

Steve Eliason proposes the following substitute bill:

**Behavioral Health Modifications**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to behavioral health.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires a behavioral health receiving center to comply with licensing requirements from the Department of Health and Human Services;
- grants the Department of Health and Human Services authority to enact rules and assess and collect fees in relation to the licensing of behavioral health receiving centers;
- addresses Medicaid directed payments for the Utah State Hospital and the Huntsman Mental Health Institute;
- requires the Department of Public Safety to:
  - survey all law enforcement agencies in the state and publish a publicly searchable registry that will allow the public to see whether each law enforcement agency is or is not available to receive a voluntarily committed firearm in accordance with safe harbor provisions; and
  - subject to available funding, create and implement a marketing plan to educate law enforcement agencies and the public about safe harbor options for firearms; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates \$125,428,400 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, including:

- \$107,471,800 from General Fund; and
- \$17,956,600 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

**Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 AMENDS:

32 **26B-2-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 240, 267, 307, and 438

33 **53-5c-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 138, 448

34 ENACTS:

35 **26B-2-135**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36 **26B-5-383**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

39 Section 1. Section **26B-2-101** is amended to read:

40 **26B-2-101 . Definitions.**

41 As used in this part:

42 (1) "Adoption services" means the same as that term is defined in Section 80-2-801.

43 (2) "Adult day care" means nonresidential care and supervision:

44 (a) for three or more adults for at least four but less than 24 hours a day; and

45 (b) that meets the needs of functionally impaired adults through a comprehensive  
46 program that provides a variety of health, social, recreational, and related support  
47 services in a protective setting.

48 (3) "Applicant" means a person that applies for an initial license or a license renewal under  
49 this part.

50 (4)(a) "Associated with the licensee" means that an individual is:

51 (i) affiliated with a licensee as an owner, director, member of the governing body,  
52 employee, agent, provider of care, department contractor, or volunteer; or

53 (ii) applying to become affiliated with a licensee in a capacity described in  
54 Subsection (4)(a)(i).

55 (b) "Associated with the licensee" does not include:

56 (i) service on the following bodies, unless that service includes direct access to a  
57 child or a vulnerable adult:

58 (A) a local mental health authority described in Section 17-43-301;

59 (B) a local substance abuse authority described in Section 17-43-201; or

60 (C) a board of an organization operating under a contract to provide mental health  
61 or substance use programs, or services for the local mental health authority or  
62 substance abuse authority; or

- 63 (ii) a guest or visitor whose access to a child or a vulnerable adult is directly  
 64 supervised at all times.
- 65 (5) "Behavioral health receiving center" means a 23-hour non-secure program or facility  
 66 that is responsible for, and provides mental health crisis services to, an individual  
 67 experiencing a mental health crisis.
- 68 [(5)] (6)(a) "Boarding school" means a private school that:
- 69 (i) uses a regionally accredited education program;
- 70 (ii) provides a residence to the school's students:
- 71 (A) for the purpose of enabling the school's students to attend classes at the  
 72 school; and
- 73 (B) as an ancillary service to educating the students at the school;
- 74 (iii) has the primary purpose of providing the school's students with an education, as  
 75 defined in Subsection [(5)(b)(i)] (6)(b)(i); and
- 76 (iv)(A) does not provide the treatment or services described in Subsection [(40)(a)]  
 77 (41)(a); or
- 78 (B) provides the treatment or services described in Subsection [(40)(a)] (41)(a) on  
 79 a limited basis, as described in Subsection [(5)(b)(ii)] (6)(b)(ii).
- 80 (b)(i) For purposes of Subsection [(5)(a)(iii)] (6)(a)(iii), "education" means a course  
 81 of study for one or more grades from kindergarten through grade 12.
- 82 (ii) For purposes of Subsection [(5)(a)(iv)(B)] (6)(a)(iv)(B), a private school provides  
 83 the treatment or services described in Subsection [(40)(a)] (41)(a) on a limited  
 84 basis if:
- 85 (A) the treatment or services described in Subsection [(40)(a)] (41)(a) are provided  
 86 only as an incidental service to a student; and
- 87 (B) the school does not:
- 88 (I) specifically solicit a student for the purpose of providing the treatment or  
 89 services described in Subsection [(40)(a)] (41)(a); or
- 90 (II) have a primary purpose of providing the treatment or services described in  
 91 Subsection [(40)(a)] (41)(a).
- 92 (c) "Boarding school" does not include a therapeutic school.
- 93 [(6)] (7) "Certification" means a less restrictive level of licensure issued by the department.
- 94 [(7)] (8) "Child" means an individual under 18 years old.
- 95 [(8)] (9) "Child placing" means receiving, accepting, or providing custody or care for any  
 96 child, temporarily or permanently, for the purpose of:

