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STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY; AMENDING THE PURPOSES OF THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION; AMENDING THE PURPOSES AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL; INCLUDING SPECIFIC DUTIES FOR THE COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES TO ENHANCE THEIR EFFORTS TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE CRIME; AND PROVIDING FOR A COORDINATION CLAUSE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

63-25a-101, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 242, Laws of Utah 1996

63-25a-103, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 242, Laws of Utah 1996

63-25a-104, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 242, Laws of Utah 1996

63-25a-201, as last amended by Chapter 308, Laws of Utah 1997

63-25a-203, as last amended by Chapter 308, Laws of Utah 1997

ENACTS:

63-25a-104.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63-25a-101** is amended to read:

63-25a-101. Creation -- Purpose.

(1) The State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice is [hereby] created within the governor's office.

(2) The commission's purpose is to:

(a) significantly reduce crime and victimization in the state of Utah;

(b) promote broad philosophical agreement concerning the objectives of the criminal and

juvenile justice system in Utah; ~~and to~~

(c) provide a mechanism for coordinating the functions of the various branches and levels of government concerned with criminal and juvenile justice to achieve those objectives~~[-]; and~~

(d) accomplish the duties enumerated in Section 63-25a-104.

Section 2. Section **63-25a-103** is amended to read:

63-25a-103. Executive director -- Qualifications -- Compensation -- Appointment -- Functions.

(1) The governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a person experienced in the field of criminal justice and in administration ~~[to act]~~ as the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. The governor shall establish the executive director's salary within the salary range fixed by the Legislature in Title 67, Chapter 22, State Officer Compensation.

(2) (a) The executive director, under the direction of the commission, shall administer the duties of the commission and act as the governor's advisor on state, regional, metropolitan, and local government planning as it relates to criminal justice.

(b) ~~[Nothing in this chapter, however, shall be deemed to]~~ This chapter does not derogate the planning authority conferred on state, regional, metropolitan, and local governments by existing law.

Section 3. Section **63-25a-104** is amended to read:

63-25a-104. Duties of commission.

The state commission on criminal and juvenile justice administration shall:

(1) promote the communication and coordination of all criminal and juvenile justice agencies, including coordination by those agencies in their implementation and operation of programs and other efforts to reduce crime;

(2) promote the commission's purposes as enumerated in Section 63-25a-101;

(3) study, evaluate, and report on the status of crime in the state and on the effectiveness of criminal justice policies, procedures, and programs that are directed toward the reduction of crime in the state;

(4) study, evaluate, and report on policies, procedures, and programs of other jurisdictions which have effectively reduced crime rates and victimization;

(5) identify and promote the implementation of specific policies and programs the commission determines will significantly reduce crime and victimization in Utah;

(6) publish the recommendations made under Section 63-25a-104.5;

~~(2)~~ (7) provide analysis and recommendations on all criminal and juvenile justice legislation, state budget, and facility requests, including program and fiscal impact on all components of the criminal and juvenile justice system;

~~(3)~~ (8) provide analysis, accountability, recommendations, and supervision for federal criminal justice grant monies;

~~(4)~~ (9) provide public information on the criminal and juvenile justice system and give technical assistance to agencies or local units of government on methods to promote public awareness;

~~(5)~~ (10) promote research and program evaluation as an integral part of the criminal and juvenile justice system;

~~(6)~~ (11) provide a comprehensive criminal justice plan annually, that includes a strategic plan for the efficient management of information resources;

~~(7)~~ (12) review agency forecasts regarding future demands on the criminal and juvenile justice systems, including specific projections for secure bed space; and

~~(8)~~ (13) promote the development of criminal and juvenile justice information systems that are consistent with common standards for data storage and are capable of appropriately sharing information with other criminal justice information systems by:

(a) developing and maintaining common data standards for use by all state criminal justice agencies;

(b) annually performing audits of criminal history record information maintained by state criminal justice agencies to assess their accuracy, completeness, and adherence to standards;

(c) defining and developing state and local programs and projects associated with the improvement of information management for law enforcement and the administration of justice; and

(d) establishing general policies concerning criminal justice information systems and making rules as necessary to carry out the duties under this Subsection (13) and Subsection [~~(6)~~] (11).

