

Luz Escamilla proposes the following substitute bill:

**Uninsured Children Dental Care Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides funding for dental care for uninsured children.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- creates the Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account; and
- directs certain revenue to the Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the various sources as detailed in this bill.

This bill appropriates \$5,000,000 in restricted fund and account transfers for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the General Fund.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63J-1-602.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

ENACTS:

**53H-4-214**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53H-4-214** is enacted to read:

**53H-4-214 . Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account.**

- (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account."
- (2) The Division of Finance shall annually transfer \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account.

- 30 (3) The Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account shall consist of:  
 31 (a) appropriations from the Legislature;  
 32 (b) private donations; and  
 33 (c) interest earned on the money in the account.
- 34 (4)(a) Funds appropriated in fiscal year 2027-28 are nonlapsing.  
 35 (b) Beginning in fiscal year 2028-29, funds in excess of \$200,000 shall lapse to the  
 36 General Fund.
- 37 (5) The University of Utah School of Dentistry's Oral Health Assistance Program shall use  
 38 the funds to provide dental care for uninsured children in each county.
- 39 Section 2. Section **63J-1-602.1** is amended to read:  
 40 **63J-1-602.1 . List of nonlapsing appropriations from accounts and funds.**
- 41 Appropriations made from the following accounts or funds are nonlapsing:
- 42 (1) The Native American Repatriation Restricted Account created in Section 9-9-407.  
 43 (2) Certain money payable for expenses of the Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission, as  
 44 provided under Title 9, Chapter 23, Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Act.  
 45 (3) Funds collected for directing and administering the C-PACE district created in Section  
 46 11-42a-106.  
 47 (4) Money received by the Utah Inland Port Authority, as provided in Section 11-58-105.  
 48 (5) The Commerce Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account created in Section 13-1-17.  
 49 (6) The Division of Air Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in Section  
 50 19-2a-106.  
 51 (7) The Division of Water Quality Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted Account created in  
 52 Section 19-5-126.  
 53 (8) State funds for matching federal funds in the Children's Health Insurance Program as  
 54 provided in Section 26B-3-906.  
 55 (9) Funds collected from the program fund for local health department expenses incurred in  
 56 responding to a local health emergency under Section 26B-7-111.  
 57 (10) The Technology Development Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-104.  
 58 (11) The Criminal Background Check Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-105.  
 59 (12) The Captive Insurance Restricted Account created in Section 31A-3-304, except to the  
 60 extent that Section 31A-3-304 makes the money received under that section free revenue.  
 61 (13) The Title Licensee Enforcement Restricted Account created in Section 31A-23a-415.  
 62 (14) The Health Insurance Actuarial Review Restricted Account created in Section  
 63 31A-30-115.

- 64 (15) The State Mandated Insurer Payments Restricted Account created in Section  
65 31A-30-118.
- 66 (16) The Insurance Fraud Investigation Restricted Account created in Section 31A-31-108.
- 67 (17) The Underage Drinking Prevention Media and Education Campaign Restricted  
68 Account created in Section 32B-2-306.
- 69 (18) The School Readiness Restricted Account created in Section 35A-15-203.
- 70 (19) Money received by the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation for the sale of certain  
71 products or services, as provided in Section 35A-13-202.
- 72 (20) The Property Loss Related to Homelessness Compensation Enterprise Fund created in  
73 Section 35A-16-212.
- 74 (21) The Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account created in Section  
75 35A-16-402.
- 76 (22) The Oil and Gas Administrative Penalties Account created in Section 40-6-11.
- 77 (23) The Oil and Gas Conservation Account created in Section 40-6-14.5.
- 78 (24) The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining Restricted account created in Section 40-6-23.
- 79 (25) The Electronic Payment Fee Restricted Account created by Section 41-1a-121 to the  
80 Motor Vehicle Division.
- 81 (26) The License Plate Restricted Account created by Section 41-1a-122.
- 82 (27) The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division Temporary Permit Restricted Account  
83 created by Section 41-3-110 to the State Tax Commission.
- 84 (28) The State Disaster Recovery Restricted Account to the Division of Emergency  
85 Management, as provided in Section 53-2a-603.
- 86 (29) The Disaster Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Restricted Account created in  
87 Section 53-2a-1302.
- 88 (30) The Emergency Medical Services Critical Needs Account created in Section 53-2d-110.
- 89 (31) The Department of Public Safety Restricted Account to the Department of Public  
90 Safety, as provided in Section 53-3-106.
- 91 (32) The Utah Highway Patrol Aero Bureau Restricted Account created in Section 53-8-303.
- 92 (33) The DNA Specimen Restricted Account created in Section 53-10-407.
- 93 (34) The Technical Colleges Capital Projects Fund created in Section 53H-9-605.
- 94 (35) The Higher Education Capital Projects Fund created in Section 53H-9-502.
- 95 (36) A certain portion of money collected for administrative costs under the School  
96 Institutional Trust Lands Management Act, as provided under Section 53C-3-202.
- 97 (37) The Public Utility Regulatory Restricted Account created in Section 54-5-1.5, subject