97 (a) finding a person to adopt the child;

98 (b) placing the child in a home for adoption; or

99 (c) foster home placement.

100 [~~(9)~~] (10) "Child-placing agency" means a person that engages in child placing.

101 [~~(10)~~] (11) "Client" means an individual who receives or has received services from a  
102 licensee.

103 [~~(11)~~] (12)(a) "Congregate care program" means any of the following that provide  
104 services to a child:

105 (i) an outdoor youth program;

106 (ii) a residential support program;

107 (iii) a residential treatment program; or

108 (iv) a therapeutic school.

109 (b) "Congregate care program" does not include a human services program that:

110 (i) is licensed to serve adults; and

111 (ii) is approved by the office to service a child for a limited time.

112 [~~(12)~~] (13) "Day treatment" means specialized treatment that is provided to:

113 (a) a client less than 24 hours a day; and

114 (b) four or more persons who:

115 (i) are unrelated to the owner or provider; and

116 (ii) have emotional, psychological, developmental, physical, or behavioral  
117 dysfunctions, impairments, or chemical dependencies.

118 [~~(13)~~] (14) "Department contractor" means an individual who:

119 (a) provides services under a contract with the department; and

120 (b) due to the contract with the department, has or will likely have direct access to a  
121 child or vulnerable adult.

122 [~~(14)~~] (15) "Direct access" means that an individual has, or likely will have:

123 (a) contact with or access to a child or vulnerable adult that provides the individual with  
124 an opportunity for personal communication or touch; or

125 (b) an opportunity to view medical, financial, or other confidential personal identifying  
126 information of the child, the child's parents or legal guardians, or the vulnerable adult.

127 [~~(15)~~] (16) "Directly supervised" means that an individual is being supervised under the  
128 uninterrupted visual and auditory surveillance of another individual who has a current  
129 background check approval issued by the office.

130 [~~(16)~~] (17) "Director" means the director of the office.

- 131 [(17)] (18) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.
- 132 [(18)] (19) "Domestic violence treatment program" means a nonresidential program
- 133 designed to provide psychological treatment and educational services to perpetrators and
- 134 victims of domestic violence.
- 135 [(19)] (20) "Elder adult" means a person 65 years old or older.
- 136 [(20)] (21) "Emergency safety intervention" means a tactic used to protect staff or a client
- 137 from being physically injured, utilized by an appropriately trained direct care staff and
- 138 only performed in accordance with a nationally or regionally recognized curriculum in
- 139 the least restrictive manner to restore staff or client safety.
- 140 [(21)] (22) "Foster home" means a residence that is licensed or certified by the office for the
- 141 full-time substitute care of a child.
- 142 [(22)] (23) "Health benefit plan" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 143 31A-22-634.
- 144 [(23)] (24) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 145 78B-3-403.
- 146 [(24)] (25) "Health insurer" means the same as that term is defined in Section 31A-22-615.5.
- 147 [(25)] (26)(a) "Human services program" means:
- 148 (i) a foster home;
- 149 (ii) a therapeutic school;
- 150 (iii) a youth program;
- 151 (iv) an outdoor youth program;
- 152 (v) a residential treatment program;
- 153 (vi) a residential support program;
- 154 (vii) a resource family home;
- 155 (viii) a recovery residence;[~~or~~]
- 156 (ix) a behavioral health receiving center; or
- 157 [~~(ix)~~] (x) a facility or program that provides:
- 158 (A) adult day care;
- 159 (B) day treatment;
- 160 (C) outpatient treatment;
- 161 (D) domestic violence treatment;
- 162 (E) child-placing services;
- 163 (F) social detoxification; or
- 164 (G) any other human services that are required by contract with the department to

