

1 **SYSTEM OF CARE FOR MINORS IN STATE CUSTODY**

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3 STATE OF UTAH

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5 Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

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LONG TITLE

7 **Committee Note:**

8 The Health Reform Task Force recommended this bill.

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies Title 17, Chapter 43, Local Human Services Act, and Title 62A, Utah
11 Human Services Code, by promoting a system of care for a minor with or at risk for
12 complex emotional and behavioral needs.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

- 15 ▶ defines system of care;
- 16 ▶ requires the executive director of the Department of Human Services to establish a
- 17 system of care for minors with or at risk for complex emotional and behavioral
- 18 needs; and
- 19 ▶ requires local substance abuse and mental health authorities to cooperate with the
- 20 Department of Human Services in promoting the ~~H~~→ [the] ←~~H~~ system of care model.

21 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

22 None

23 **Other Special Clauses:**

24 None

25 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

26 AMENDS:
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183 Section 2. Section **17-43-301** is amended to read:

184 **17-43-301. Local mental health authorities -- Responsibilities.**

185 (1) (a) (i) In each county operating under a county executive-council form of
186 government under Section 17-52-504, the county legislative body is the local mental health
187 authority, provided however that any contract for plan services shall be administered by the
188 county executive.

189 (ii) In each county operating under a council-manager form of government under
190 Section 17-52-505, the county manager is the local mental health authority.

191 (iii) In each county other than a county described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii), the
192 county legislative body is the local mental health authority.

193 (b) Within legislative appropriations and county matching funds required by this
194 section, under the direction of the division, each local mental health authority shall:

195 (i) provide mental health services to persons within the county; and

196 (ii) cooperate with efforts of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to
197 promote integrated programs that address an individual's substance abuse, mental health, and
198 physical healthcare needs, as described in Section 62A-15-103.

199 (c) Within legislative appropriations and county matching funds required by this
200 section, each local ~~H~~→ [substance abuse] mental health ←~~H~~ authority shall cooperate with the
200a efforts of the Department
201 of Human Services to promote a system of care, as defined in Section 62A-1-104, for minors
202 with or at risk for complex emotional and behavioral needs, as described in Section 62A-1-111.

203 (2) (a) By executing an interlocal agreement under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal
204 Cooperation Act, two or more counties may join to provide mental health prevention and
205 treatment services.

206 (b) The legislative bodies of counties joining to provide services may establish
207 acceptable ways of apportioning the cost of mental health services.

208 (c) Each agreement for joint mental health services shall:

209 (i) (A) designate the treasurer of one of the participating counties or another person as
210 the treasurer for the combined mental health authorities and as the custodian of money
211 available for the joint services; and

212 (B) provide that the designated treasurer, or other disbursing officer authorized by the
213 treasurer, may make payments from the money available for the joint services upon audit of the