

**CHILD BIGAMY AMENDMENT**

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: M. Susan Lawrence**

**This act modifies the Criminal Code by adding the second degree felony offense of child bigamy to the state's bigamy law.**

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

ENACTS:

**76-7-101.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **76-7-101.5** is enacted to read:

**76-7-101.5. Child bigamy -- Penalty.**

(1) A person 18 years of age or older is guilty of child bigamy when, knowing he has a husband or wife or knowing the other person has a husband or wife, the person carries out any of the following with a person who is under 18 years of age:

(a) purports to marry the other person;

(b) cohabits with the other person; or

(c) induces the other person to enter into a purported marriage or cohabitation living arrangement.

(2) A violation of Subsection (1) is a second degree felony.

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**Legislative Review Note**

**as of 2-4-03 12:30 PM**

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

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**



**State Impact**

It is estimated that the bill will require General Funds of \$16,700 in FY 2005 and \$29,200 annually thereafter for the Department of Corrections. Although not quantifiable, the bill may serve as a deterrent and may result in net cost savings to the State over time.

	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 05 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 05 Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$16,700	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No significant fiscal impact.

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