- 98 to Subsection 54-5-1.5(4)(d).
- 99 (38) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an  
100 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-3a-105.
- 101 (39) Certain fines collected by the Division of Professional Licensing for violation of  
102 unlawful or unprofessional conduct that are used for education and enforcement  
103 purposes, as provided in Section 58-17b-505.
- 104 (40) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an  
105 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-22-104.
- 106 (41) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an  
107 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-55-106.
- 108 (42) Funds collected from a surcharge fee to provide certain licensees with access to an  
109 electronic reference library, as provided in Section 58-56-3.5.
- 110 (43) Certain fines collected by the Division of Professional Licensing for use in education  
111 and enforcement of the Security Personnel Licensing Act, as provided in Section  
112 58-63-103.
- 113 (44) The Relative Value Study Restricted Account created in Section 59-9-105.
- 114 (45) The Cigarette Tax Restricted Account created in Section 59-14-204.
- 115 (46) Funds paid to the Division of Real Estate for the cost of a criminal background check  
116 for a mortgage loan license, as provided in Section 61-2c-202.
- 117 (47) Funds paid to the Division of Real Estate for the cost of a criminal background check  
118 for principal broker, associate broker, and sales agent licenses, as provided in Section  
119 61-2f-204.
- 120 (48) Certain funds donated to the Department of Health and Human Services, as provided  
121 in Section 26B-1-202.
- 122 (49) Certain funds donated to the Division of Child and Family Services, as provided in  
123 Section 80-2-404.
- 124 (50) Funds collected by the Office of Administrative Rules for publishing, as provided in  
125 Section 63G-3-402.
- 126 (51) The Immigration Act Restricted Account created in Section 63G-12-103.
- 127 (52) Money received by the military installation development authority, as provided in  
128 Section 63H-1-504.
- 129 (53) The Unified Statewide 911 Emergency Service Account created in Section 63H-7a-304.
- 130 (54) The Utah Statewide Radio System Restricted Account created in Section 63H-7a-403.
- 131 (55) The Utah Capital Investment Restricted Account created in Section 63N-6-204.

- 132 (56) The Motion Picture Incentive Account created in Section 63N-8-103.
- 133 (57) Funds collected by the housing of state probationary inmates or state parole inmates, as  
134 provided in Subsection 64-13e-104(2).
- 135 (58) Certain forestry and fire control funds utilized by the Division of Forestry, Fire, and  
136 State Lands, as provided in Section 65A-8-103.
- 137 (59) The following funds or accounts created in Section 72-2-124:
- 138 (a) Transportation Investment Fund of 2005;
- 139 (b) Transit Transportation Investment Fund;
- 140 (c) Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Investment Fund;
- 141 (d) Active Transportation Investment Fund; and
- 142 (e) Commuter Rail Subaccount.
- 143 (60) The Amusement Ride Safety Restricted Account, as provided in Section 72-16-204.
- 144 (61) Certain funds received by the Office of the State Engineer for well drilling fines or  
145 bonds, as provided in Section 73-3-25.
- 146 (62) The Water Resources Conservation and Development Fund, as provided in Section  
147 73-23-2.
- 148 (63) Award money under the State Asset Forfeiture Grant Program, as provided under  
149 Section 77-11b-403.
- 150 (64) Funds donated or paid to a juvenile court by private sources, as provided in Subsection  
151 78A-6-203(1)(c).
- 152 (65) Fees for certificate of admission created under Section 78A-9-102.
- 153 (66) Funds collected for adoption document access as provided in Sections 81-13-103,  
154 81-13-504, and 81-13-505.
- 155 (67) Funds collected for indigent defense as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 22, Part 4, Utah  
156 Indigent Defense Commission.
- 157 (68) The Utah Geological Survey Restricted Account created in Section 79-3-403.
- 158 (69) Revenue for golf user fees at the Wasatch Mountain State Park, Palisades State Park,  
159 and Green River State Park, as provided under Section 79-4-403.
- 160 (70) Certain funds received by the Division of State Parks from the sale or disposal of  
161 buffalo, as provided under Section 79-4-1001.
- 162 (71) Funds appropriated to the Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account, except  
163 as described in Section 53H-4-214.

164 Section 3. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

165 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

166 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
 167 fiscal year 2027.

168 Subsection 3(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

169 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the  
 170 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for  
 171 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

172 ITEM 1 To University of Utah - School of Dentistry

173 From Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account 5,000,000

174 Schedule of Programs:

175 School of Dentistry 5,000,000

176 Subsection 3(b). **Restricted Fund and Account Transfers**

177 The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the following  
 178 amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and outlays from  
 179 the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an appropriation.

180 ITEM 2 To Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted Account

181 From General Fund 5,000,000

182 Schedule of Programs:

183 Uninsured Children Dental Care Restricted

184 Account 5,000,000

185 Section 4. **Effective Date.**

186 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.