

ATTORNEY GENERAL FUND AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions applicable to the Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention Fund.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the activities for which fund money may be used;
- ▶ allows the attorney general to establish a volunteer task force to address the activities for which fund money may be used;
- ▶ allows the attorney general to employ necessary support staff to administer the fund and the activities of a task force established under this bill; and
- ▶ requires the attorney general to include information related to the activities of a task force established under this bill in the attorney general's annual report to the Legislature.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

67-5-24, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 400



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

Section 1. Section **67-5-24** is amended to read:

**67-5-24. Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention Fund -- Use of money
-- Restrictions -- Volunteer task force -- Staff.**

(1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention Fund.

(2) The fund shall consist of gifts, grants, devises, donations, and bequests of real property, personal property, or services, from any source, made to the fund.

(3) (a) If the donor designates a specific purpose or use for the gift, grant, devise, donation, or bequest, money from the fund shall be used solely for that purpose.

(b) Gifts, grants, devises, donations, and bequests not designated for a specific purpose under Subsection (3)(a) and that are not restricted to a specific use under federal law, shall be used in connection with the activities under Subsection (4).

(c) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall authorize the expenditure of fund money in accordance with this section.

(d) The money in the fund may not be used for administrative expenses of the Office of the Attorney General normally provided for by legislative appropriation, except for the purposes described in Subsection (8).

(4) Except as provided under Subsection (3), the fund money shall be used for any of the following activities:

(a) the Amber Alert program;

(b) prevention of crime against seniors;

(c) prevention of domestic violence and dating violence;

~~[(d) antidrug use programs;]~~

(d) programs designed to reduce the supply or demand of illicit or controlled substances;

(e) preventing gangs and gang violence;

(f) Internet safety programs, including Internet literacy for parents;

(g) mentoring Utah partnerships;

(h) suicide prevention programs;

- 59 (i) underage [~~drinking~~] alcohol and substance misuse prevention programs;
 - 60 (j) antipornography programs;
 - 61 (k) victims assistance programs;
 - 62 (l) identity theft investigations and prosecutions; or
 - 63 (m) identity theft reporting system database.
- 64 (5) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund under Title 51, Chapter 7,
65 State Money Management Act, except that all interest or other earnings derived from the fund
66 money shall be deposited in the fund.
- 67 (6) The attorney general shall make an annual report to the Legislature regarding the
68 status of the fund, including:
- 69 (a) a report on the contributions received, expenditures made, and programs and
70 services funded[-]; and
 - 71 (b) if the attorney general establishes a task force under Subsection (7), all activities
72 and programs initiated through the task force.
- 73 (7) The attorney general may establish a volunteer task force consisting of
74 representatives from public or private agencies or organizations in the state to address any of
75 the activities described in Subsection (4).
- 76 (8) The attorney general may employ necessary support staff to implement and
77 administer the fund and the activities of a task force established under Subsection (7).