- 165 be licensed with the department.
- 166 (b) "Human services program" does not include:
- 167 (i) a boarding school;
- 168 (ii) a residential, vocational and life skills program, as defined in Section 13-53-102;
- 169 or
- 170 (iii) a short-term relief care provider.
- 171 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) "Indian child" means the same as that term is defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903.
- 172 ~~[(27)]~~ (28) "Indian country" means the same as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1151.
- 173 ~~[(28)]~~ (29) "Indian tribe" means the same as that term is defined in 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1903.
- 174 ~~[(29)]~~ (30) "Intermediate secure treatment" means 24-hour specialized residential treatment
- 175 or care for an individual who:
- 176 (a) cannot live independently or in a less restrictive environment; and
- 177 (b) requires, without the individual's consent or control, the use of locked doors to care
- 178 for the individual.
- 179 ~~[(30)]~~ (31) "Licensee" means an individual or a human services program licensed by the
- 180 office.
- 181 ~~[(31)]~~ (32) "Local government" means a city, town, or county.
- 182 ~~[(32)]~~ (33) "Minor" means child.
- 183 ~~[(33)]~~ (34) "Office" means the Office of Licensing within the department.
- 184 ~~[(34)]~~ (35) "Outdoor youth program" means a program that provides:
- 185 (a) services to a child that has:
- 186 (i) a chemical dependency; or
- 187 (ii) a dysfunction or impairment that is emotional, psychological, developmental,
- 188 physical, or behavioral;
- 189 (b) a 24-hour outdoor group living environment; and
- 190 (c)(i) regular therapy, including group, individual, or supportive family therapy; or
- 191 (ii) informal therapy or similar services, including wilderness therapy, adventure
- 192 therapy, or outdoor behavioral healthcare.
- 193 ~~[(35)]~~ (36) "Outpatient treatment" means individual, family, or group therapy or counseling
- 194 designed to improve and enhance social or psychological functioning for those whose
- 195 physical and emotional status allows them to continue functioning in their usual living
- 196 environment.
- 197 ~~[(36)]~~ (37) "Practice group" or "group practice" means two or more health care providers
- 198 legally organized as a partnership, professional corporation, or similar association, for

199 which:

200 (a) substantially all of the services of the health care providers who are members of the  
201 group are provided through the group and are billed in the name of the group and  
202 amounts received are treated as receipts of the group; and

203 (b) the overhead expenses of and the income from the practice are distributed in  
204 accordance with methods previously determined by members of the group.

205 [(37)] (38) "Private-placement child" means a child whose parent or guardian enters into a  
206 contract with a congregate care program for the child to receive services.

207 [(38)] (39)(a) "Recovery residence" means a home, residence, or facility that meets at  
208 least two of the following requirements:

209 (i) provides a supervised living environment for individuals recovering from a  
210 substance use disorder;

211 (ii) provides a living environment in which more than half of the individuals in the  
212 residence are recovering from a substance use disorder;

213 (iii) provides or arranges for residents to receive services related to the resident's  
214 recovery from a substance use disorder, either on or off site;

215 (iv) is held out as a living environment in which individuals recovering from  
216 substance abuse disorders live together to encourage continued sobriety; or

217 (v)(A) receives public funding; or

218 (B) is run as a business venture, either for-profit or not-for-profit.

