

**REVIEW OF PARENT-TIME, CUSTODY, AND
CHILD SUPPORT LAWS**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Scott L Wyatt

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill changes the duties of the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee to include parent-time and custody issues.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee to review parent-time and custody issues.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78-45-7.13, as last amended by Chapter 246, Laws of Utah 2003

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

Section 1. Section **78-45-7.13** is amended to read:

78-45-7.13. Advisory committee -- Membership and functions.

(1) On or before March 1, 2007 and then on or before March 1 of every fourth year



subsequently, the governor shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of:

- (a) one representative recommended by the Office of Recovery Services;
- (b) one representative recommended by the Judicial Council;
- (c) two representatives recommended by the Utah State Bar Association;
- (d) two representatives of noncustodial parents;
- (e) two representatives of custodial parents;
- (f) one representative with expertise in economics; and
- (g) two representatives from diverse interests related to child support, custody, or

parent-time issues, as the governor may consider appropriate. However, none of the individuals appointed under this Subsection may be members of the Utah State Bar Association.

(2) The term of the committee members expires one month after the report of the committee is submitted to the Legislature under Subsection (4).

(3) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

(4) (a) The advisory committee shall review ~~[the]~~ child support guidelines, custody, and parent-time laws to ensure that their application results in [the determination of appropriate child support award amounts] a seamless combination that works effectively for both parents and children.

(b) The committee shall report to the Legislative Judiciary Interim Committee on or before ~~[October]~~ November 1 in 2007 and then on or before ~~[October]~~ November 1 of every fourth year subsequently.

(c) The committee's report shall include recommendations of the majority of the committee, as well as specific recommendations of individual members of the committee.

(5) (a) (i) Members who are not government employees shall receive no compensation or benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(ii) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.

(b) (i) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per diem, or expenses from their agency for their service may receive per diem and expenses

59 incurred in the performance of their official duties from the committee at the rates established
60 by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

61 (ii) State government officer and employee members may decline to receive per diem
62 and expenses for their service.

63 (6) Staff for the committee shall be provided from the existing budgets of the
64 Department of Human Services.

65 (7) The committee ceases to exist no later than ~~[November 1, 2003]~~ December 1, 2007
66 and then on ~~[November]~~ December 1 of every fourth year subsequently.

67 ~~[(8) Any committee appointed by the governor prior to October 1, 2003 ceases to exist~~
68 ~~on November 1, 2003.]~~

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
