

**Senator Ann Millner** proposes the following substitute bill:

**EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES COORDINATION**

**AMENDMENTS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

House Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

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

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2017:

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

**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 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
96 fiscal year 2017. 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:

104 (1) the Department of Workforce Services use the appropriation under this section to  
105 carry out the study and analysis described in Section 35A-3-208; and

106 (2) under Section 63I-1-603, appropriations provided under this section not lapse at the  
107 close of fiscal year 2017 and be available for use by the Department of Workforce Services  
108 during fiscal year 2018.