219 (b) "Recovery residence" does not mean:

220 (i) a residential treatment program;

221 (ii) residential support program; or

222 (iii) a home, residence, or facility, in which:

223 (A) residents, by a majority vote of the residents, establish, implement, and  
224 enforce policies governing the living environment, including the manner in  
225 which applications for residence are approved and the manner in which  
226 residents are expelled;

227 (B) residents equitably share rent and housing-related expenses; and

228 (C) a landlord, owner, or operator does not receive compensation, other than fair  
229 market rental income, for establishing, implementing, or enforcing policies  
230 governing the living environment.

231 [(39)] (40) "Regular business hours" means:

232 (a) the hours during which services of any kind are provided to a client; or

- 233 (b) the hours during which a client is present at the facility of a licensee.
- 234 [(40)] (41)(a) "Residential support program" means a program that arranges for or  
235 provides the necessities of life as a protective service to individuals or families who  
236 have a disability or who are experiencing a dislocation or emergency that prevents  
237 them from providing these services for themselves or their families.
- 238 (b) "Residential support program" includes a program that provides a supervised living  
239 environment for individuals with dysfunctions or impairments that are:
- 240 (i) emotional;
- 241 (ii) psychological;
- 242 (iii) developmental; or
- 243 (iv) behavioral.
- 244 (c) Treatment is not a necessary component of a residential support program.
- 245 (d) "Residential support program" does not include:
- 246 (i) a recovery residence; or
- 247 (ii) a program that provides residential services that are performed:
- 248 (A) exclusively under contract with the department and provided to individuals  
249 through the Division of Services for People with Disabilities; or
- 250 (B) in a facility that serves fewer than four individuals.
- 251 [(41)] (42)(a) "Residential treatment" means a 24-hour group living environment for four  
252 or more individuals unrelated to the owner or provider that offers room or board and  
253 specialized treatment, behavior modification, rehabilitation, discipline, emotional  
254 growth, or habilitation services for persons with emotional, psychological,  
255 developmental, or behavioral dysfunctions, impairments, or chemical dependencies.
- 256 (b) "Residential treatment" does not include a:
- 257 (i) boarding school;
- 258 (ii) foster home; or
- 259 (iii) recovery residence.
- 260 [(42)] (43) "Residential treatment program" means a program or facility that provides:
- 261 (a) residential treatment; or
- 262 (b) intermediate secure treatment.
- 263 [(43)] (44) "Seclusion" means the involuntary confinement of an individual in a room or an  
264 area:
- 265 (a) away from the individual's peers; and
- 266 (b) in a manner that physically prevents the individual from leaving the room or area.



- 267 [~~(44)~~] (45) "Short-term relief care provider" means an individual who:
- 268 (a) provides short-term and temporary relief care to a foster parent:
- 269 (i) for less than six consecutive nights; and
- 270 (ii) in the short-term relief care provider's home;
- 271 (b) is an immediate family member or relative, as those terms are defined in Section
- 272 80-3-102, of the foster parent;
- 273 (c) is direct access qualified, as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-120;
- 274 (d) has been approved to provide short-term relief care by the department;
- 275 (e) is not reimbursed by the department for the temporary relief care provided; and
- 276 (f) is not an immediate family member or relative, as those terms are defined in Section
- 277 80-3-102, of the foster child.
- 278 [~~(45)~~] (46) "Social detoxification" means short-term residential services for persons who are
- 279 experiencing or have recently experienced drug or alcohol intoxication, that are provided
- 280 outside of a health care facility licensed under Part 2, Health Care Facility Licensing and
- 281 Inspection, and that include:
- 282 (a) room and board for persons who are unrelated to the owner or manager of the facility;
- 283 (b) specialized rehabilitation to acquire sobriety; and
- 284 (c) aftercare services.
- 285 [~~(46)~~] (47) "Substance abuse disorder" or "substance use disorder" mean the same as
- 286 "substance use disorder" is defined in Section 26B-5-501.
- 287 [~~(47)~~] (48) "Substance abuse treatment program" or "substance use disorder treatment
- 288 program" means a program:
- 289 (a) designed to provide:
- 290 (i) specialized drug or alcohol treatment;
- 291 (ii) rehabilitation; or
- 292 (iii) habilitation services; and
- 293 (b) that provides the treatment or services described in Subsection [~~(47)(a)~~] (48)(a) to
- 294 persons with:
- 295 (i) a diagnosed substance use disorder; or
- 296 (ii) chemical dependency disorder.
- 297 [~~(48)~~] (49) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:
- 298 (a) for four or more individuals that are not related to:
- 299 (i) the owner of the facility; or
- 300 (ii) the primary service provider of the facility;

