

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill describes the state attorney general's participation in multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary work to prevent and prosecute Internet sexual crimes against children. This bill also authorizes the attorney general to provide Internet educational programs to parents, educators, and others involved with children to promote awareness of and prevention of Internet crimes against children.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the attorney general is participating in the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which is a statewide multiagency task force that investigates, prevents, and prosecutes Internet sexual exploitation offenses against children; and
- ▶ authorizes the attorney general, to the extent legislative funding is provided, to prepare and present appropriate programs and informational materials to children, parents, educators, school resource officers, parent-teacher organizations, and libraries to help children use the Internet safely and to help adults be aware of Internet risks to children.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

67-5-19, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **67-5-19** is enacted to read:

67-5-19. Internet crimes against children -- Education programs.

(1) (a) The attorney general may assist in efforts to prevent and prosecute Internet crimes against children, including working with other agencies of state and local government.

(b) Under Subsection (1)(a), the attorney general may administer the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which is a statewide multidisciplinary and multijurisdictional task force that investigates, prevents, and prosecutes sexual exploitation offenses against children by offenders who use the Internet, online communications systems, or other computer technology.

(2) (a) As part of the attorney general's participation in this task force, the attorney general shall make available, to the extent legislative funding is available, statewide training and informational materials regarding Internet safety for children that focuses on prevention, reporting, and assistance regarding Internet crimes against children.

(b) The training and information shall include programs and information specifically designed for:

(i) children, which shall include classroom presentations and informative leaflets or other printed material; and

(ii) parents, guardians, educators, school resource officers, parent-teacher organizations, and libraries, which shall include Internet safety, technological protection measures, and effective supervision and review of children's use of the Internet, including locating and assessing sites children have had contact with.

(c) As possible, the attorney general shall direct that the task force work with state and local agencies that provide information and programs to prevent and prosecute Internet crimes against children to ensure the most effective use of resources.