

**Certified Teacher Librarian Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Arthur**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill requires a school district or regional education service agency to staff a full-time certified teacher librarian.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a school district or a regional education service agency to staff a certified teacher librarian to:
  - oversee the curation of materials in a school's library;
  - develop certain curricula;
  - assist schools in complying with certain state statutes; and
  - provide professional learning and mentorship; and
- requires the State Board of Education to:
  - distribute funds the Legislature appropriates; and
  - make relevant rules.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53G-11-210**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53G-11-210** is enacted to read:

**53G-11-210 . Certified teacher librarian.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Certified teacher librarian" means a full-time employee of a school district or regional education service agency, who:
- (i) oversees and works to improve the curation and development of a library collection within a:
    - (A) school district; or
    - (B) regional education service agency;
  - (ii) works to improve student academic achievement in reading and other content areas;
  - (iii) assists a school with navigating the sensitive material requirements described in Section 53G-10-103;
  - (iv) develops curricula and best practices for teaching state standards regarding library media;
  - (v) facilitates collaboration between teachers and school librarians to support student academic achievement; and
  - (vi) provides professional learning and mentoring to teachers and school librarians, including:
    - (A) core library practices and operations;
    - (B) research backed best practices for instruction and student engagement;
    - (C) research backed best practices for promotion of literacy and reading motivation;
    - (D) integration of information literacy, news literacy, media literacy, and digital literacy across all content areas; and
    - (E) library technology and systems.
- (b) "Regional education service agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-4-410.
- (2) Before July 1, 2031, each school district shall staff a full-time certified teacher librarian at:
- (a) the school district; or
  - (b) the school district's regional education service agency.
- (3) The state board shall:
- (a) subject to legislative appropriations, distribute funds to a school district or regional education service agency to staff a full-time certified teacher librarian, in accordance with Subsection (2); and
  - (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.