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**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL -  
SAFETY NET INITIATIVE**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

House Sponsor: Rebecca D. Lockhart

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions in the Attorney General chapter and establishes the Safety Net Initiative and task force within the Office of the Attorney General.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the attorney general to employ investigators, prosecutors, and necessary support staff to administer special duties assigned to the attorney general;
- ▶ provides definitions;
- ▶ creates the Safety Net Initiative within the Office of the Attorney general to facilitate communication and coordinate efforts to provide services to men, women, and children who may be subject to crimes including domestic violence, sexual abuse, or maltreatment in certain communities;
- ▶ establishes the Safety Net Initiative task force;
- ▶ permits the attorney general to hire support staff to administer the Safety Net Initiative and task force; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**



28 This bill coordinates with H.B.136, Illegal Drug Activity Reporting Hotline Through  
29 the Office of the Attorney General, merging substantive amendments.

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 ENACTS:

32 **67-5-1.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 **67-5-26**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

36 Section 1. Section **67-5-1.5** is enacted to read:

37 **67-5-1.5. Special duties -- Employment of staff.**

38 (1) The attorney general may undertake special duties and projects as follows:

39 (a) employment of child protection services investigators under Section 67-5-16;

40 (b) employment of an Obscenity and Pornography Complaints Ombudsman under

41 Section 67-5-18;

42 (c) administration of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force under Section

43 67-5-20;

44 (d) administration of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit under Section

45 67-5-21;

46 (e) administration of the Identity Theft Reporting Information System (IRIS) Program

47 under Section 67-5-22;

48 (f) administration of the Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention Fund under

49 Section 67-5-24; and

50 (g) administration of the Safety Net Initiative as provided under Section 67-5-26.

51 (2) As permitted by the provisions of this chapter, the attorney general may employ or  
52 contract with investigators, prosecutors, and necessary support staff to fulfill the special duties  
53 undertaken under this section.

54 Section 2. Section **67-5-26** is enacted to read:

55 **67-5-26. Safety Net Initiative -- Task force -- Staff.**

56 (1) As used in this section, "individuals in underserved communities" means men,  
57 women, and children living in culturally isolated communities of Utah and northern Arizona  
58 who may lack access to justice, safety, and services.

59           (2) There is created within the Office of the Attorney General the Safety Net Initiative  
60 to:

61           (a) address and prevent the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking,  
62 incest, and child abuse relating to individuals in underserved communities; and

63           (b) implement strategies to increase awareness and to reduce risk factors in order to  
64 improve the safety and well-being of individuals in underserved communities.

65           (3) There is created within the Office of the Attorney General the Safety Net Task  
66 Force, which is a statewide multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional task force focused on  
67 accomplishing the following objectives:

68           (a) coordinating with government agencies, non-profit organizations, and interested  
69 individuals in order to work to provide open communication with individuals in underserved  
70 communities; and

71           (b) coordinating efforts to give individuals in underserved communities equal access to  
72 justice, safety, and services.

73           (4) The attorney general may employ or contract with individuals, entities, and support  
74 staff necessary to administer the duties required by this section.

75           **Section 3. Coordinating S.B. 239 with H.B. 136 -- Merging substantive**  
76 **amendments.**

77           If this S.B. 239 and H.B. 136, Illegal Drug Activity Reporting Hotline Through the  
78 Office of the Attorney General, both pass, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of  
79 Legislative Research and General Counsel, in preparing the Utah Code database for  
80 publication:

81           (1) insert a new Subsection (g) to read as follows in Subsection 67-5-1.5(1):

82           "(g) administration of the Online Illegal Drug Activity Reporting System as provided  
83 under Section 67-5-26;"

84           (2) renumber the existing Subsection (1)(g) to (1)(h); and

85           (3) correct all internal cross references.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**S.B. 239 - Office of the Attorney General - Safety Net Initiative**

**Fiscal Note**

2008 General Session  
State of Utah

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will require \$306,900 per year from the General Fund appropriated to the Attorney General beginning FY 2009.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$306,900	\$306,900	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$306,900</b>	<b>\$306,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.