

CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill authorizes the creation of a case management project coordinator in the district and juvenile courts in the Third Judicial District as a pilot project.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the creation of the position of case management project coordinator in the district and juvenile courts in the Third Judicial District;
- ▶ requires a report to the Judiciary Interim Committee regarding the effectiveness of the program and a recommendation for statewide implementation; and
- ▶ provides a sunset date for the program.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63-55-278, as last amended by Chapter 82, Laws of Utah 2006

78-3-25, as last amended by Chapter 13, Laws of Utah 1998

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

Section 1. Section **63-55-278** is amended to read:

63-55-278. Repeal dates, Title 78.

30 (1) The Office of the Court Administrator, created in Section 78-3-23, is repealed July
31 1, 2008.

32 (2) Foster care citizen review boards and steering committee, created in Title 78,
33 Chapter 3g, is repealed July 1, 2007.

34 (3) Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, created in Title 78, Chapter 31b, is repealed
35 July 1, 2016.

36 (4) Section 78-14-17, regarding medical malpractice arbitration agreements, is repealed
37 July 1, 2009.

38 (5) The case management coordinator program in Subsection 78-3-25(4) is repealed
39 July 1, 2009.

40 Section 2. Section **78-3-25** is amended to read:

41 **78-3-25. Assistants for administrator of the courts -- Appointment of trial court**
42 **executives.**

43 (1) The administrator of the courts, with the approval of the presiding officer of the
44 council, is responsible for the establishment of positions and salaries of assistants as necessary
45 to enable him to perform the powers and duties vested in him by this chapter, including the
46 positions of appellate court administrator, district court administrator, juvenile court
47 administrator, and justices' court administrator, whose appointments shall be made by the
48 administrator of the courts with the concurrence of the respective boards as established by the
49 council.

50 (2) The district court administrator, with the concurrence of the presiding judge of a
51 district or the district court judge in single judge districts, may appoint in each district a trial
52 court executive. The trial court executive may appoint, subject to budget limitations, necessary
53 support personnel including clerks, research clerks, secretaries, and other persons required to
54 carry out the work of the court. The trial court executive shall supervise the work of all
55 nonjudicial court staff and serve as administrative officer of the district.

56 (3) Administrators and assistants appointed under this section shall be known
57 collectively as the Administrative Office of the Courts.

58 (4) (a) There is established in the district and juvenile courts of the Third Judicial
59 District the position of case management program coordinator. The requirements for this
60 position are as follows:

61 (i) a graduate degree in court administration; or
62 (ii) a graduate degree in business or public administration supplemented with course
63 work in case management.

64 (b) The case management coordinator shall be appointed and supervised by the
65 respective trial court executives.

66 (c) The case management program coordinator shall, in conjunction with judges, staff,
67 and others:

68 (i) develop, institute, monitor, and evaluate case management practices for all case
69 types; and

70 (ii) encourage and facilitate the implementation of problem solving courts, mediation,
71 case coordination, and similar programs to improve the dispute resolution process, outcomes,
72 and the use of court resources, including available calendar time.

73 (d) The administrator of the courts shall report to the Judiciary Interim Committee not
74 later than November 30, 2008 on the efficiency and effectiveness of the case management
75 program. The report shall contain a recommendation on whether to expand the case
76 management program statewide.

77 (e) The case management coordinator positions will expire on June 30, 2009, unless
78 reauthorized by the Legislature.