

**INMATE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Utah Health Code regarding women's health education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ provides that the Department of Health establish a program to provide women's health education classes on site for women incarcerated in state and county correctional facilities;

▶ requires that the Department of Corrections and the sheriffs of the county jails provide necessary space and equipment for the classes;

▶ requires that the Department of Health seek funding for the program from the private sector and governmental agencies; and

▶ requires that the Department of Health in conjunction with the University of Utah Department of Sociology establish a committee to determine the resources and procedures needed to assess the outcomes regarding women who participated in the classes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 ENACTS:

29 **26-7-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

30 **26-7-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

31 **26-7-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

32 **26-7-204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 **26-7-205**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 **26-7-206**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

37 Section 1. Section **26-7-201** is enacted to read:

38 **Part 2. Health Education for Incarcerated Women**

39 **26-7-201. Title.**

40 This part is known as "Health Education for Incarcerated Women."

41 Section 2. Section **26-7-202** is enacted to read:

42 **26-7-202. Definitions.**

43 As used in this part:

44 (1) "Class" means classroom instruction that women inmates attend and that provides  
45 the information in the established program curriculum.

46 (2) "Program" means the Incarcerated Women's Health Program created under this part  
47 and includes providing classroom instruction and related written information as part of the  
48 classroom instruction.

49 Section 3. Section **26-7-203** is enacted to read:

50 **26-7-203. Incarcerated Women's Health Program -- Creation and operation by**  
51 **the department.**

52 (1) (a) There is created the Incarcerated Women's Health Program.

53 (b) The department shall establish and administer the program in accordance with the  
54 provisions of this part.

55 (2) The program shall provide information regarding women's health, including  
56 reproductive health care, to the women inmates of all correctional facilities operated by the  
57 Utah Department of Corrections and by counties who are incarcerated for more than 30  
58 consecutive days.

- 59           (3) The department shall:
- 60           (a) establish the purpose and goals of the program in accordance with Subsection (4);
- 61           (b) create a curriculum or contract with a private provider to create a curriculum, based
- 62 on the purpose and goals the department establishes, including the subjects under Subsection
- 63 (4);
- 64           (c) prepare for class presentations, including teaching materials, materials for the
- 65 participating women inmates, and informational documents;
- 66           (d) establish with the Department of Corrections and the sheriffs of the county jails the
- 67 process and logistical requirements for making the class available to women inmates by live
- 68 presentation or by the Internet; and
- 69           (e) contract with a private provider to teach the class.

- 70           (4) The program curriculum shall include current information regarding women's
- 71 reproductive health, including:
- 72           (a) reproductive life planning;
- 73           (b) contraception;
- 74           (c) disease prevention and treatment; and
- 75           (d) information regarding available community services for women's health.
- 76           (5) The department shall make the program available on a schedule that ensures that all
- 77 women inmates who are incarcerated for more than 30 consecutive days may attend the class
- 78 within 30 days of their release from incarceration.

79           Section 4. Section **26-7-204** is enacted to read:

80           **26-7-204. Requirements of the Department of Corrections and county jails.**

81           The Department of Corrections and the sheriffs of the county jails shall make available

82 to the department, as needed, the room, seating, and other resources the department requires for

83 the presentation of the class.

84           Section 5. Section **26-7-205** is enacted to read:

85           **26-7-205. Private sector and governmental funding.**

86           The department shall submit applications for available funding from the private sector

87 and from governmental agencies to address as many of the expenses of the program as

88 reasonably possible.

89           Section 6. Section **26-7-206** is enacted to read:

90            **26-7-206. Measurement of outcomes.**  
91            The department shall, in coordination with the Department of Sociology at the  
92 University of Utah, establish a committee to determine the funding, resources, and procedures  
93 necessary to conduct the measurement and evaluation of the outcomes for the women inmates  
94 who participated in the program, after they are released from incarceration.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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