

Representative Steve Eliason proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACCESS AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies and enacts provisions relating to mental health treatment access.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council to study and provide recommendations regarding the long-term need for adult beds at the Utah State Hospital;
- ▶ requires the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to:
 - set standards for certification of assertive community treatment teams (ACT teams);
 - make rules outlining the responsibilities of ACT teams;
 - award a grant for the development of one ACT team; and
 - implement and manage a housing assistance program for certain individuals released from the Utah State Hospital; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:



26 ▶ to the Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental
27 Health -- Utah State Hospital, as an ongoing appropriation:

- 28 • from the General Fund, \$4,885,500.

29 ▶ to the Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental
30 Health -- Utah State Hospital, as a one-time appropriation:

- 31 • from the General Fund, One-time, (\$1,076,900).

32 ▶ to the Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental
33 Health -- Community Mental Health Services, as an ongoing appropriation:

- 34 • from the General Fund, \$350,000.

35 **Other Special Clauses:**

36 None

37 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

38 AMENDS:

39 **63M-7-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

40 **63M-7-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 414

41 ENACTS:

42 **62A-15-1701**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

43 **62A-15-1702**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

44 **62A-15-1703**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

45 **62A-15-1704**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

48 Section 1. Section **62A-15-1701** is enacted to read:

49 **Part 17. Utah Assertive Community Treatment Act**

50 **62A-15-1701. Definitions.**

51 As used in this part:

52 (1) "ACT team personnel" means a licensed psychiatrist or mental health therapist, or
53 another individual, as determined by the division, who is part of an ACT team.

54 (2) "Assertive community treatment team" or "ACT team" means a mobile team of
55 medical and mental health professionals that provides assertive community outreach treatment
56 and, based on the individual circumstances of each case, coordinates with other medical

57 providers and appropriate community resources.

58 (3) (a) "Assertive community treatment" means mental health services and on-site
59 intervention that a person renders to an individual with a mental illness.

60 (b) "Assertive community treatment" includes the provision of assessment and
61 treatment plans, rehabilitation, support services, and referrals to other community resources.

62 (4) "Mental health therapist" means the same as that term is defined in Section
63 58-60-102.

64 (5) "Mental illness" means the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-15-602.

65 (6) "Psychiatrist" means the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-15-1601.

66 Section 2. Section **62A-15-1702** is enacted to read:

67 **62A-15-1702. Department and division duties -- ACT team license creation.**

68 (1) To promote the availability of assertive community treatment, the division shall
69 make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
70 that create a certificate for ACT team personnel and ACT teams, that includes:

71 (a) the standards the division establishes under Subsection (2); and

72 (b) guidelines for:

73 (i) required training and experience of ACT team personnel; and

74 (ii) the coordination of assertive community treatment and other community resources.

75 (2) (a) The division shall:

76 (i) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
77 make rules that establish standards that an applicant is required to meet to qualify for the
78 certifications described in Subsection (1); and

79 (ii) create a statewide ACT team plan that:

80 (A) identifies statewide assertive community treatment needs, objectives, and
81 priorities; and

82 (B) identifies the equipment, facilities, personnel training, and other resources
83 necessary to provide assertive community treatment.

84 (b) The division may delegate the ACT team plan requirement described in Subsection
85 (2)(a)(ii) to a contractor with whom the division contracts to provide assertive community
86 outreach treatment.

87 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1703** is enacted to read:

88 **62A-15-1703. Grants for development of an ACT team.**

89 (1) The division shall award grants for the development of one ACT team to provide
90 assertive community treatment to individuals in the state.

91 (2) The division shall prioritize the award of a grant described in Subsection (1) to
92 entities, based on:

93 (a) the number of individuals the proposed ACT team will serve; and

94 (b) the percentage of matching funds the entity will provide to develop the proposed
95 ACT team.

96 (3) An entity does not need to have resources already in place to be awarded a grant
97 described in Subsection (1).

