

1 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

2 CO-RESPONSE

3 2023 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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6 LONG TITLE

7 General Description:

8 This bill creates a grant program to be administered by the State Commission on
9 Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

10 Highlighted Provisions:

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ creates a grant program, to be administered by the State Commission on Criminal
- 13 and Juvenile Justice, to provide a co-response program where a peace officer and a
- 14 social worker respond jointly to an incident where mental health may be a factor.

15 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

16 None

17 Other Special Clauses:

18 None

19 Utah Code Sections Affected:

20 ENACTS:

21 63M-7-219, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

24 Section 1. Section 63M-7-219 is enacted to read:

25 **63M-7-219. Mental Health co-response grant program.**

26 (1) As used in this section, "co-response model" means a response model that deploys a
27 peace officer and a social worker in response to an incident involving trespassing, drug use, or
28 other illegal or unsafe conduct, where:

29 (a) mental health may be a factor; and

30 (b) the assistance of a social worker, responding with a peace officer, may result in
31 better outcomes, including avoiding incarceration or reducing the possibility of future criminal

32 conduct.

33 (2) The State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall:

34 (a) establish and administer a grant program for law enforcement agencies to

35 implement a co-response model; and

36 (b) establish requirements, including tracking and reporting requirements, for a law

37 enforcement agency that receives a grant for a co-response model.