

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR FOSTER  
AND ADOPTED CHILDREN TASK FORCE**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Gene Davis**

**This act creates the Mental Health Services for Foster and Adopted Children Task Force.**

**The act specifies membership, responsibilities, procedures, and reporting dates for the task force. The act appropriates \$24,500 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2000-2001 to fund the task force, and repeals the task force on November 30, 2001.**

This act enacts uncodified material.

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

**Section 1. Mental Health Services for Foster and Adopted Children Task Force --  
Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

(1) There is created the Mental Health Services for Foster and Adopted Children Task Force consisting of the following eight members:

(a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party; and

(b) five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative interim task forces.

(4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

28           (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to  
29 the task force.

30           Section 2. **Duties -- Interim report.**

31           (1) The task force shall:

32           (a) develop recommendations for the Legislature, the Department of Human Services, and  
33 the Department of Health to ensure that a system is implemented no later than July 1, 2003, to  
34 allow mental health services for foster children and adopted children to be provided entirely within  
35 a capitated system of Medicaid providers; and

36           (b) consider the concerns of foster parents, parents of adopted children, and mental health  
37 service providers.

38           (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Health and  
39 Human Services Interim Committee and the Executive Appropriations Committee before  
40 November 1, 2001.

41           Section 3. **Appropriation.**

42           There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2000-2001:

43           (1) \$3,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task  
44 force;

45           (2) \$6,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of  
46 representatives on the task force; and

47           (3) \$15,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing  
48 the task force.

49           Section 4. **Repeal date.**

50           This act is repealed November 30, 2001.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 11-20-00 1:25 PM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**