98 (4) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
99 Administrative Rulemaking Act, for the application and award of the grants described in
100 Subsection (1).

101 Section 4. Section **62A-15-1704** is enacted to read:

102 **62A-15-1704. Housing assistance program for individuals discharged from the**
103 **Utah State Hospital and receiving assertive community treatment.**

104 (1) (a) The division shall, within funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose,
105 implement and manage the operation of a housing assistance program in consultation with the
106 Utah State Hospital, established in Section [62A-15-601](#), and one or more housing authorities,
107 associations of governments, or nonprofit entities.

108 (b) The housing assistance program shall provide the housing assistance described in
109 Subsection (1)(c) to individuals:

110 (i) who are discharged from the Utah State Hospital; and

111 (ii) who the division determines would benefit from assertive community treatment.

112 (c) The housing assistance provided under the housing assistance program may
113 include:

114 (i) subsidizing rent payments for housing;

115 (ii) subsidizing the provision of temporary or transitional housing; or

116 (iii) providing money for one-time housing barrier assistance, including rental housing
117 application fees, utility hookup fees, or rental housing security deposits.

118 (2) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah

119 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish procedures for the operation of the housing
120 assistance program described in Subsection (1).

121 (3) The division shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
122 each year before November 30 regarding:

123 (a) the entities the division consulted with under Subsection (1)(a);

124 (b) the number of individuals who are benefitting from the housing assistance program
125 described in Subsection (1);

126 (c) the type of housing assistance provided under the housing assistance program
127 described in Subsection (1);

128 (d) the average monthly dollar amount provided to individuals under the housing
129 assistance program described in Subsection (1); and

130 (e) recommendations regarding improvements or changes to the housing assistance
131 program described in Subsection (1).

132 Section 5. Section **63M-7-301** is amended to read:

133 **63M-7-301. Definitions -- Creation of council -- Membership -- Terms.**

134 (1) (a) As used in this part, "council" means the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health
135 Advisory Council created in this section.

136 (b) There is created within the governor's office the Utah Substance Use and Mental
137 Health Advisory Council.

138 (2) The council shall be comprised of the following voting members:

139 (a) the attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

140 (b) ~~[an]~~ one elected county official appointed by the Utah Association of Counties;

141 (c) the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee;

142 (d) the director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health or the director's
143 designee;

144 (e) the state superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee;

145 (f) the executive director of the Department of Health or the executive director's
146 designee;

147 (g) the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice or the
148 executive director's designee;

149 (h) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive director's

- 150 designee;
- 151 (i) the director of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services or the director's designee;
- 152 (j) the director of the Division of Child and Family Services or the director's designee;
- 153 (k) the chair of the Board of Pardons and Parole or the chair's designee;
- 154 (l) the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs or the director's designee;
- 155 (m) the director of the Division of Indian Affairs or the director's designee;
- 156 (n) the state court administrator or the state court administrator's designee;
- 157 (o) [a] one district court judge who presides over a drug court and who is appointed by
- 158 the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- 159 (p) [a] one district court judge who presides over a mental health court and who is
- 160 appointed by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- 161 (q) [a] one juvenile court judge who presides over a drug court and who is appointed
- 162 by the chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court;
- 163 (r) [a] one prosecutor appointed by the Statewide Association of Prosecutors;
- 164 (s) the chair or co-chair of each committee established by the council;
- 165 (t) the chair or co-chair of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition created under
- 166 Subsection [62A-15-1101\(2\)](#);
- 167 (u) [a] one representative appointed by the Utah League of Cities and Towns to serve a
- 168 four-year term;
- 169 (v) the following members appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms:
- 170 (i) one resident of the state who has been personally affected by a substance use or
- 171 mental health disorder; and
- 172 (ii) one citizen representative; and
- 173 (w) in addition to the voting members described in Subsections (2)(a) through (v), the
- 174 following voting members appointed by a majority of the members described in Subsections
- 175 (2)(a) through (v) to serve four-year terms:
- 176 (i) one resident of the state who represents a statewide advocacy organization for
- 177 recovery from substance use disorders;
- 178 (ii) one resident of the state who represents a statewide advocacy organization for
- 179 recovery from mental illness;
- 180 (iii) one resident of the state who represents a statewide advocacy organization for

