarian.**30       (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Certified teacher librarian" means a full-time employee of a school district or  
32 regional education service agency, who:  
33 (i) oversees and works to improve the curation and development of a library  
34 collection within a:  
35 (A) school district; or  
36 (B) regional education service agency;  
37 (ii) works to improve student academic achievement in reading and other content  
38 areas;  
39 (iii) assists a school with navigating the sensitive material requirements described in  
40 Section 53G-10-103;  
41 (iv) develops curricula and best practices for teaching state standards regarding  
42 library media;  
43 (v) facilitates collaboration between teachers and school librarians to support student  
44 academic achievement; and  
45 (vi) provides professional learning and mentoring to teachers and school librarians,  
46 including:  
47 (A) core library practices and operations;  
48 (B) research backed best practices for instruction and student engagement;  
49 (C) research backed best practices for promotion of literacy and reading  
50 motivation;  
51 (D) integration of information literacy, news literacy, media literacy, and digital  
52 literacy across all content areas; and  
53 (E) library technology and systems.

54 (b) "Regional education service agency" means the same as that term is defined in  
55 Section 53G-4-410.

56 (2) Before July 1, 2031, each school district shall staff a full-time certified teacher librarian  
57 at:  
58 (a) the school district; or  
59 (b) the school district's regional education service agency.

60 (3) The state board shall:  
61 (a) subject to legislative appropriations, distribute funds to a school district or regional  
62 education service agency to staff a full-time certified teacher librarian, in accordance  
63 with Subsection (2); and  
64 (b) make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

65                   Rulemaking Act, to establish:  
66                    (i) minimum qualifications; or  
67                    (ii) licensure requirements for a certified teacher librarian.

68                   Section 2. **Effective Date.**

69                   This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.