Section 4. Section **63-25a-104.5** is enacted to read:

63-25a-104.5. Annual report by the commission.

On or before October 1, the commission shall annually prepare and publish a report directed to the governor, the Legislature, and the Judicial Council, and to each political subdivision of the state. The report shall describe:

(1) how the commission fulfilled its statutory purposes during the year;

(2) how the commission accomplished its duties under Section 63-25a-104, with specific emphasis on:

(a) the status of crime in Utah, including statistics for the last five years; and

(b) effective programs in Utah and other states for reducing crime and victimization; and

(3) the commission's specific recommendations addressing:

(a) how crime and victimization may be significantly reduced during the year following the publication of the report, and during the five years following the report;

(b) how criminal and juvenile justice agencies may be more effective in reaching their objectives, including reduction of crime and victimization;

(c) suggested legislation necessary to accomplish the objective of significantly reducing crime and victimization in the state; and

(d) how all criminal and juvenile justice agencies may coordinate and work together more effectively to reduce crime and victimization.

Section 5. Section **63-25a-201** is amended to read:

63-25a-201. Creation of council -- Membership -- Terms.

(1) There is created within the governor's office the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council.

(2) The Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council comprises [~~23~~] 26 voting members as follows:

(a) a member of the House of Representatives annually designated by the speaker;

- (b) a member of the Senate annually designated by the president;
- (c) a member of the judiciary annually designated by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- (d) the attorney general;
- (e) a county commissioner annually designated by the Utah Association of Counties;
- (f) the commissioner of public safety;
- (g) the director of the Division of Substance Abuse;
- (h) the state superintendent of public instruction;
- (i) a representative from the offices of minority affairs annually designated by the directors of those offices or a designee;
- (j) the director of the Department of Health;
- (k) the director of the Division of Mental Health;
- (l) the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
- (m) the governor or his designee;
- (n) the chairs of the Justice, Prevention, Treatment, and Judiciary Committees;
- (o) the executive director of the Department of Corrections;
- (p) the director of the Division of Youth Corrections;
- (q) a representative annually designated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns;
- (r) the chair of the Domestic Violence Advisory Council or his designee;
- (s) a representative of the Utah National Guard, appointed by the governor to a two-year term; [and]
- (t) [~~one member~~] four members of the general public appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to [a] two-year [~~term~~] terms:
 - (i) one resident of the state who has been personally affected by domestic violence;
 - (ii) one resident of the state who has been personally affected by gang violence;
 - (iii) one resident of the state who has been personally affected by alcohol or other drug abuse; and
 - (iv) one citizen representative.

Section 6. Section **63-25a-203** is amended to read:

63-25a-203. Duties of council.

(1) The Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council shall:

(a) provide leadership and generate unity for Utah's ongoing efforts to combat substance abuse and community violence;

(b) recommend and coordinate the creation, dissemination, and implementation of a statewide substance abuse and anti-violence policy;

(c) facilitate planning for a balanced continuum of substance abuse and community violence prevention, treatment, and criminal justice services;

(d) promote collaboration and mutually beneficial public and private partnerships;

(e) coordinate recommendations made by the subcommittees under Section 63-25a-206;

[and]

(f) analyze and provide an objective assessment of all proposed legislation concerning alcohol and other drug issues and community violence issues[-];

(g) consolidate and review studies concerning violence and substance abuse in Utah and report findings as required in Subsection (3); and

(h) include in the report recommendations regarding how to significantly reduce substance abuse and violence, as measured by available indicators of drug use, crime, and violence, during the year following the publication of the report, and during the five years following the report.

(2) The council shall meet quarterly or more frequently as determined necessary by the chair.

(3) The council shall report its recommendations annually to the commission, governor [and the], Legislature [~~annually~~], and judicial council.

Section 7. Coordination clause.

If this bill and S.B. 187, Utah Council on Victims, both pass in the 1998 General Session, it is the intent of the Legislature that:

(1) Subsection 63-25a-102(1)(c) be inserted and read: "the chair of the Utah Council on Victims.";

(2) the number of members on the commission in Subsection 63-25a-102(1) be adjusted to

add the chair of the Utah Council on Victims; and

(3) Subsection 63-25a-102(1) be adjusted for technical changes as needed.