

1 **Supplemental Funding for Literacy Coaching**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kathleen A. Riebe

House Sponsor:

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill provides supplemental funding for literacy coaching.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

- 7 ▶ defines terms; and
- 8 ▶ provides supplemental funding for literacy coaching to local education agencies and
- 9 certain small schools, based on average student performance on a benchmark reading
- 10 assessment.
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12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 This bill provides a special effective date.

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 ENACTS:

18 **53F-2-424**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

20 Section 1. Section **53F-2-424** is enacted to read:

21 **53F-2-424 . Supplemental funding for literacy coaching.**

22 (1) As used in this section, "benchmark reading assessment" means the assessment

23 described in Section 53E-4-307.

24 (2)(a) If the average student performance within an LEA on the benchmark reading

25 assessment is below the statewide average on the benchmark reading assessment, the

26 state board shall provide additional funding to the LEA to provide additional literacy

27 coaching support, as described in Section 53E-3-1002, in the following amounts:

- 28 (i) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), an amount equivalent to half of a
- 29 full-time employee; and
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31 (ii) for an LEA with fewer than 300 students that demonstrates below typical growth
32 on the assessment, an amount equivalent to one full-time employee.

33 (b) If the average student performance within a school on the benchmark reading
34 assessment described in Section 53E-4-307 is below the statewide average on the
35 benchmark reading assessment and the students demonstrate, on average, well below
36 typical growth on the benchmark reading assessment, the state board shall provide
37 additional funding to the school to provide additional literacy coaching support, as
38 described in Section 53E-3-1002, in an amount equivalent to one full-time employee.

39 (3) The state board shall distribute funding described in Subsection (2) based on benchmark
40 reading assessment data from the year preceding the relevant fiscal year.

41 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

42 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.