

**DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES -
WORK EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING
PROGRAMS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Workforce Services Code in relation to customers who are directed to participate in work experience or training programs funded by the Department of Workforce Services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a customer who participates in a work experience or training program funded by the Department of Workforce Services is considered to be a volunteer government worker of the department for the purpose of receiving workers' compensation medical benefits; and
- ▶ provides that receipt of those benefits is the exclusive remedy for all injuries and occupational diseases incurred as a volunteer government worker of the department.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

35A-1-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **35A-1-108** is enacted to read:

35A-1-108. Participants in work experience or training programs funded by the department -- Status -- Receipt of workers' compensation medical benefits.

(1) A customer who is directed to participate in a work experience or training program funded by the department is considered to be a volunteer government worker of the department, as provided in Title 67, Chapter 20, Volunteer Government Workers Act, solely for the purpose of receiving workers' compensation medical benefits.

(2) Receipt of medical benefits by a customer under Subsection (1) is the exclusive remedy against the agency and the cooperating employer for all injuries and occupational diseases as provided under Title 34A, Chapter 2, Workers' Compensation Act, and Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease Act.