

**Representative Douglas R. Welton** proposes the following substitute bill:

**COMMUNICATION AWARENESS PILOT PROGRAM**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Douglas R. Welton**

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats, or CHAT, Pilot Program.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a request for proposals;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2025:

- ▶ to Department of Health and Human Services - Operations - Public Affairs, Education & Outreach as a one-time appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, One-time, \$2,000,000



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 This bill provides a special effective date.

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63I-1-226 (Effective 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 249,  
31 269, 270, 275, 310, 332, 335, 420, and 495 and repealed and reenacted by Laws of  
32 Utah 2023, Chapter 329 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah  
33 2023, Chapters 329, 332

34 **63I-1-263**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 33, 47, 104, 109, 139, 155,  
35 212, 218, 249, 270, 448, 489, and 534

36 **63J-1-602.2 (Effective 07/01/24)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 33,  
37 34, 134, 139, 180, 212, 246, 310, 330, 345, 354, and 534

38 ENACTS:

39 **26B-7-122**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

40 **26B-7-123**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

43 Section 1. Section **26B-7-122** is enacted to read:

44 **26B-7-122. Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats Pilot Program.**

45 (1) As used in this section:

46 (a) "Campaign" means a multimedia marketing strategy.

47 (b) "CHAT" means the Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats Pilot  
48 Program created in this section.

49 (2) There is created a Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats, or CHAT,  
50 Pilot Program as described in this part.

51 (3) By no later than October 1, 2024, the department shall issue a request for proposals  
52 for the creation of a statewide CHAT campaign to:

53 (a) increase public awareness of:

54 (i) the benefits of strong communication skills, particularly between a minor and the  
55 minor's parent or guardian; and

56 (ii) the harms associated with poor communication or a lack of communication; and

57 (b) promote:  
58 (i) the destigmatization of mental health issues;  
59 (ii) the personal and community benefits of effective communication;  
60 (iii) tips and advice on how to effectively communicate; and  
61 (iv) resources to support minors if they are struggling with mental illness.  
62 (4) The CHAT campaign shall include a branding strategy around the CHAT campaign  
63 to increase public awareness.

64 (5) The request for proposals described in Subsection (3) shall be open to an institution  
65 of higher education.

66 (6) Within available funds, the department shall enter into an agreement with the  
67 selected proposer to implement the CHAT campaign selected through the request for proposal  
68 process on a statewide basis through June 30, 2029.

69 Section 2. Section **26B-7-123** is enacted to read:

70 **26B-7-123. Report on CHAT campaign.**

71 (1) The department shall determine metrics to measure the success of the CHAT  
72 campaign and regularly reevaluate those metrics.

73 (2) No later than September 1, 2028, the department shall create a report on:

74 (a) the implementation of the CHAT campaign;

75 (b) the results of the CHAT campaign; and

76 (c) recommendations for the continuance or the suspension of the CHAT campaign.

77 (3) The department shall deliver the report described in Subsection (2) to the Health  
78 and Human Services Interim Committee, no later than October 1, 2028.

79 Section 3. Section **63I-1-226 (Effective 07/01/24)** is amended to read:

80 **63I-1-226 (Effective 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 26A through 26B.**

81 (1) Subsection **26B-1-204(2)(i)**, related to the Primary Care Grant Committee, is  
82 repealed July 1, 2025.

83 (2) Section **26B-1-315**, which creates the Medicaid Expansion Fund, is repealed July 1,  
84 2024.

85 (3) Section **26B-1-319**, which creates the Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund, is repealed  
86 January 1, 2025.

87 (4) Section **26B-1-320**, which creates the Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund, is

88 repealed January 1, 2025.

89 (5) Subsection [26B-1-324\(4\)](#), the language that states "the Behavioral Health Crisis  
90 Response Commission, as defined in Section [63C-18-202](#)," is repealed December 31, 2026.

91 (6) Subsection [26B-1-329\(6\)](#), related to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response  
92 Commission, is repealed December 31, 2026.

93 (7) Section [26B-1-402](#), related to the Rare Disease Advisory Council Grant Program, is  
94 repealed July 1, 2026.

95 (8) Section [26B-1-409](#), which creates the Utah Digital Health Service Commission, is  
96 repealed July 1, 2025.

