

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Utah Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates definitions;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to study the use of evidence-based home visiting programs in the state and report its findings to the Legislature;
- ▶ specifies what the study shall include;
- ▶ creates the Home Visiting Restricted Account and specifies how money in the account may be used;
- ▶ includes a repealer provision; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-226, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 345

ENACTS:

26-10-12, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **26-10-12** is enacted to read:

26-10-12. Home visiting study -- Home Visiting Restricted Account -- Repealer.

(1) As used in this section, "home visiting" means an evidence-based program designed to meet the needs of pregnant women and families with children under four years of age by improving maternal mental and physical health, supporting positive parenting, preventing child abuse and neglect, and promoting child health, development, and school readiness.

(2) (a) The department shall study the use of home visiting programs in the state and report the study findings to the Legislature.

(b) In the study, the department shall:

(i) identify home visiting programs operated by the state, local governments, public education institutions, or other entities operating programs eligible for funding through the federal government's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program;

(ii) for each identified home visiting program, compile available information on the number of individuals served, services offered, program outcomes, and coordination with other home visiting programs; and

(iii) identify options for:

(A) increasing the number of individuals served by home visiting;

(B) improving the effectiveness of home visiting funded by the state;

(C) leveraging private and government funding, including Medicaid funding, to increase the use and effectiveness of home visiting in the state;

(D) coordinating the identification of individuals who could benefit from home visiting;

(E) coordinating the delivery of services provided through multiple home visiting programs, where appropriate; and

(F) funding home visiting programs if funding through the federal government's

56 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program is eliminated or reduced.

57 (c) The department shall report the study findings to the Health and Human Services
58 Interim Committee before October 1, 2017.

59 (3) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the
60 "Home Visiting Restricted Account."

61 (b) The restricted account consists of:

62 (i) money appropriated to the restricted account by the Legislature;

63 (ii) private donations; and

64 (iii) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the
65 account.

66 (c) Money in the restricted account may be used only for appropriations by the
67 Legislature to fund evidence-based home visiting programs in the state.

68 (4) Subsection (2) and this Subsection (4) are repealed in accordance with Section
69 [63I-2-226](#).

70 Section 2. Section **63I-2-226** is amended to read:

71 **63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.**

72 (1) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program, is
73 repealed July 1, 2017.

74 (2) Subsections [26-10-12](#)(2) and (4) are repealed July 1, 2017.

75 [~~2~~] (3) Section [26-18-412](#) is repealed December 31, 2016.