

UTAH DATA RESEARCH CENTER ACT

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to data research.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ establishes the Utah Data Research Center as a division within the Department of Workforce Services;
- ▶ directs the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services to appoint a director of the Utah Data Research Center;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education, the State Board of Regents, the Utah College of Applied Technology, the Department of Workforce Services, and the Department of Health to contribute data to a data research program used by the Utah Data Research Center;
- ▶ directs the executive director of the Utah Data Research Center to hire data scientists, data technology experts, and data security experts; and
- ▶ directs the Utah Data Research Center to:
 - hire an executive director;
 - establish or contract with a private entity or with another state government entity for the creation of a data research program that contains de-identified data from participating state entities;



- 28 • accept requests from a state government official or a member of the public for a
- 29 data research request using the data from the data research program;
- 30 • create a prioritized list of data research requests for the state; and
- 31 • use the fees the center collects for data research requests to cover the center's
- 32 costs.

33 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

34 None

35 **Other Special Clauses:**

36 This bill provides a special effective date.

37 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

38 AMENDS:

39 **35A-1-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 271 and 296

40 ENACTS:

41 **35A-14-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

42 **35A-14-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

43 **35A-14-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

44 **35A-14-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

45 **35A-14-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

46 **35A-14-204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

47 **35A-14-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

48 **35A-14-302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

51 Section 1. Section **35A-1-202** is amended to read:

52 **35A-1-202. Divisions -- Creation -- Duties -- Workforce Appeals Board, councils,**
53 **Child Care Advisory Committee, and economic service areas.**

54 (1) There is created within the department the following divisions:

55 (a) the Workforce Development Division to administer the development and
56 implementation of employment assistance programs;

57 (b) the Workforce Research and Analysis Division;

58 (c) the Unemployment Insurance Division to administer Chapter 4, Employment

59 Security Act;

60 (d) the Eligibility Services Division to administer public assistance eligibility;

61 (e) the Division of Adjudication to adjudicate claims or actions in accordance with this
62 title;

63 (f) the Housing and Community Development Division, described in Sections
64 35A-8-201 and 35A-8-202; [~~and~~]

65 (g) the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, which is described in Section
66 35A-13-103[-]; and

67 (h) the Utah Data Research Center described in Section 35A-14-201.

68 (2) In addition to the divisions created under Subsection (1), within the department are
69 the following:

70 (a) the Workforce Appeals Board created in Section 35A-1-205;

71 (b) the State Workforce Development Board created in Section 35A-1-206;

72 (c) the Employment Advisory Council created in Section 35A-4-502;

73 (d) the Child Care Advisory Committee created in Section 35A-3-205; and

74 (e) the economic service areas created in accordance with Chapter 2, Economic Service
75 Areas.

76 Section 2. Section 35A-14-101 is enacted to read:

77 **CHAPTER 14. UTAH DATA RESEARCH CENTER**

78 **Part 1. General Provisions**

79 **35A-14-101. Title.**

80 This chapter is known as "Utah Data Research Center."

81 Section 3. Section 35A-14-102 is enacted to read:

82 **35A-14-102. Definitions.**

83 As used in this chapter:

84 (1) "Advisory board" means the Utah Data Research Advisory Board created in Section
85 35A-14-203.

86 (2) "Center" means the Utah Data Research Center.

87 (3) "Data" means any information about a person stored in a physical or electronic
88 record.

89 (4) "Data research program" means the data maintained by the center in accordance

90 with Section 35A-14-301.

91 (5) "De-identified data" means data about a person that cannot, without additional
92 information, identify the person to another person or machine.

93 (6) "Director" means the director of the Utah Data Research Center appointed by the
94 executive director under Section 35A-14-204.

95 (7) "Participating entity" means:

96 (a) the State Board of Education;

97 (b) the State Board of Regents;

98 (c) the Utah College of Applied Technology;

99 (d) the Department of Workforce Services; and

100 (e) the Department of Health.

101 Section 4. Section 35A-14-201 is enacted to read:

102 **Part 2. Utah Data Research Authority Governance**

103 **35A-14-201. Utah Data Research Center -- Creation.**

104 The Utah Data Research Center is created as a division within the department.

105 Section 5. Section 35A-14-202 is enacted to read:

106 **35A-14-202. Utah Data Research Center -- Powers.**

107 The center may:

108 (1) employ staff necessary to carry out the center's duties;

109 (2) purchase, own, create, or maintain equipment necessary to:

110 (a) collect data from the participating entities;

111 (b) connect and de-identify data collected by the center;

112 (c) store connected and de-identified data; or

113 (d) conduct research on data stored or obtained by the center; or

114 (3) contract with a private entity, another state or federal entity, or a political

115 subdivision of the state to carry out the center's duties as provided in this chapter.

116 Section 6. Section 35A-14-203 is enacted to read:

117 **35A-14-203. Utah Data Research Advisory Board -- Composition -- Appointment.**

118 (1) There is created the Utah Data Research Advisory Board in accordance with this
119 section.