97 (9) Section [26B-1-410](#), which creates the Primary Care Grant Committee, is repealed  
98 July 1, 2025.

99 (10) Section [26B-1-416](#), which creates the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program  
100 Advisory Council, is repealed July 1, 2025.

101 (11) Section [26B-1-417](#), which creates the Brain Injury Advisory Committee, is  
102 repealed July 1, 2025.

103 (12) Section [26B-1-418](#), which creates the Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund and Pediatric  
104 Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund Advisory Committee, is repealed January 1, 2025.

105 (13) Section [26B-1-422](#), which creates the Early Childhood Utah Advisory Council, is  
106 repealed July 1, 2029.

107 (14) Section [26B-1-428](#), which creates the Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana, and  
108 Other Drug Prevention Program, is repealed July 1, 2025.

109 (15) Section [26B-1-430](#), which creates the Coordinating Council for Persons with  
110 Disabilities, is repealed July 1, 2027.

111 (16) Section [26B-1-431](#), which creates the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating  
112 Council, is repealed July 1, 2023.

113 (17) Section [26B-1-432](#), which creates the Newborn Hearing Screening Committee, is  
114 repealed July 1, 2026.

115 (18) Section [26B-1-434](#), regarding the Correctional Postnatal and Early Childhood  
116 Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2026.

117 (19) Section [26B-2-407](#), related to drinking water quality in child care centers, is  
118 repealed July 1, 2027.

119 (20) Subsection 26B-3-107(9), which addresses reimbursement for dental hygienists, is  
120 repealed July 1, 2028.

121 (21) Section 26B-3-136, which creates the Children's Health Care Coverage Program,  
122 is repealed July 1, 2025.

123 (22) Section 26B-3-137, related to reimbursement for the National Diabetes Prevention  
124 Program, is repealed June 30, 2027.

125 (23) Subsection 26B-3-213(2), the language that states "and the Behavioral Health  
126 Crisis Response Commission created in Section 63C-18-202" is repealed December 31, 2026.

127 (24) Sections 26B-3-302 through 26B-3-309, regarding the Drug Utilization Review  
128 Board, are repealed July 1, 2027.

129 (25) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 5, Inpatient Hospital Assessment, is repealed July 1,  
130 2024.

131 (26) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 6, Medicaid Expansion Hospital Assessment, is  
132 repealed July 1, 2024.

133 (27) Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 7, Hospital Provider Assessment, is repealed July 1,  
134 2028.

135 (28) Section 26B-3-910, regarding alternative eligibility, is repealed July 1, 2028.

136 (29) Section 26B-4-710, related to rural residency training programs, is repealed July 1,  
137 2025.

138 (30) Subsections 26B-5-112(1) and (5), the language that states "In consultation with  
139 the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, established in Section 63C-18-202," is  
140 repealed December 31, 2026.

141 (31) Section 26B-5-112.5 is repealed December 31, 2026.

142 (32) Section 26B-5-114, related to the Behavioral Health Receiving Center Grant  
143 Program, is repealed December 31, 2026.

144 (33) Section 26B-5-118, related to collaborative care grant programs, is repealed  
145 December 31, 2024.

146 (34) Section 26B-5-120 is repealed December 31, 2026.

147 (35) In relation to the Utah Assertive Community Treatment Act, on July 1, 2024:

148 (a) Subsection 26B-5-606(2)(a)(i), the language that states "and" is repealed; and

149 (b) Subsections 26B-5-606(2)(a)(ii), 26B-5-606(2)(b), and 26B-5-606(2)(c) are

150 repealed.

151 (36) In relation to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, on December  
152 31, 2026:

153 (a) Subsection [26B-5-609\(1\)\(a\)](#) is repealed;

154 (b) Subsection [26B-5-609\(3\)\(a\)](#), the language that states "With recommendations from  
155 the commission," is repealed;

156 (c) Subsection [26B-5-610\(1\)\(b\)](#) is repealed;

157 (d) Subsection [26B-5-610\(2\)\(b\)](#), the language that states "and in consultation with the  
158 commission," is repealed; and

159 (e) Subsection [26B-5-610\(4\)](#), the language that states "In consultation with the  
160 commission," is repealed.

161 (37) Subsections [26B-5-611\(1\)\(a\)](#) and (10), in relation to the Utah Substance Use and  
162 Mental Health Advisory Council, are repealed January 1, 2033.

