

1 **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH REGARDING**
2 **SUBSTANCES HARMFUL DURING PREGNANCY**

3 2008 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove**

6 Senate Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill amends the Utah Health Code to establish a public education and outreach
11 program regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances that are harmful
12 during pregnancy.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This bill:

15 ▶ directs the Department of Health, to conduct a public education and outreach
16 program to inform pregnant women, and women who may become pregnant, of the
17 risk of using substances that are harmful during pregnancy, of treatment available to
18 avoid or stop the use or abuse of these substances, and legal protections pertaining
19 to this treatment.

20 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **26-7-4**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **26-7-4** is enacted to read:

30 **26-7-4. Public education and outreach regarding substances harmful during**
31 **pregnancy.**

32 Beginning on July 1, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2009, the department shall, under the
33 direction of the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-violence Coordinating Council, created in
34 Section 63-25a-203, and in consultation with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental
35 Health, within the Department of Human Services, conduct a public education and outreach
36 program to inform pregnant women and women who may become pregnant of:

37 (1) the danger of using alcohol, tobacco, or other harmful substances during pregnancy;

38 (2) treatment and other assistance available to help women avoid or stop the use or
39 abuse of a substance described in Subsection (1); and

40 (3) legal protections provided by law or court rule that prohibit information relating to
41 treatment received under Subsection (2) from being used as evidence against the woman in
42 court.