

1 **EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES COORDINATION**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

6 House Sponsor: _____

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies provisions related to the Office of Child Care within the Department
11 of Workforce Services.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ requires the Department of Workforce Services and the Office of Child Care to
- 15 conduct a study concerning services and resources for children five years old and
- 16 younger and their families;
- 17 ▶ describes the information that should be included in the study;
- 18 ▶ describes the deadline for providing the study to certain legislative committees; and
- 19 ▶ provides a sunset date.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2018:

- 22 ▶ to the Department of Workforce Services -- Operations and Policy, as a one-time
- 23 appropriation:
- 24 • from the General Fund, \$50,000.

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 AMENDS:

29 **63I-2-235**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 278

30 ENACTS:

31 **35A-3-208**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

34 Section 1. Section **35A-3-208** is enacted to read:

35 **35A-3-208. Early childhood services study.**

36 (1) The department and the office shall complete a one-time study and analysis of:

37 (a) the services and resources currently available in the state for children five years old
38 and younger and their families; and

39 (b) the beneficial services and resources not readily available or affordable for children
40 five years old and younger and their families.

41 (2) The study and analysis of the services and resources currently available for children
42 five years old and younger and their families shall include:

43 (a) an inventory of current services and resources available from the department, other
44 government agencies and entities, and, subject to the discretion of the department and the
45 office, private entities;

46 (b) an analysis of the sources and uses of money that fund the current services and
47 resources;

48 (c) an analysis of the coordination and communication between providers of the
49 services and resources, including identifying potential opportunities to increase coordination
50 between providers, better align services, and more efficiently use resources; and

51 (d) a description of where information regarding services and resources currently
52 available for children five years old and younger and their families is located, including
53 recommendations for potentially improving access to and awareness of the availability of such
54 services and resources.

55 (3) The study and analysis described in this section shall include a needs assessment
56 for children five years old and younger and their families with an emphasis on:

57 (a) what services and resources at-risk children need to successfully overcome
58 problems associated with poverty, hunger, trauma, and lack of educational opportunities,

59 including recommendations for potential improvements in providing access to such services
60 and resources; and

61 (b) describing the different needs, challenges, and any suggested improvements related
62 to the availability of services to at-risk children living in areas with various demographic
63 characteristics, including at-risk children in both urban and rural counties.

64 (4) The department shall obtain information from and cooperate with other state
65 agencies to complete the study and analysis, including the:

66 (a) Department of Health;

67 (b) Department of Human Services;

68 (c) State Board of Education; and

69 (d) state system of higher education.

70 (5) Subject to other provisions of state or federal law, if contacted by the department,
71 other state agencies, including those listed in Subsection (4), shall share information and
72 cooperate with the department to assist the department in completing the study and analysis.

73 (6) The department may obtain information from and cooperate with federal and
74 nonprofit entities to complete the study and analysis, including the:

75 (a) 2-1-1 program; and

76 (b) Head Start program.

77 (7) On or before October 31, 2017, the department shall complete the data gathering
78 and research for the study and analysis described in this section and provide a preliminary
79 report to the:

80 (a) Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee; and

81 (b) Education Interim Committee.

82 (8) On or before January 1, 2018, the department shall provide a final version of the
83 study and analysis described in this section to the:

84 (a) Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee; and

85 (b) Education Interim Committee.

86 Section 2. Section **63I-2-235** is amended to read:

87 **63I-2-235. Repeal dates -- Title 35A.**

88 (1) Section **35A-3-208** is repealed July 1, 2019.

89 [(+)] (2) Subsection **35A-8-604**(6) is repealed October 1, 2020.

90 ~~[(2) Title 35A, Chapter 8, Part 11, Methamphetamine Housing Reconstruction and~~
91 ~~Rehabilitation Account Act, is repealed July 1, 2015.]~~

92 ~~[(3) Section 35A-12-402 is repealed December 31, 2015.]~~

93 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

94 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
95 2017, and ending June 30, 2018. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
96 fiscal year 2018. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
97 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
98 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

99 To the Department of Workforce Services -- Operations and Policy
100 From General Fund, One-time \$50,000

101 Schedule of Programs:

102 Workforce Development \$50,000

103 The Legislature intends that the Department of Workforce Services use the
104 appropriation under this section to carry out the study and analysis described in Section
105 35A-3-208.

Legislative Review Note
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