1	UTAH COUNCIL ON VICTIMS
2	1998 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Craig A. Peterson
5	AN ACT RELATING TO UTAH CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE; CREATING THE
6	UTAH COUNCIL ON VICTIMS; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, TERMS,
7	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, PER DIEM AND EXPENSES, AND REPORTING
8	REQUIREMENTS.
9	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
10	ENACTS:
11	77-37-6 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
12	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
13	Section 1. Section 77-37-6 is enacted to read:
14	77-37-6. Utah Council on Victims Membership Per diem and expenses Purpose
15	Reporting requirement.
16	(1) There is created the Utah Council on Victims consisting of 21 members to be
17	appointed or designated as follows:
18	(a) the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or his designee;
19	(b) the chair of the Board of Pardons and Parole or his designee;
20	(c) the director of the Department of Corrections or his designee;
21	(d) the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice or the
22	executive director's designee;
23	(e) the director of the Office of Utah Crime Victim Reparations or his designee;
24	(f) a crime victim appointed by the governor;
25	(g) the director of the Division of Youth Corrections or his designee;
26	(h) four of the chairpersons of the eight District Rights Committees appointed by the eight
27	District Rights Committee chairs;

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1	(i) a sheriff appointed by the Utah Sheriffs Association;
2	(j) a police chief appointed by the Utah Police Chiefs Association;
3	(k) the Utah attorney general or his designee;
4	(l) a juvenile court judge appointed by the Judicial Council;
5	(m) a district court judge appointed by the Judicial Council;
6	(n) the United States Attorney or his designee;
7	(o) a prosecutor appointed by the Statewide Association of Prosecutors;
8	(p) a representative of the Children's Justice Center program appointed by the state
9	Children's Justice Center Advisory Board;
10	(q) one other appointee as designated by the council to allow appropriate diversification;
11	<u>and</u>
12	(r) one citizen appointed by the governor to act as chair of the council.
13	(2) The Utah Office of Crime Victims Reparations shall provide administrative support
14	for the council.
15	(3) (a) The members of the council, with the exception of the District Rights Committee
16	chairs, shall serve three-year terms; however, the initial appointments for 1/3 of the council shall
17	be for a one-year term, 1/3 for a two-year term, and 1/3 for a three-year term.
18	(b) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be
19	appointed for the unexpired term.
20	(4) (a) (i) Members who are not government employees shall receive no compensation or
21	benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of
22	the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections
23	63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
24	(ii) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.
25	(b) (i) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per
26	diem, or expenses from their agency for their service may receive per diem and expenses incurred
27	in the performance of their official duties from the agency at the rates established by the Division
28	of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
29	(ii) State government officer and employee members may decline to receive per diem and
30	expenses for their service.
31	(5) The purposes of the Utah Council on Victims is to insure that victims in the state are

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1	treated with fairness, respect, and dignity. This effort shall include:
2	(a) providing appropriate training on victim of crime issues for volunteers, professionals,
3	and the general public;
4	(b) to protect the rights granted to victims by the Utah State Constitution;
5	(c) providing help and assistance to individual victims;
6	(d) reviewing complaints of individual victims referred to the council by a District Rights
7	Committee, reviewing decisions made by District Rights Committees;
8	(e) providing and disseminating written findings from complaints or decisions in
9	Subsection (5)(d);
10	(f) working to advance the rights of victims; and
11	(g) working to establish and fund victim advocate programs in all parts of the state.
12	(6) The council shall:
13	(a) forward minutes of all meetings to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
14	for review and other appropriate actions; and
15	(b) report annually, or as often as requested, to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile
16	<u>Justice.</u>
17	(7) The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall annually report on the
18	activities of the council to the Legislature, the governor, and the Judicial Council.

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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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