

FATHERHOOD AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

INITIATIVES

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mike Winder

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Utah Commission on Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Utah Commission on Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships;
- ▶ establishes the membership of the commission;
- ▶ establishes the responsibilities of the commission; and
- ▶ creates the Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Restricted Account.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2019:

- ▶ to General Fund Restricted -- Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Restricted

Account, as an ongoing appropriation:

- from the General Fund, \$9,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

62A-18-100, Utah Code Annotated 1953

62A-18-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953



- 28 [62A-18-102](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 29 [62A-18-103](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 30 [62A-18-104](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 31 [62A-18-105](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

34 Section 1. Section **62A-18-100** is enacted to read:

35 **CHAPTER 18. FATHERHOOD AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

36 **62A-18-100. Title.**

37 This chapter is known as "Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships."

38 Section 2. Section **62A-18-101** is enacted to read:

39 **62A-18-101. Definitions.**

40 As used in this chapter:

41 (1) "Account" means the Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Restricted Account,
42 created in Section [62A-18-105](#).

43 (2) "Commission" means the Utah Commission on Fatherhood and Healthy
44 Relationships.

45 Section 3. Section **62A-18-102** is enacted to read:

46 **62A-18-102. Utah Commission on Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships.**

47 (1) There is created within the department the Utah Commission on Fatherhood and
48 Healthy Relationships consisting of 20 voting members.

49 (2) The members of the commission are:

50 (a) the executive director of the Department of Human Services, or the executive
51 director's designee;

52 (b) the director of the Division of Child and Family Services, or the director's designee;

53 (c) the director of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, or the director's designee;

54 (d) the director of the Department of Workforce Services, or the director's designee;

55 (e) the director of the Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole, or the
56 director's designee;

57 (f) the superintendent of the State Board of Education, or the superintendent's designee;

58 (g) the director of the Office of Recovery Services, or the director's designee;

- 59 (h) a member appointed by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
60 (i) six members, appointed by the governor, who are Utah citizens and who have
61 extensive experience in issues related to fatherhood; and
62 (j) six members appointed by the governor, each from a community-based organization
63 that supports at least one of the following groups:
64 (i) victims of domestic violence;
65 (ii) men from a minority ethnic background;
66 (iii) at-risk youth;
67 (iv) men with a substance use disorder; or
68 (v) individuals experiencing homelessness.
69 (3) A member appointed by the governor shall serve a two-year term and may not serve
70 more than two consecutive terms.
71 (4) When a vacancy occurs in the membership appointed by the governor, the governor
72 shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.
73 (5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service on
74 the commission.

75 Section 4. Section **62A-18-103** is enacted to read:

76 **62A-18-103. Commission chair and vice chair.**

- 77 (1) The voting members of the commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair from
78 among the voting members of the commission.
79 (2) The chair and vice chair shall serve for a term of two years.
80 (3) The chair shall:
81 (a) preside at meetings of the commission; and
82 (b) authorize and execute the actions of the commission.
83 (4) The vice chair shall:
84 (a) assist the chair;
85 (b) if the chair is absent, perform the duties of the chair;
86 (c) accept special assignments from the chair; and
87 (d) perform other duties as delegated by the commission.

88 Section 5. Section **62A-18-104** is enacted to read:

89 **62A-18-104. Commission functions and duties.**

- 90 (1) The commission shall meet at least quarterly.
- 91 (2) A voting member of the commission who fails to attend at least 75% of the
- 92 meetings in a calendar year is automatically removed from the commission.
- 93 (3) The commission shall:
- 94 (a) promote public education concerning the financial and emotional responsibilities of
- 95 fatherhood;
- 96 (b) assist men to prepare for the legal, financial, and emotional responsibilities of
- 97 fatherhood;
- 98 (c) support the establishment of paternity and financial support of a child;
- 99 (d) encourage a father, regardless of marital status, to foster his emotional connection
- 100 to and financial support of his child;
- 101 (e) establish support mechanisms for a father in his relationship with his child,
- 102 regardless of his marital or financial status;
- 103 (f) promote the integration of state and local services available for families; and
- 104 (g) support the training of service providers who work with men whom the commission
- 105 designates as likely to benefit from fatherhood support initiatives.
- 106 (4) The commission may cooperate with a local, state, or national organization engaged
- 107 in an activity similar to those described in Subsection (3).
- 108 (5) (a) The commission may, subject to Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures
- 109 Act, receive and accept federal funds, and may receive and accept private gifts, donations, or
- 110 funds from any source.
- 111 (b) Money received under this Subsection (5) shall be deposited in the account.
- 112 (6) (a) The commission shall keep a record of the commission's actions.
- 113 (b) All records of the commission are subject to Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
- 114 Records Access and Management Act.
- 115 (7) The department shall provide administrative and staff support services to the
- 116 commission.
- 117 Section 6. Section **62A-18-105** is enacted to read:
- 118 **62A-18-105. Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Restricted Account.**
- 119 (1) There is created in the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Fatherhood
- 120 and Healthy Relationships Restricted Account."

121 (2) The account shall be funded by non-federal fund contributions described in
122 Subsection 62A-18-104(5)(a), including appropriations by the Legislature.

123 (3) Funds in the account shall be used to enable the commission to carry out the duties
124 described in Subsection 62A-18-104(3).

125 Section 7. **Appropriation.**

126 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
127 2018, and ending June 30, 2019. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
128 fiscal year 2019. The Legislature authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer the
129 following amounts between the following funds or accounts as indicated. Expenditures and
130 outlays from the funds to which the money is transferred must be authorized by an
131 appropriation.

132 ITEM 1

133 To General Fund Restricted -- Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships Restricted
134 Account

135 From General Fund, on-going \$9,000

136 Schedule of Programs:

137 General Fund Restricted -- Fatherhood and Healthy

138 Relationships Restricted Account \$9,000

139 The Legislature intends that the amount provided by this item be used for
140 administrative and program costs of the Commission on Fatherhood and Healthy Relationships,
141 created in Section 62A-18-102.

Legislative Review Note
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