

**Senator Luz Escamilla** proposes the following substitute bill:

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor: Edward H. Redd

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Utah Health Code.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates definitions;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to study the use of evidence-based home visiting programs in the state and report its findings to the Legislature;
- ▶ specifies what the study shall include;
- ▶ creates the Home Visiting Restricted Account and specifies how money in the account may be used;
- ▶ includes a repealer provision; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:



26 **63I-2-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 345

27 ENACTS:

28 **26-10-12**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **26-10-12** is enacted to read:

32 **26-10-12. Home visiting study -- Home Visiting Restricted Account -- Repealer.**

33 (1) As used in this section, "home visiting":

34 (a) means an evidence-based program designed to meet the needs of pregnant women  
35 and families with children under four years of age by improving maternal mental and physical  
36 health, supporting positive parenting, preventing child abuse and neglect, and promoting child  
37 health, development, and school readiness.

38 (2) (a) The department shall study the use of home visiting programs in the state and  
39 report the study findings to the Legislature.

40 (b) In the study, the department shall:

41 (i) identify home visiting programs operated by the state, local governments, public  
42 education institutions, or other entities operating programs eligible for funding through the  
43 federal government's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program;

44 (ii) for each identified home visiting program, compile available information on the  
45 number of individuals served, services offered, program outcomes, and coordination with other  
46 home visiting programs; and

47 (iii) identify options for:

48 (A) increasing the number of individuals served by home visiting;

49 (B) improving the effectiveness of home visiting funded by the state;

50 (C) leveraging private and government funding, including Medicaid funding, to  
51 increase the use and effectiveness of home visiting in the state;

52 (D) coordinating the identification of individuals who could benefit from home  
53 visiting;

54 (E) coordinating the delivery of services provided through multiple home visiting  
55 programs, where appropriate; and

56 (F) funding home visiting programs if funding through the federal government's

57 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program is eliminated or reduced.

58 (c) The department shall report the study findings to the Health and Human Services  
59 Interim Committee before October 1, 2017.

60 (3) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the  
61 "Home Visiting Restricted Account."

62 (b) The restricted account consists of:

63 (i) money appropriated to the restricted account by the Legislature;

64 (ii) private donations; and

65 (iii) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the  
66 account.

67 (c) Money in the restricted account may be used only for appropriations by the  
68 Legislature to fund evidence-based home visiting programs in the state.

69 (4) Subsection (2) and this Subsection (4) are repealed in accordance with Section  
70 [63I-2-226](#).

71 Section 2. Section **63I-2-226** is amended to read:

72 **63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.**

73 (1) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program, is  
74 repealed July 1, 2017.

75 (2) Subsections [26-10-12](#)(2) and (4) are repealed July 1, 2017.

76 [~~2~~] (3) Section [26-18-412](#) is repealed December 31, 2016.