



**Performance Note**  
**HB0412 - Inmate Education**  
**Amendments**  
Sponsor: Rep. Wheatley, Mark A.



**Performance Note Report**

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Agency: State Board of Regents

Funding For:

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New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

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**Purpose:** This bill will establish a cooperative agreement between the University of Utah, Department of Sociology, and the Utah Department of Corrections to design, implement, and evaluate a pilot study course on sexual reproductive health for female inmates. The course will be conducted shortly before parole as part of the pre-release strategy to reduce recidivism.

**Services:** The program curriculum will cover a variety of topics on women's reproductive health including: 1. Reproductive life planning 2. Contraception 3. Disease prevention and treatment 4. Information regarding available community services for medical and social service problems

**Expected Outcome:** Expected outcomes of the program: 1. Reduction in recidivism (parole violations, misdemeanor convictions, felony convictions) 2. Reductions in unplanned pregnancies 3. Reductions in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases 4. Increased referrals to community medical and social service programs

**Implementations and Resources:** The bill will be implemented by the University of Utah's Department of Sociology.

**How:** It is anticipated that the program will result in cost savings to taxpayers over time, including decreasing various forms of recidivism (e.g., return to prison), decreasing the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, and decreasing the number of unplanned pregnancies.

Performance Measures

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## Goal

### Title: Long-term Impact on Inmates

Description: The pilot program will collect data for one year following the release of each offender from the Utah Department of Corrections. As offenders are released throughout the year, it is anticipated that the project will take two years to follow all offenders for up to one year after release. The third year will focus on the analysis and publication of the project results. A process evaluation will be conducted on a periodic basis to determine the scope and validity of the curriculum, program fidelity, training of the instructors, availability of teaching facilities, and assistance of correctional personnel in conducting the course.

Collection Method: Outcome measures will include a statistical comparison between a control group and an experimental group on a variety of measures including: various forms of recidivism, incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, number of unplanned pregnancies, and use of community medical and social service agencies.

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