181 protection of rights of individuals with a disability;
 182 ~~[(iii)]~~ (iv) one resident of the state who represents prevention professionals;
 183 ~~[(iv)]~~ (v) one resident of the state who represents treatment professionals;
 184 ~~[(v)]~~ (vi) one resident of the state who represents the physical health care field;
 185 ~~[(vi)]~~ (vii) one resident of the state who is a criminal defense attorney;
 186 ~~[(vii)]~~ (viii) one resident of the state who is a military servicemember or military
 187 veteran under Section [53B-8-102](#);
 188 ~~[(viii)]~~ (ix) one resident of the state who represents local law enforcement agencies;
 189 ~~[and]~~
 190 ~~[(ix)]~~ (x) one representative of private service providers that serve youth with
 191 substance use disorders or mental health disorders[-]; and
 192 (xi) one resident of the state who is certified as an ACT team personnel, as defined in
 193 Section [62A-15-1701](#).
 194 (3) An individual other than an individual described in Subsection (2) may not be
 195 appointed as a voting member of the council.
 196 Section 6. Section **63M-7-303** is amended to read:
 197 **63M-7-303. Duties of council.**
 198 (1) The Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council shall:
 199 (a) provide leadership and generate unity for Utah's ongoing efforts to reduce and
 200 eliminate the impact of substance use and mental health disorders in Utah through a
 201 comprehensive and evidence-based prevention, treatment, and justice strategy;
 202 (b) recommend and coordinate the creation, dissemination, and implementation of
 203 statewide policies to address substance use and mental health disorders;
 204 (c) facilitate planning for a balanced continuum of substance use and mental health
 205 disorder prevention, treatment, and justice services;
 206 (d) promote collaboration and mutually beneficial public and private partnerships;
 207 (e) coordinate recommendations made by any committee created under Section
 208 [63M-7-302](#);
 209 (f) analyze and provide an objective assessment of all proposed legislation concerning
 210 substance use, mental health, and related issues;
 211 (g) coordinate the implementation of Section [77-18-1.1](#) and related provisions in

212 Subsections 77-18-1(5)(b)(iii) and (iv), as provided in Section 63M-7-305;

213 (h) comply with Section 32B-2-306; [and]

214 (i) oversee coordination for the funding, implementation, and evaluation of suicide
215 prevention efforts described in Section 62A-15-1101[-]; and

216 (j) study and make recommendations regarding the long-term need for adult patient
217 beds at the state hospital and other inpatient facilities, including:

218 (i) the capacity of mental health resources in the community to support individuals
219 transitioning to the community from the state hospital or another inpatient facility; and

220 (ii) resources and infrastructure necessary to decrease the likelihood that an individual
221 described in Subsection (1)(j)(i) will enter or reenter the state hospital or another inpatient
222 facility.

223 (2) The council shall meet quarterly or more frequently as determined necessary by the
224 chair.

225 (3) The council shall report [its] the council's recommendations annually to the
226 commission, governor, the Legislature, and the Judicial Council.

227 Section 7. **Appropriation.**

228 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
229 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
230 fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
231 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
232 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

233 ITEM 1

234 To Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

235 From General Fund \$4,885,500

236 From General Fund, One-time (\$1,076,900)

237 Schedule of Programs:

238 Utah State Hospital \$3,808,600

239 The Legislature intends that appropriations provided under this item be used for the
240 establishment and maintenance of 30 adult patient beds at the Utah State Hospital.

241 ITEM 2

242 To Department of Human Services -- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