- 301 (b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:  
302 (i) at home;  
303 (ii) in a public school; or  
304 (iii) in a nonresidential private school; and  
305 (c) that offers:  
306 (i) room and board; and  
307 (ii) an academic education integrated with:  
308 (A) specialized structure and supervision; or  
309 (B) services or treatment related to:  
310 (I) a disability;  
311 (II) emotional development;  
312 (III) behavioral development;  
313 (IV) familial development; or  
314 (V) social development.
- 315 [~~(49)~~] (50) "Unrelated persons" means persons other than parents, legal guardians,  
316 grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, or aunts.
- 317 [~~(50)~~] (51) "Vulnerable adult" means an elder adult or an adult who has a temporary or  
318 permanent mental or physical impairment that substantially affects the person's ability to:  
319 (a) provide personal protection;  
320 (b) provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or mental or other health care;  
321 (c) obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;  
322 (d) carry out the activities of daily living;  
323 (e) manage the adult's own resources; or  
324 (f) comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse,  
325 neglect, or exploitation.
- 326 [~~(51)~~] (52)(a) "Youth program" means a program designed to provide behavioral,  
327 substance use, or mental health services to minors that:  
328 (i) serves adjudicated or nonadjudicated youth;  
329 (ii) charges a fee for the program's services;  
330 (iii) may provide host homes or other arrangements for overnight accommodation of  
331 the youth;  
332 (iv) may provide all or part of the program's services in the outdoors;  
333 (v) may limit or censor access to parents or guardians; and  
334 (vi) prohibits or restricts a minor's ability to leave the program at any time of the

335 minor's own free will.

336 (b) "Youth program" does not include recreational programs such as Boy Scouts, Girl  
337 Scouts, 4-H, and other such organizations.

338 [(52)] (53)(a) "Youth transportation company" means any person that transports a child  
339 for payment to or from a congregate care program in Utah.

340 (b) "Youth transportation company" does not include:

341 (i) a relative of the child;

342 (ii) a state agency; or

343 (iii) a congregate care program's employee who transports the child from the  
344 congregate care program that employs the employee and returns the child to the  
345 same congregate care program.

346 Section 2. Section **26B-2-135** is enacted to read:

347 **26B-2-135 . Licensing behavioral health receiving centers.**

348 In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and  
349 Section 63J-1-504, the office:

350 (1) shall adopt and enforce rules to establish the process for initial and renewal applications  
351 to operate a behavioral health receiving center;

352 (2) may assess and collect application and renewal fees for behavioral health receiving  
353 center licenses; and

354 (3) shall deposit any fees collected under Subsection (2) into the General Fund as a  
355 dedicated credit to be used solely to pay for or offset the office's costs incurred in  
356 performing the duties under this section.

357 Section 3. Section **26B-5-383** is enacted to read:

358 **26B-5-383 . Directed payments.**

359 (1) To preserve and improve access to behavioral health hospital services, the department  
360 shall incorporate into the local mental health authorities' Medicaid prepaid mental health  
361 plan contract rate structure calculation, consistent with the certified actuarial rate range,  
362 an amount equal to the difference between payments made by local mental health  
363 authorities for the Medicaid eligibility categories for Medicaid-eligible services covered  
364 in Utah based on submitted encounter data and the maximum amount that could be paid  
365 for those services to be used for directed payments to the Utah State Hospital and the  
366 Huntsman Mental Health Institute within the University of Utah for inpatient and  
367 outpatient behavioral health services.

