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Pesticide Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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This bill modifies provisions related to application of pesticides.

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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- addresses application of pesticides near an elementary or secondary school.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

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Other Special Clauses:

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None

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

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ENACTS:

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4-14-112, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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Section 1. Section **4-14-112** is enacted to read:

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4-14-112 . Prohibited application near schools.

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(1) As used in this section:

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(a) "Boundary of a school" means the boundary of:

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(i) the parcel of real property, whether fenced or unfenced, on which is located a public or private elementary school or a secondary school, including a public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, or parking garage on the real property; or

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(ii) a parcel of real property that is owned or leased by a local education agency or private school on which instruction, an extracurricular activity, or training of a public or private elementary school or secondary school is conducted.

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(b) "Perfluoroalkyl substance" or "polyfluoroalkyl substance" means a class of fluorinated chemicals that contains at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

31 (2)(a) A person may not apply a pesticide listed in Subsection (2)(b) within 1,000 feet of
32 the boundary of a school.

33 (b) The 1,000-feet prohibition of this Subsection (2) applies to:
34 (i) paraquat dichlorate;
35 (ii) atrazine;
36 (iii) dicamba;
37 (iv) chlorpyrifos;
38 (v) 2,4-dichloroacetic acid;
39 (vi) glyphosate;
40 (vii) diquat dibromide;
41 (viii) perfluoroalkyl substance; or
42 (ix) polyfluoroalkyl substance.

43 (3)(a) A person may apply a pesticide that is not prohibited by Subsection (2) to
44 property that is within 1,000 feet of the boundary of a school only if the person posts
45 signs notifying of the application of a pesticide on the property:

46 (i) 72 hours before the application of the pesticide; and
47 (ii) for 72 hours after the application of the pesticide.

48 (b) This Subsection (3) does not apply to the application of:
49 (i) biopesticides;
50 (ii) antimicrobials;
51 (iii) microbicides; or
52 (iv) virucides.

53 (4) For the purposes of this section, a person shall measure distances from the point on the
54 property boundary of a school closest to the property on which the pesticide is being
55 applied to the area of the property on which the pesticide is being applied.

56 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

57 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.