

Todd Weiler proposes the following substitute bill:

Protection and Advocacy Agency Reporting

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler

House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses Utah's state protection and advocacy agency.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies the responsibilities of the state protection and advocacy agency;
- ▶ requires the state protection and advocacy agency to report; and
- ▶ defines terms.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-6-901, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26B-6-901** is enacted to read:

Part 9. Utah Protection and Advocacy Agency

26B-6-901 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Disabled individual" means a person with a disability, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec.12102.

(2) "State protection and advocacy agency" means an entity designated by the governor as the protection and advocacy agency for disabled individuals in this state.

29 Section 2. Section **26B-6-902** is enacted to read:

30 **26B-6-902 . State protection and advocacy agency.**

31 (1) The state protection and advocacy agency should:

32 (a) represent and advocate for the interests of all disabled individuals in the state;

33 (b) annually hold at least three meetings with the public throughout the state to:

34 (i) understand the needs in the local community; and

35 (ii) provide education, advocacy, and resources to disabled individuals in the local
36 community; and

37 (c) provide a written report annually to the Judiciary Interim Committee and Health and
38 Human Services Interim Committee on or before August 31.

39 (2) The report described in Subsection (1)(c) may include:

40 (a) the number and location of public meetings;

41 (b) a description of the types of services and advocacy provided;

42 (c) a list of the government entities that the state protection and advocacy agency
43 worked with;

44 (d) the approximate number of individuals served that:

45 (i) are not capable of living independently;

46 (ii) can live somewhat independently, with formal supports;

47 (iii) live independently; and

48 (iv) are a family member of a disabled individual; and

49 (e) policy recommendations, if any.

50 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

51 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.