

**ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE WITHDRAWAL IN
COUNTY JAILS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes a workgroup to study alcohol and substance use withdrawal in county jails.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council to convene a workgroup to study alcohol and substance use withdrawal in county jails; and

▸ requires that the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council report to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a repeal date.

Uncodified Material Affected:

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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

Section 1. **Substance use in county jails study -- Creation -- Membership -- Duties.**

(1) The Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council shall convene a



28 workgroup to study alcohol and substance use withdrawal in county jails.

29 (2) The workgroup shall consist of individuals representing:

30 (a) the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health within the Department of
31 Human Services;

32 (b) the Utah Sheriffs' Association;

33 (c) the Statewide Association of Prosecutors of Utah;

34 (d) the Utah Association of Counties;

35 (e) ~~the Utah Department of Corrections;~~ a district attorney or a county

35a attorney actively engaged in the practice of civil or constitutional law from:

35b (i) a county of the first class described in Section 17-50-501; and

35d (ii) one county of the second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class described
35e in Section 17-50-501; ←H

36 (f) the H→ [Utah] ←H Department of Health;

37 (g) the Utah Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;

38 (h) substance abuse treatment providers in Utah; and

39 (i) other stakeholders, as determined by the council.

40 (3) The workgroup shall identify:

41 (a) the number of deaths in county jails in the state after December 31, 2012, and
42 before January 1, 2017, related to offender alcohol or substance use withdrawal;

43 (b) treatment and other resources available to an offender in a county jail in the state
44 suffering from alcohol or substance use withdrawal;

45 (c) the standards used by county jails in the state relating to treatment or resources
46 available to offenders suffering from alcohol or substance use withdrawal; and

47 (d) other issues relating to offender alcohol or substance use withdrawal in the county
48 jails in the state.

49 (4) The council shall present a report of the workgroup's findings, including any
50 recommendations for legislation, to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim
51 Committee before November 30, 2018.

52 Section 2. **Repeal date.**

53 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2018.