163 (38) Section [26B-5-612](#), related to integrated behavioral health care grant programs, is  
164 repealed December 31, 2025.

165 (39) Subsection [26B-7-119\(5\)](#), related to reports to the Legislature on the outcomes of  
166 the Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

167 (40) Sections [26B-7-122](#) and [26B-7-123](#) are repealed July 1, 2029.

168 [~~40~~] (41) Section [26B-7-224](#), related to reports to the Legislature on violent incidents  
169 and fatalities involving substance abuse, is repealed December 31, 2027.

170 [~~41~~] (42) Title 26B, Chapter 8, Part 5, Utah Health Data Authority, is repealed July 1,  
171 2024.

172 [~~42~~] (43) Section [26B-8-513](#), related to identifying overuse of non-evidence-based  
173 health care, is repealed December 31, 2023.

174 Section 4. Section **63I-1-263** is amended to read:

175 **63I-1-263. Repeal dates: Titles 63A to 63N.**

176 (1) Subsection [63A-5b-405\(5\)](#), relating to prioritizing and allocating capital  
177 improvement funding, is repealed July 1, 2024.

178 (2) Section 63A-5b-1003, State Facility Energy Efficiency Fund, is repealed July 1,  
179 2023.

180 (3) Sections 63A-9-301 and 63A-9-302, related to the Motor Vehicle Review

181 Committee, are repealed July 1, 2023.

182 (4) Title 63C, Chapter 4a, Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act, is repealed July  
183 1, 2028.

184 (5) Title 63C, Chapter 6, Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is repealed January 1,  
185 2025.

186 (6) Title 63C, Chapter 12, Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council, is repealed July 1,  
187 2024.

188 (7) Title 63C, Chapter 17, Point of the Mountain Development Commission Act, is  
189 repealed July 1, 2023.

190 (8) Title 63C, Chapter 18, Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, is repealed  
191 December 31, 2026.

192 (9) Title 63C, Chapter 23, Education and Mental Health Coordinating Council, is  
193 repealed July 1, 2026.

194 (10) Title 63C, Chapter 27, Cybersecurity Commission, is repealed July 1, 2032.

195 (11) Title 63C, Chapter 28, Ethnic Studies Commission, is repealed July 1, 2026.

196 (12) Title 63C, Chapter 29, Domestic Violence Data Task Force, is repealed December  
197 31, 2024.

198 (13) Title 63C, Chapter 31, State Employee Benefits Advisory Commission, is  
199 repealed on July 1, 2028.

200 (14) Section [63G-6a-805](#), which creates the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities  
201 Advisory Board, is repealed July 1, 2026.

202 (15) Title 63G, Chapter 21, Agreements to Provide State Services, is repealed July 1,  
203 2028.

204 (16) Title 63H, Chapter 4, Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority, is repealed July 1,  
205 2024.

206 (17) Title 63H, Chapter 8, Utah Housing Corporation Act, is repealed July 1, 2026.

207 (18) Subsection [63J-1-602.2\(16\)](#), related to the Communication Habits to reduce  
208 Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2029.

209 ~~[(18)]~~ (19) Subsection ~~[[63J-1-602.2\(25\)](#)]~~ [63J-1-602.2\(26\)](#), related to the Utah Seismic  
210 Safety Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.

211 ~~[(19)]~~ (20) Section [63L-11-204](#), creating a canyon resource management plan to Provo

212 Canyon, is repealed July 1, 2025.

213 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) Title 63L, Chapter 11, Part 4, Resource Development Coordinating  
214 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

215 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) In relation to the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council,  
216 on January 1, 2033:

217 (a) Sections [63M-7-301](#), [63M-7-302](#), [63M-7-303](#), [63M-7-304](#), and [63M-7-306](#) are  
218 repealed;

219 (b) Section [63M-7-305](#), the language that states "council" is replaced with  
220 "commission";

221 (c) Subsection [63M-7-305](#)(1)(a) is repealed and replaced with:

222 "(1) "Commission" means the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice."; and

223 (d) Subsection [63M-7-305](#)(2) is repealed and replaced with:

224 "(2) The commission shall:

225 (a) provide ongoing oversight of the implementation, functions, and evaluation of the  
226 Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act; and

227 (b) coordinate the implementation of Section [77-18-104](#) and related provisions in  
228 Subsections [77-18-103](#)(2)(c) and (d)."

