

Child Tax Credit Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the individual income tax credit for child dependents.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- expands eligibility for the child tax credit by increasing the thresholds for the income-based phaseout.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides retrospective operation.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

59-10-1047, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 407

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

Section 1. Section **59-10-1047** is amended to read:

59-10-1047 . Nonrefundable child tax credit.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Joint filing status" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-10-1018.
- (b) "Head of household filing status" means the same as that term is defined in Section 59-10-1018.
- (c) "Married filing separately status" means a married individual who:
 - (i) does not file a single federal individual income tax return jointly with that married individual's spouse for the taxable year; and
 - (ii) files a single federal individual income tax return for the taxable year.
- (d) "Modified adjusted gross income" means the sum of the following for a claimant or, if the claimant's federal individual income tax return is allowed a joint filing status,

- 31 the claimant and the claimant's spouse:
- 32 (i) adjusted gross income for the taxable year for which a tax credit is claimed under
33 this section;
- 34 (ii) any interest income that is not included in adjusted gross income for the taxable
35 year described in Subsection (1)(d)(i); and
- 36 (iii) any addition to adjusted gross income required by Section 59-10-114 for the
37 taxable year described in Subsection (1)(d)(i).
- 38 (e) "Qualifying child" means an individual:
- 39 (i) with respect to whom the claimant is allowed to claim a tax credit under Section
40 24, Internal Revenue Code, on the claimant's federal individual income tax return
41 for the taxable year; and
- 42 (ii) who is under six years old on the last day of the claimant's taxable year.
- 43 (f) "Single filing status" means a single individual who files a single federal individual
44 income tax return for the taxable year.
- 45 (2) Subject to Section 59-10-1002.2, a claimant may claim a nonrefundable tax credit of
46 \$1,000 for each qualifying child.
- 47 (3) A claimant may not carry forward or carry back the amount of the tax credit that
48 exceeds the claimant's tax liability.
- 49 (4) The tax credit allowed by Subsection (2) claimed on a return filed under this [part]
50 chapter shall be reduced by \$.10 for each dollar by which modified adjusted gross
51 income for purposes of the return exceeds:
- 52 (a) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a married filing separately
53 status, [~~\$27,000~~] \$30,500;
- 54 (b) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a single filing status or head
55 of household filing status, [~~\$43,000~~] \$49,000; and
- 56 (c) for a federal individual income tax return that is allowed a joint filing status, [~~\$54,000~~]
57 \$61,000.

58 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

59 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

60 **Section 3. Retrospective operation.**

61 This bill has retrospective operation for a taxable year beginning on or after January 1,
62 2026.