

Family Stabilization Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill creates the Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play to be administered by the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play (center) to be administered by the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University;

and

- describes the center's duties and responsibilities, including the focus on the science, practice, and promotion of children's play in the areas of:

- childhood development;
- community development;
- educational play opportunities; and
- youth sports.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

ENACTS:

53B-18-1901, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53B-18-1901** is enacted to read:

Part 19. Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play

32 **53B-18-1901 . Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play -- Definitions -- Purpose**
33 **-- Duties and responsibilities.**

34 (1) As used in this section, "center" means the Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play that
35 this section creates.

36 (2) This section creates the Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play to be administered by
37 the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State
38 University.

39 (3) The center's purpose is to act as an interdisciplinary research and outreach program that
40 shall focus on the science, practice, and promotion of childhood play that contribute to
41 physical, psychological, social, family, and community well-being.

42 (4) To fulfill the center's purpose under Subsection (3), the center has the following duties
43 and responsibilities:

44 (a) to direct the center's efforts to understand childhood development and the impact of
45 play on children and families, including:

46 (i) access to play opportunities;

47 (ii) play-based learning;

48 (iii) therapeutic play; and

49 (iv) youth sport;

50 (b) to collaborate with institutions of higher education, the State Board of Education,
51 school districts, local governments, community and other public and private
52 stakeholders, and state, national, and international experts on projects and idea
53 development that promote childhood play;

54 (c) to develop and offer outreach programs, academic programs, and educational training
55 and support for school districts, local governments, and communities on access to
56 play opportunities, learning, therapy, and youth sport that are responsive to a child's
57 developmental needs and interests;

58 (d) to gather and maintain data on childhood play, including data that measures the
59 desired outcomes as determined by the center;

60 (e) to identify challenges and opportunities in developing, implementing, and providing
61 healthy and meaningful play for all youth and the impact of play on children and
62 families; and

63 (f) to identify and acquire public and private resources at the state and national levels
64 that are available to support the center's purpose.

65 Section 2. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

- 66 **63I-1-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.**
- 67 (1) Section 53-1-122, Road Rage Awareness and Prevention Restricted Account, is
68 repealed July 1, 2028.
- 69 (2) Section 53-2a-105, Emergency Management Administration Council created --
70 Function -- Composition -- Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 71 (3) Section 53-2a-1103, Search and Rescue Advisory Board -- Members -- Compensation,
72 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 73 (4) Section 53-2a-1104, General duties of the Search and Rescue Advisory Board, is
74 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 75 (5) Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 15, Grid Resilience Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 76 (6) Section 53-2d-104, State Emergency Medical Services Committee -- Membership --
77 Expenses, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 78 (7) Section 53-2d-703, Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Personnel Health Insurance
79 Program -- Creation -- Administration -- Eligibility -- Benefits -- Rulemaking --
80 Advisory board, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 81 (8) Section 53-5-703, Board -- Membership -- Compensation -- Terms -- Duties, is repealed
82 July 1, 2029.
- 83 (9) Section 53-11-104, Board, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- 84 (10) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem
85 -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.
- 86 (11) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is
87 repealed December 31, 2025.
- 88 (12) Subsection 53B-1-301(1)(j), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections Council,
89 is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 90 (13) Section 53B-7-709, Five-year performance goals, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 91 (14) Title 53B, Chapter 8a, Part 3, Education Savings Incentive Program, is repealed July 1,
92 2028.
- 93 (15) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 94 (16) Section 53B-17-1203, SafeUT and School Safety Commission established -- Members,
95 is repealed January 1, 2030.
- 96 (17) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 97 (18) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 17, Food Security Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 98 (19) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 18, Electrification of Transportation Infrastructure
99 Research Center, [-]is repealed July 1, 2028.

- 100 (20) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 19, Center for Healthy and Meaningful Play, is repealed
101 July 1, 2028.
- 102 ~~[(20)]~~ (21) Title 53B, Chapter 35, Higher Education and Corrections Council, is repealed
103 July 1, 2027.
- 104 ~~[(21)]~~ (22) Subsection 53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii), regarding the distribution of money from the
105 Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other
106 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.
- 107 ~~[(22)]~~ (23) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(q), regarding the Higher Education and Corrections
108 Council, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 109 ~~[(23)]~~ (24) Subsection 53E-2-304(6), regarding foreclosing a private right of action or
110 waiver of governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 111 ~~[(24)]~~ (25) Subsection 53E-3-503(5), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
112 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 113 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) Subsection 53E-3-503(6), regarding coordinating councils for youth in care, is
114 repealed July 1, 2027.
- 115 ~~[(26)]~~ (27) Subsection 53E-4-202(8)(b), regarding a standards review committee, is repealed
116 January 1, 2028.
- 117 ~~[(27)]~~ (28) Section 53E-4-203, Standards review committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
- 118 ~~[(28)]~~ (29) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission,
119 is repealed July 1, 2033.
- 120 ~~[(29)]~~ (30) Subsection 53E-7-207(7), regarding a private right of action or waiver of
121 governmental immunity, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- 122 ~~[(30) Section 53F-2-420, Intensive Services Special Education Pilot Program, is repealed~~
123 ~~July 1, 2024.]~~
- 124 (31) Section 53F-5-214, Grant for professional learning, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 125 (32) Section 53F-5-215, Elementary teacher preparation grant, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 126 (33) Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program, is repealed July
127 1, 2025.
- 128 (34) Title 53F, Chapter 10, Part 2, Capital Projects Evaluation Panel, is repealed July 1,
129 2027.
- 130 (35) Subsection 53G-4-608(2)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
131 repealed January 1, 2025.
- 132 (36) Subsection 53G-4-608(4)(b), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is
133 repealed January 1, 2025.

134 (37) Section 53G-9-212, Drinking water quality in schools, is repealed July 1, 2027.

135 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

136 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.