120 (2) The Utah Data Research Advisory Board is composed of the following members:

121 (a) the state superintendent of the State Board of Education or the state superintendent's
122 designee;

123 (b) the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner of higher education's
124 designee;

125 (c) the commissioner of technical education or the commissioner's designee;

126 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the executive
127 director's designee; and

128 (e) the director of the Department of Health or the director's designee.

129 (3) The executive director shall serve as chair.

130 (4) A member of the board:

131 (a) except to the extent a member's service on the board is related to the member's
132 duties outside of the board, may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service;
133 and

134 (b) may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

135 (i) Section [63A-3-106](#);

136 (ii) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

137 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance under Sections [63A-3-106](#) and [63A-3-107](#).

138 Section 7. Section **35A-14-204** is enacted to read:

139 **35A-14-204. Director -- Additional staff -- Administrative support.**

140 (1) The executive director shall appoint a director to manage the day-to-day operations
141 of the center.

142 (2) The director may, with the department's approval, hire staff, including:

143 (a) data scientists;

144 (b) data technology experts; and

145 (c) data security experts.

146 Section 8. Section **35A-14-301** is enacted to read:

147 **Part 3. Data Research Program**

148 **35A-14-301. Data research center.**

149 (1) The center shall establish a data research program for the purpose of analyzing data
150 that is:

151 (a) collected over time;

152 (b) aggregated from multiple sources; and

153 (c) connected and de-identified.

154 (2) The center may, in order to establish the data research program described in

155 Subsection (1):

156 (a) acquire property or equipment in order to store aggregated, connected, and
157 de-identified data derived from data contributed by the participating entities; or

158 (b) contract with a private entity in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah
159 Procurement Code, or with a state government entity to:

160 (i) store aggregated, connected, and de-identified data derived from data contributed by
161 the participating entities; or

162 (ii) utilize existing aggregated, connected, and de-identified data maintained by a state
163 government entity.

164 (3) A participating entity shall contribute data to the data research program described in
165 Subsection (1) within guidelines established by the center.

166 (4) The center may only release data maintained by the center in accordance with the
167 procedures described in this chapter.

168 (5) The data research program is not subject to Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
169 Records Access and Management Act.

170 Section 9. Section **35A-14-302** is enacted to read:

171 **35A-14-302. Center duties -- Data studies.**

172 (1) The center shall use data that the center maintains or that a participating entity
173 contributes to the data research program under Section [35A-14-301](#) to conduct research for the
174 purpose of developing public policy for the state.

175 (2) The director, with consultation by the advisory board, shall create a prioritized list
176 of data research for the center to conduct using the data research program each year.

177 (3) (a) In developing the list described in Subsection (2), the center shall accept data
178 research requests from:

179 (i) a legislative committee or a legislative staff office;

180 (ii) the governor or an executive branch agency;

181 (iii) the State Board of Education; and

182 (iv) the State Board of Regents.

183 (b) The department shall begin accepting the data research requests described in
184 Subsection (3)(a) on July 1, 2017.

185 (c) The center shall report the list described in Subsection (2) to the Education Interim
186 Committee before December 1 of each year.

187 (4) In addition to conducting data research in accordance with the prioritized list
188 described in Subsection (2), the center may use additional resources to prepare data research at
189 the request of:

190 (a) a state government entity;

191 (b) a political subdivision of the state;

192 (c) a private entity; or

193 (d) a member of the public.

194 (5) The director, with approval by the board, shall determine, for a data research
195 request described in Subsection (4):

196 (a) whether the center has the resources to complete the data research request;

197 (b) the order in which the center shall complete the data research request, if at all; and

198 (c) a reasonable estimated cost for the request.

199 (6) The center, after evaluating a request under Subsection (5), shall:

200 (a) provide the person that requested the data research with a cost estimate; and

201 (b) require, before accepting a data research request, that the person that submitted the
202 data research request agree to pay, once the data research is complete, the full cost of
203 completing the data research request as determined by the center under Subsection (5).

204 (7) The center shall make available to the public, on a website maintained by the
205 center, any data research request that the center completes under this section.

206 (8) The center shall ensure that any data contained in a completed data research request
207 is de-identified.

208 (9) The center shall:

209 (a) establish, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
210 Administrative Rulemaking Act:

211 (i) procedures for submitting a data research request under this section;

212 (ii) criteria to determine how to prioritize data research requests; and

213 (iii) minimum standards for information a person is required to include in a data

214 research request; and

215 (b) create a fee schedule in accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#) for completing a data
216 research request.

217 (10) (a) The center shall use any fee the center collects under this section to cover the
218 center's costs to administer this chapter.

219 (b) The center shall deposit any fee the center collects under this section not used to
220 cover the center's costs into the General Fund.

221 **Section 10. Effective date.**

222 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2017.

Legislative Review Note
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