

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AMENDMENTS**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill directs the Office of the Attorney General to create a multi-agency strike force and the Organized Retail Crime Unit to combat certain crimes.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- directs the Office of the Attorney General to create and coordinate a multi-agency strike force to combat crimes that may have a negative impact on the state's economy;
- directs the Office of the Attorney General to establish the Organized Retail Crime Unit; and
- establishes reporting requirements.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:

- to the Attorney General – Attorney General – Criminal Prosecution as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, \$140,000.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:



28           **67-5-36**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31           Section 1. Section **67-5-36** is enacted to read:

32           **67-5-36. Multi-agency strike force -- Organized Retail Crime Unit.**

33           (1) The Office of the Attorney General shall create and coordinate the operation of a  
34           multi-agency strike force to combat criminal activity that may have a negative impact  
35           on the state's economy.

36           (2) The attorney general shall invite federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel  
37           to participate in the strike force to more effectively utilize their combined skills, expertise, and  
38           resources.

39           (3) The strike force shall focus the strike force's efforts on detecting, investigating,  
40           detering, and eradicating criminal activity, described in Subsection (1), within the state,  
41           including organized retail crime, antitrust violations, intellectual property rights violations,  
42           gambling, and the purchase of stolen goods for the purpose of reselling the stolen goods for  
43           profit.

44           (4) In conjunction with the strike force, the Office of the Attorney General shall  
45           establish the Organized Retail Crime Unit for the purpose of:

46           (a) investigating, apprehending, and prosecuting individuals or entities that participate  
47           in the purchase, sale, or distribution of stolen property; and

48           (b) targeting individuals or entities that commit theft and other property crimes for  
49           financial gain.

50           (5) The strike force shall provide an annual report to the Law Enforcement and  
51           Criminal Justice Interim Committee before December 1 that describes the strike force's  
52           activities and any recommendations for modifications to this section.

53           Section 2. **Appropriation.**

54           The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
55           2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
56           fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures  
57           Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts  
58           indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

59 ITEM 1

60 To Attorney General -- Attorney General

61 From General Fund \$140,000

62 Schedule of Programs:

63 Criminal Prosecution \$140,000

64 The Legislature intends that the Attorney General use the appropriation under this  
65 section to fund one FTE for an attorney assigned to the strike force and the Organized Retail  
66 Crime Unit described in Section [67-5-36](#).