

Correctional Facility Capacity Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee

Sponsor:

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses provisions related to correctional facility capacity.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- creates the Corrections Facility Expansion Restricted Account.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**ENACTS:**

51-9-1001, Utah Code Annotated 1953

51-9-1002, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **51-9-1001** is enacted to read:

Part 10. Corrections Facility Expansion Restricted Account

51-9-1001 . Definitions.

(1) As used in this part:

(a) "Restricted Account" means the Corrections Facility Expansion Restricted Account created in Section 51-9-1002.

(b) "State correctional facility" means a facility operated by the Department of Corrections to house inmates.

Section 2. Section **51-9-1002** is enacted to read:

51-9-1002 . Corrections Facility Expansion Restricted Account.

(1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the "Corrections Facility Expansion Restricted Account."

31 (2) The restricted account shall consist of:

32 (a) the portion of appropriations from new legislation for the Department of Corrections
33 for:

34 (i) any state correctional capital facilities costs; and

35 (ii) one time savings that occur from delayed estimated fiscal impacts of increases in
36 the population level of state correctional facilities;

37 (b) interest, dividends, or other earnings attributable to the restricted account; and

38 (c) additional money appropriated by the Legislature.

39 (3) The Legislature may appropriate money from the restricted account only for the purpose
40 of expanding existing, or constructing new, state correctional facilities.

41 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

42 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.