

INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY PROVISIONS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stuart C. Reid

House Sponsor: Jeremy A. Peterson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Workforce Services Code by enacting the Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act to monitor data related to intergenerational poverty.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services to establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty related data to identify at-risk children and other groups, identify trends, and to assist case workers, social scientists, and government officials to study and develop plans and programs to assist individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

- 35A-8-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 35A-8-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 35A-8-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **35A-8-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 8. INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY MITIGATION ACT

Part 1. General Provisions

35A-8-101. Title.

This chapter is known as the "Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act."

Section 2. Section **35A-8-102** is enacted to read:

35A-8-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Cycle of poverty" or "poverty cycle" means the set of factors or events by which the long-term poverty of a person is likely to continue and be experienced by each child of the person when the child becomes an adult unless there is outside intervention.

(2) (a) "Intergenerational poverty" means poverty in which two or more successive generations of a family continue in the cycle of poverty and government dependance.

(b) "Intergenerational poverty" does not include situational poverty.

(3) "Poverty" means the state of a person who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions as demonstrated by the person's income level being at or below the United States poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register.

(4) "Situational poverty" means temporary poverty that:

(a) is generally traceable to a specific incident or time period within the lifetime of a person; and

(b) is not continued to the next generation.

Section 3. Section **35A-8-201** is enacted to read:

Part 2. Intergenerational Poverty Tracking System

35A-8-201. Intergenerational poverty tracking system -- Data -- Analysis -- Annual report.

(1) The department shall establish and maintain a system to track intergenerational poverty.

- 59 (2) The system shall:
60 (a) identify groups that have a high risk of experiencing intergenerational poverty;
61 (b) identify incidents, patterns, and trends that explain or contribute to
62 intergenerational poverty;
63 (c) assist case workers, social scientists, and government officials in the study and
64 development of effective and efficient plans and programs to help individuals and families in
65 the state to break the cycle of poverty; and
66 (d) gather and track available local, state, and national data on:
67 (i) official poverty rates;
68 (ii) child poverty rates;
69 (iii) years spent by individuals in childhood poverty;
70 (iv) years spent by individuals in adult poverty; and
71 (v) related poverty information.
72 (3) The department shall:
73 (a) use available data in the tracking system, including public assistance data, census
74 data, and other data made available to the department;
75 (b) develop and implement methods to integrate, compare, analyze, and validate the
76 data for the purposes described in Subsection (2);
77 (c) protect the privacy of individuals living in poverty by using and distributing data
78 within the tracking system in compliance with:
79 (i) federal requirements; and
80 (ii) the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and
81 Management Act; and
82 (d) no later than September 30 of each year, provide an annual report on the data,
83 findings, and potential uses of the tracking system to:
84 (i) the governor;
85 (ii) the Legislative Management Committee; and
86 (iii) the Legislature's Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development
87 Interim Committee.

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