229 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) The Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board, created in Section  
230 [63M-7-504](#), is repealed July 1, 2027.

231 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 8, Sex Offense Management Board, is repealed  
232 July 1, 2026.

233 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) Title 63M, Chapter 11, Utah Commission on Aging, is repealed July 1,  
234 2026.

235 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) Title 63N, Chapter 1b, Part 4, Women in the Economy Subcommittee, is  
236 repealed January 1, 2025.

237 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.

238 ~~[(27)]~~ (28) Section [63N-2-512](#), related to the Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund, is repealed  
239 July 1, 2028.

240 ~~[(28)]~~ (29) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 9, Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program, is  
241 repealed July 1, 2027.

242 ~~[(29)]~~ (30) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 11, Manufacturing Modernization Grant



243 Program, is repealed July 1, 2025.

244 [~~(30)~~] (31) In relation to the Rural Employment Expansion Program, on July 1, 2028:

245 (a) Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment Expansion Program, is repealed;

246 and

247 (b) Subsection 63N-4-805(5)(b), referring to the Rural Employment Expansion  
248 Program, is repealed.

249 [~~(31)~~] (32) In relation to the Board of Tourism Development, on July 1, 2025:

250 (a) Subsection 63N-2-511(1)(b), which defines "tourism board," is repealed;

251 (b) Subsections 63N-2-511(3)(a) and (5), the language that states "tourism board" is  
252 repealed and replaced with "Utah Office of Tourism";

253 (c) Subsection 63N-7-101(1), which defines "board," is repealed;

254 (d) Subsection 63N-7-102(3)(c), which requires the Utah Office of Tourism to receive  
255 approval from the Board of Tourism Development, is repealed; and

256 (e) Title 63N, Chapter 7, Part 2, Board of Tourism Development, is repealed.

257 [~~(32)~~] (33) Subsection 63N-8-103(3)(c), which allows the Governor's Office of

258 Economic Opportunity to issue an amount of tax credit certificates only for rural productions,  
259 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

260 Section 5. Section 63J-1-602.2 (Effective 07/01/24) is amended to read:

261 **63J-1-602.2 (Effective 07/01/24). List of nonlapsing appropriations to programs.**

262 Appropriations made to the following programs are nonlapsing:

263 (1) The Legislature and the Legislature's committees.

264 (2) The State Board of Education, including all appropriations to agencies, line items,  
265 and programs under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education, in accordance with

266 Section 53F-9-103.

267 (3) The Rangeland Improvement Act created in Section 4-20-101.

268 (4) The Percent-for-Art Program created in Section 9-6-404.

269 (5) The LeRay McAllister Working Farm and Ranch Fund created in Section 4-46-301.

270 (6) The Utah Lake Authority created in Section 11-65-201.

271 (7) Dedicated credits accrued to the Utah Marriage Commission as provided under  
272 Subsection 17-16-21(2)(d)(ii).

273 (8) The Wildlife Land and Water Acquisition Program created in Section 23A-6-205.

274 (9) Sanctions collected as dedicated credits from Medicaid providers under Subsection  
275 [26B-3-108](#)(7).

276 (10) The primary care grant program created in Section [26B-4-310](#).

277 (11) The Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program created in Section [26B-4-512](#).

278 (12) The Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program created in Section  
279 [26B-4-702](#).

280 (13) The Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program created in Section [26B-4-703](#).

281 (14) The Utah Medical Education Council for the:

282 (a) administration of the Utah Medical Education Program created in Section  
283 [26B-4-707](#);

284 (b) provision of medical residency grants described in Section [26B-4-711](#); and

285 (c) provision of the forensic psychiatric fellowship grant described in Section  
286 [26B-4-712](#).

287 (15) The Division of Services for People with Disabilities, as provided in Section  
288 [26B-6-402](#).

289 (16) The Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program  
290 created in Section [26B-7-122](#).

291 [~~16~~] (17) Funds that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services retains in  
292 accordance with Subsection [32B-2-301](#)(8)(a) or (b).

293 [~~17~~] (18) The General Assistance program administered by the Department of  
294 Workforce Services, as provided in Section [35A-3-401](#).

