

DISABILITY ACT COMPLIANCE AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to identify barriers an individual with a disability experiences in obtaining services and provide a report to the Legislature.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires the Department of Human Services to:
 - identify barriers an individual with a disability experiences in obtaining access to services; and
 - provide a report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding a proposal for a disability ombudsman program to address the barriers.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-262, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 136 and 440

ENACTS:

62A-5-111, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **62A-5-111** is enacted to read:

62A-5-111. Disability ombudsman program -- Report.

(1) As used in this section, "rights and privileges of an individual with a disability" means the rights and privileges of an individual with a disability described in:

(a) Subsections [62A-5b-103](#)(1) through (3);

(b) 42 U.S.C. 12181 through 12189 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; or

(c) 28 C.F.R. Part 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) The department shall:

(a) identify and evaluate barriers an individual with a disability experiences in obtaining access to services in the community that are intended to protect the rights and privileges of an individual with a disability;

(b) determine the duties and role of an ombudsman program in protecting the rights and privileges of an individual with a disability and addressing the barriers identified in Subsection (2)(a);

(c) based on the information described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b), develop a proposal for an ombudsman program to promote and advocate for the rights and privileges of an individual with a disability; and

(d) before November 30, 2021, report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding the proposal described in Subsection (2)(c) and any recommendations for implementation of the proposal.

(3) In developing the proposal described in Subsection (2)(c), the department shall:

(a) review statutes, policies, and programs in other states relating to an ombudsman who provides services to an individual with a disability; and

(b) consult with:

(i) the Department of Health; and

56 (ii) other stakeholders, as determined by the department.

57 Section 2. Section **63I-2-262** is amended to read:

58 **63I-2-262. Repeal dates -- Title 62A.**

59 (1) Subsection [62A-5-103.1](#)(6) is repealed January 1, 2023.

60 (2) Section [62A-5-111](#) is repealed January 1, 2021.