368 (2) By June 30, 2025, the department shall submit to the Centers for Medicare and

369 Medicaid Services the necessary request and supporting documentation to seek approval  
370 to make the Medicaid directed payments described in Subsection (1) with an effective  
371 date of July 1, 2025.

372 (3) The department may implement directed payments for the Utah State Hospital when  
373 operationally feasible.

374 Section 4. Section **53-5c-201** is amended to read:

375 **53-5c-201 . Voluntary commitment of a firearm by cohabitant -- Law**  
376 **enforcement to hold firearm.**

377 (1)(a) A cohabitant or owner cohabitant may voluntarily commit a firearm to a law  
378 enforcement agency or request that a law enforcement officer receive a firearm for  
379 safekeeping if the owner cohabitant or cohabitant believes that the owner cohabitant  
380 or another cohabitant with access to the firearm is an immediate threat to:

- 381 (i) a cohabitant;
- 382 (ii) the owner cohabitant; or
- 383 (iii) another individual.

384 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if the owner of a firearm requests return of the  
385 firearm in person at the law enforcement agency's office, the law enforcement agency:

- 386 (i) may not hold the firearm under this section; and
- 387 (ii) shall return the firearm to the owner.

388 (2) A law enforcement agency may not return a firearm to an owner under Subsection (1)(b)  
389 if the owner of the firearm:

- 390 (a) is a restricted person under Section 76-10-503; or
- 391 (b)(i) has been arrested and booked into a county jail on a class A misdemeanor or  
392 felony domestic violence offense;
- 393 (ii) has had a court:
  - 394 (A) review the probable cause statement detailing the incident leading to the  
395 owner's arrest; and
  - 396 (B) determine that probable cause existed for the arrest; and
- 397 (iii) is subject to a jail release agreement or a jail release court order arising out of the  
398 domestic violence offense.

399 (3) Unless a firearm is an illegal firearm subject to Section 53-5c-202, a law enforcement  
400 agency that receives a firearm in accordance with this chapter shall:

- 401 (a) record:
  - 402 (i) the owner cohabitant's name, address, and phone number;

- 403 (ii) the firearm serial number and the make and model of each firearm committed; and  
404 (iii) the date that the firearm was voluntarily committed;
- 405 (b) require the cohabitant to sign a document attesting that the cohabitant resides in the  
406 home;
- 407 (c) hold the firearm in safe custody:
- 408 (i) for 60 days after the day on which the firearm is voluntarily committed; or  
409 (ii)(A) for an owner described in Subsection (2)(b), during the time the jail release  
410 agreement or jail release court order is in effect; and  
411 (B) for 60 days after the day on which the jail release agreement or jail release  
412 court order expires; and
- 413 (d) upon proof of identification, return the firearm to:
- 414 (i)(A) the owner cohabitant after the expiration of the 60-day period; or  
415 (B) if the owner cohabitant requests return of the firearm before the expiration of  
416 the 60-day period, at the time of the request; or  
417 (ii) an owner other than the owner cohabitant in accordance with Section 53-5c-202.
- 418 (4) The law enforcement agency shall hold the firearm for an additional 60 days:
- 419 (a) if the initial 60-day period expires; and  
420 (b) the cohabitant or owner cohabitant requests that the law enforcement agency hold the  
421 firearm for an additional 60 days.
- 422 (5) A law enforcement agency may not request or require that the owner cohabitant provide  
423 the name or other information of the cohabitant who poses an immediate threat or any  
424 other cohabitant.
- 425 (6) Notwithstanding an ordinance or policy to the contrary adopted in accordance with  
426 Section 63G-2-701, a law enforcement agency shall destroy a record created under  
427 Subsection (3), Subsection 53-5c-202(3)(b)(iii), or any other record created in the  
428 application of this chapter immediately, if practicable, but no later than five days after  
429 immediately upon the:
- 430 (a) return of a firearm in accordance with Subsection (3)(d); or  
431 (b) disposal of the firearm in accordance with Section 53-5c-202.
- 432 (7) Unless otherwise provided, the provisions of Title 77, Chapter 11d, Lost or Mislaid  
433 Property, do not apply to a firearm received by a law enforcement agency in accordance  
434 with this chapter.
- 435 (8) A law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy for the safekeeping of a firearm held in  
436 accordance with this chapter.

