

Part 6 Utah Council on Victims of Crime

63M-7-601 Creation -- Members -- Chair.

- (1) There is created within the governor's office the Utah Council on Victims of Crime.
- (2) The Utah Council on Victims of Crime shall be composed of 25 voting members as follows:
 - (a) a representative of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice appointed by the executive director;
 - (b) a representative of the Department of Corrections appointed by the executive director;
 - (c) a representative of the Board of Pardons and Parole appointed by the chair;
 - (d) a representative of the Department of Public Safety appointed by the commissioner;
 - (e) a representative of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services appointed by the director;
 - (f) a representative of the Utah Office for Victims of Crime appointed by the director;
 - (g) a representative of the Office of the Attorney General appointed by the attorney general;
 - (h) a representative of the United States Attorney for the district of Utah appointed by the United States Attorney;
 - (i) a representative of Utah's Native American community appointed by the director of the Division of Indian Affairs after input from federally recognized tribes in Utah;
 - (j) a professional or volunteer working in the area of violence against women and families appointed by the governor;
 - (k) the chair of each judicial district's victims' rights committee;
 - (l) the following members appointed to serve four-year terms:
 - (i) a representative of the Statewide Association of Public Attorneys appointed by that association;
 - (ii) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association appointed by the president of that association;
 - (iii) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association appointed by the president of that association;
 - (iv) a representative of a Children's Justice Center appointed by the Advisory Board on Children's Justice; and
 - (v) a citizen representative appointed by the governor; and
 - (m) the following members appointed by the members in Subsections (2)(a) through (2)(k) to serve four-year terms:
 - (i) an individual who works professionally with victims of crime; and
 - (ii) a victim of crime.
- (3) The council shall annually elect one member to serve as chair.

Amended by Chapter 32, 2016 General Session

63M-7-602 Reappointment -- Vacancies.

- (1) Members appointed to serve four-year terms shall be eligible for reappointment one time.
- (2) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session

63M-7-603 Duties.

(1) The council shall:

(a) make recommendations to the Legislature, the governor, and the Judicial Council on the following:

- (i) enforcing existing rights of victims of crime;
- (ii) enhancing rights of victims of crime;
- (iii) the role of victims of crime in the criminal justice system;
- (iv) victim restitution;
- (v) educating and training criminal justice professionals on the rights of victims of crime; and
- (vi) enhancing services to victims of crimes;

(b) provide training on the rights of victims of crime; and

(c) establish a subcommittee to consider complaints not resolved by the Victims' Rights Committee established in Section 77-37-5.

(2) The council:

(a) shall advocate the adoption, repeal, or modification of laws or proposed legislation in the interest of victims of crime;

(b) may establish additional subcommittees to assist in accomplishing its duties; and

(c) shall select and appoint persons pursuant to the provisions of Section 77-37-5 to act as chairpersons of the judicial district victims' rights committees and provide assistance to the committees in their operations.

Amended by Chapter 82, 2010 General Session

63M-7-604 Member expenses.

A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(1) Section 63A-3-106;

(2) Section 63A-3-107; and

(3) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Repealed and Re-enacted by Chapter 286, 2010 General Session

63M-7-605 Staffing.

The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall provide staff to the council and any subcommittees established by the council.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 382, 2008 General Session