295 [~~18~~] (19) The Utah National Guard, created in Title 39A, National Guard and Militia  
296 Act.

297 [~~19~~] (20) The Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program, as provided in  
298 Section [53-2a-1102](#).

299 [~~20~~] (21) The Emergency Medical Services Grant Program in Section [53-2d-207](#).

300 [~~21~~] (22) The Motorcycle Rider Education Program, as provided in Section [53-3-905](#).

301 [~~22~~] (23) The Utah Board of Higher Education for teacher preparation programs, as  
302 provided in Section [53B-6-104](#).

303 [~~23~~] (24) Innovation grants under Section [53G-10-608](#), except as provided in  
304 Subsection [53G-10-608](#)(6).

305           ~~[(24)]~~ (25) The Division of Fleet Operations for the purpose of upgrading underground  
306 storage tanks under Section [63A-9-401](#).

307           ~~[(25)]~~ (26) The Utah Seismic Safety Commission, as provided in Section [63C-6-104](#).

308           ~~[(26)]~~ (27) The Division of Technology Services for technology innovation as provided  
309 under Section [63A-16-903](#).

310           ~~[(27)]~~ (28) The State Capitol Preservation Board created by Section [63C-9-201](#).

311           ~~[(28)]~~ (29) The Office of Administrative Rules for publishing, as provided in Section  
312 [63G-3-402](#).

313           ~~[(29)]~~ (30) The Colorado River Authority of Utah, created in Title 63M, Chapter 14,  
314 Colorado River Authority of Utah Act.

315           ~~[(30)]~~ (31) The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to fund the Enterprise  
316 Zone Act, as provided in Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act.

317           ~~[(31)]~~ (32) The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity's Rural Employment  
318 Expansion Program, as described in Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment  
319 Expansion Program.

320           ~~[(32)]~~ (33) County correctional facility contracting program for state inmates as  
321 described in Section [64-13e-103](#).

322           ~~[(33)]~~ (34) Programs for the Jordan River Recreation Area as described in Section  
323 [65A-2-8](#).

324           ~~[(34)]~~ (35) The Division of Human Resource Management user training program, as  
325 provided in Section [63A-17-106](#).

326           ~~[(35)]~~ (36) A public safety answering point's emergency telecommunications service  
327 fund, as provided in Section [69-2-301](#).

328           ~~[(36)]~~ (37) The Traffic Noise Abatement Program created in Section [72-6-112](#).

329           ~~[(37)]~~ (38) The money appropriated from the Navajo Water Rights Negotiation  
330 Account to the Division of Water Rights, created in Section [73-2-1.1](#), for purposes of  
331 participating in a settlement of federal reserved water right claims.

332           ~~[(38)]~~ (39) The Judicial Council for compensation for special prosecutors, as provided  
333 in Section [77-10a-19](#).

334           ~~[(39)]~~ (40) A state rehabilitative employment program, as provided in Section  
335 [78A-6-210](#).

- 336            [~~(40)~~] (41) The Utah Geological Survey, as provided in Section 79-3-401.
- 337            [~~(41)~~] (42) The Bonneville Shoreline Trail Program created under Section 79-5-503.
- 338            [~~(42)~~] (43) Adoption document access as provided in Sections 78B-6-141, 78B-6-144,
- 339 and 78B-6-144.5.
- 340            [~~(43)~~] (44) Indigent defense as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 22, Part 4, Utah Indigent
- 341 Defense Commission.
- 342            [~~(44)~~] (45) The program established by the Division of Facilities Construction and
- 343 Management under Section 63A-5b-703 under which state agencies receive an appropriation
- 344 and pay lease payments for the use and occupancy of buildings owned by the Division of
- 345 Facilities Construction and Management.
- 346            [~~(45)~~] (46) The State Tax Commission for reimbursing counties for deferred property
- 347 taxes in accordance with Section 59-2-1802.5.
- 348            [~~(46)~~] (47) The Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program created in Section
- 349 4-2-902.

Section 6. **FY 2025 Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2025.

Subsection 6(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets.**

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

ITEM 1            To Department of Health and Human Services - Operations

From General Fund, One-time	\$2,000,000
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Schedule of Programs:

Public Affairs, Education & Outreach	\$2,000,000
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Section 7. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.