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Correctional Drug Enforcement Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses illegal drug enforcement by the Department of Corrections.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the Department of Corrections to create a drug abuse and trafficking unit within the department to combat illegal drug abuse and trafficking by inmates and offenders on probation and parole and enhance coordination with law enforcement agencies.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

64-13-51, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **64-13-51** is enacted to read:

64-13-51 . Drug abuse and trafficking unit.

(1) The department shall create a drug abuse and trafficking unit within the department.

(2) The drug abuse and trafficking unit created in Subsection (1) shall:

(a) develop and implement strategies to combat drug abuse and trafficking by:

(i) offenders within correctional facilities and under the department's supervision; and

(ii) individuals working directly with, or in connection with, offenders within

correctional facilities or under the department's supervision; and

(b) enhance collaboration and information sharing between the department and law

enforcement agencies throughout the state to combat drug abuse and trafficking by

the individuals listed in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (ii).

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- 31 Section 2. **Effective Date.**
- 32 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.