

OFFICE ON DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence within the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence;
- ▶ requires the Executive Director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to appoint the director of the office; and
- ▶ provides responsibilities to the office for the statewide coordination of resources and policies for reducing instances of domestic and sexual violence.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

63M-7-701, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63M-7-702, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63M-7-703, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **63M-7-701** is enacted to read:

Part 7. Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence

63M-7-701. Title.

This part is known as the "Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence."

Section 2. Section **63M-7-702** is enacted to read:

63M-7-702. Creation -- Appointment of director.

(1) There is created the Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence within the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

(2) The Executive Director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall appoint a director for the office.

Section 3. Section **63M-7-703** is enacted to read:

63M-7-703. Responsibilities.

The Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence shall:

(1) provide leadership and generate unity for the state's ongoing efforts to reduce and eliminate the impact of rape, sexual assault, and intimate partner and domestic violence through comprehensive and evidence-based prevention, intervention, and treatment;

(2) direct and support the Utah Sexual Violence Council and the Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council to recommend and coordinate the creation, dissemination, and implementation of statewide policies to address intimate partner and domestic and sexual violence;

(3) promote a multi-disciplinary approach to collaborate and partner with public and private partners;

(4) facilitate planning for a balanced continuum of intimate partner and domestic and sexual violence prevention, intervention, treatment, and justice services; and

(5) support the Utah Domestic Violence Offender Task Force and the task force's efforts to hold offenders accountable by:

(a) identifying best practices and standards for intimate partner and domestic violence evaluation, intervention, treatment, and monitoring;

(b) identifying and requiring the use of practices recognized in scientific research to address an offender's intimate partner and domestic violence risk factors and needs;

- 59 (c) promoting and integrating evidence-based trauma-informed care into best practice
60 standards to enhance the quality and continuity of intervention and treatment;
- 61 (d) disseminating best practice standards to be used in the evaluation, intervention,
62 treatment, and monitoring of intimate partner and domestic violence offenders;
- 63 (e) evaluating current practices and further identifying best practices and standards
64 most appropriate and applicable to the state's needs; and
- 65 (f) establishing an accreditation program for public and private providers of
66 intervention and treatment for intimate partner and domestic violence offenders.