

**STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES' CRIME REDUCTION PLANS**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW AND STATE AFFAIRS; PROVIDING STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCES TO AID STATE AND LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES WITH CRIME REDUCTION PLANNING; PROVIDING INCENTIVE FUNDING TO CREATE OR IMPLEMENT THE PLANS; AND APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 TO THE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE TO FUND THESE ACTIVITIES.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**63-25a-104**, as last amended by Chapter 102, Laws of Utah 1998

ENACTS:

**63-25a-501**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63-25a-502**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63-25a-503**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63-25a-104** is amended to read:

**63-25a-104. Duties of commission.**

The state commission on criminal and juvenile justice administration shall:

(1) promote the communication and coordination of all criminal and juvenile justice agencies, including coordination by those agencies in their implementation and operation of programs and other efforts to reduce crime;

(2) promote the commission's purposes as enumerated in Section 63-25a-101;

(3) study, evaluate, and report on the status of crime in the state and on the effectiveness of criminal justice policies, procedures, and programs that are directed toward the reduction of crime in the state;

(4) study, evaluate, and report on policies, procedures, and programs of other jurisdictions

which have effectively reduced crime rates and victimization;

(5) identify and promote the implementation of specific policies and programs the commission determines will significantly reduce crime and victimization in Utah;

(6) publish the recommendations made under Section 63-25a-104.5;

(7) provide analysis and recommendations on all criminal and juvenile justice legislation, state budget, and facility requests, including program and fiscal impact on all components of the criminal and juvenile justice system;

(8) provide analysis, accountability, recommendations, and supervision for federal criminal justice grant monies;

(9) provide public information on the criminal and juvenile justice system and give technical assistance to agencies or local units of government on methods to promote public awareness;

(10) promote research and program evaluation as an integral part of the criminal and juvenile justice system;

(11) provide a comprehensive criminal justice plan annually, that includes a strategic plan for the efficient management of information resources;

(12) review agency forecasts regarding future demands on the criminal and juvenile justice systems, including specific projections for secure bed space; ~~and~~

(13) promote the development of criminal and juvenile justice information systems that are consistent with common standards for data storage and are capable of appropriately sharing information with other criminal justice information systems by:

(a) developing and maintaining common data standards for use by all state criminal justice agencies;

(b) annually performing audits of criminal history record information maintained by state criminal justice agencies to assess their accuracy, completeness, and adherence to standards;

(c) defining and developing state and local programs and projects associated with the improvement of information management for law enforcement and the administration of justice; and

(d) establishing general policies concerning criminal justice information systems and making rules as necessary to carry out the duties under this Subsection (13) and Subsection (11)~~[-]; and~~

(14) administer the Crime Reduction Planning Grant Program outlined in Title 63, Chapter 25a, Part 5, State and Local Agencies' Crime Reduction Planning Grant, which may include conferences regarding crime reduction.

Section 2. Section **63-25a-501** is enacted to read:

**Part 5. State and Local Agencies' Crime Reduction Planning Grant**

**63-25a-501. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(1) "Commission" means the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

(2) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

(3) "Local criminal justice agency" means each county and municipal law enforcement agency.

(4) "State criminal justice agency" means the Department of Public Safety, Department of Corrections, the Division of Youth Corrections, and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Section 3. Section **63-25a-502** is enacted to read:

**63-25a-502. Notification of grant funds.**

The executive director shall send a letter on or before July 1, 1999, notifying the director of each state criminal justice agency and the chief law enforcement official of each local criminal justice agency of:

(1) the availability of and requirements for obtaining grant money to be used for crime reduction programs; and

(2) the one or more crime reduction conferences to be sponsored by the commission.

Section 4. Section **63-25a-503** is enacted to read:

**63-25a-503. Application for grant funds -- Balance nonlapsing.**

(1) A state or local criminal justice agency may apply for a one-time grant from the commission to be used to create or implement a crime reduction plan.

(2) The plan shall:

(a) establish goals to reduce crime in its jurisdiction by specified percentages during the year

following the creation of the plan and during the following five years;

(b) describe programs and strategies the agency will implement in order to reduce crime in its jurisdiction.

(3) Any unexpended balance of money appropriated to the commission for this grant program is nonlapsing.

(4) The commission shall review the reports and describe grant participation in its annual report.

**Section 5. Appropriation.**

(1) There is appropriated for fiscal year 1999-2000 from the General Fund to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice \$150,000, to be used for one or more crime reduction conferences and planning grant money.

(2) This appropriation is nonlapsing.