- 437 (9) The department shall:
- 438 (a) create a pamphlet to be distributed by a law enforcement officer under Section
- 439 77-36-2.1 that includes information about a cohabitant's or owner cohabitant's ability
- 440 to have the owner cohabitant's firearm committed to a law enforcement agency for
- 441 safekeeping in accordance with this section[;] ;
- 442 (b) survey all law enforcement agencies in the state and publish a publicly searchable
- 443 registry that will allow the public to see whether each law enforcement agency is or is
- 444 not available to receive a voluntarily committed firearm in accordance with this
- 445 section; and
- 446 (c) subject to available funding, create and implement a marketing plan to educate law
- 447 enforcement agencies and the public regarding the options available under this
- 448 chapter.

449 Section 5. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

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

451 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for

452 fiscal year 2026.

453 Subsection 5(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

454 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the

455 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for

456 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

457 ITEM 1 To Department of Health and Human Services - Integrated Health Care Services

458	From General Fund	8,204,300
459	From General Fund, One-time	5,495,800

460 Schedule of Programs:

461	Non-Medicaid Behavioral Health Treatment and	
462	Crisis Response	8,900,100
463	State Hospital	4,800,000

464 The Legislature intends that the Department of

465 Health and Human Services use:

- 466 (1) \$3,060,000 one-time appropriation, and
- 467 \$2,244,000 ongoing appropriation for one new rural
- 468 behavioral health receiving center.
- 469 (2) \$1,035,800 one-time appropriation, and
- 470 \$1,010,300 ongoing appropriation for one new Mobile

471 Crisis Outreach Team.

472 (3) \$1,000,000 ongoing appropriation for Utah's

473 statewide Live On suicide prevention campaign.

474 (4) \$400,000 one-time appropriation for up to

475 five pilot projects in rural areas to fund innovative and

476 more humane ways to transport people experiencing a

477 behavioral health crisis between medical settings.

478 (5) \$150,000 ongoing appropriation for

479 community and clinical suicide prevention trainings,

480 community and continuum of care resources, and

481 educational materials.

482 (6) \$1,000,000 one-time appropriation, and

483 \$3,800,000 ongoing appropriation for operational cost

484 increases at the Utah State Hospital.

485 ITEM 2 To Department of Health and Human Services - Clinical Services

486 From General Fund 299,700

487 Schedule of Programs:

488 Medical Examiner 299,700

489 The Legislature intends that the Department of

490 Health and Human Services use the appropriation in Item

491 2 to fund family outreach specialists at the Office of the

492 Medical Examiner.

493 ITEM 3 To Department of Health and Human Services - Integrated Health Care Services

494 From General Fund 4,674,200

495 From General Fund, One-time 88,797,800

496 From Federal Funds 17,956,600

497 Schedule of Programs:

498 Medicaid Behavioral Health Services 21,399,100

499 State Hospital 90,029,500

500 The Legislature intends that the Department of

501 Health and Human Services use:

502 (1) \$24,000 ongoing appropriation to increase

503 Medicaid rates for peer support specialist services.

504 (2) \$3,412,000 ongoing appropriation to

505 continue a 5% increased rate for behavioral health  
506 services.  
507 (3) \$6,500 ongoing appropriation to increase  
508 Medicaid rates for mobile crisis outreach teams.  
509 (4) \$88,797,800 one-time appropriation, and  
510 \$1,231,700 ongoing appropriation to expand the  
511 availability of long-term care beds at the Utah State  
512 Hospital and other residential facilities as needed.

513 Section 6. **Effective Date.**

514 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.