

Senator Daniel W. Thatcher proposes the following substitute bill:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill directs the Office of the Attorney General to create a multi-agency strike force and the Organized Retail Crime Unit to combat certain crimes.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Office of the Attorney General to create and coordinate a multi-agency strike force to combat crimes that may have a negative impact on the state's economy;
- ▶ directs the Office of the Attorney General to establish the Organized Retail Crime Unit; and
- ▶ establishes reporting requirements.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

67-5-36, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **67-5-36** is enacted to read:

67-5-36. Multi-agency strike force -- Organized Retail Crime Unit.

(1) The Office of the Attorney General shall create and coordinate the operation of a multi-agency strike force to combat criminal activity that may have a negative impact on the state's economy.

(2) The attorney general shall invite federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel to participate in the strike force to more effectively utilize their combined skills, expertise, and resources.

(3) The strike force shall focus the strike force's efforts on detecting, investigating, deterring, and eradicating criminal activity, described in Subsection (1), within the state, including organized retail crime, antitrust violations, intellectual property rights violations, gambling, and the purchase of stolen goods for the purpose of reselling the stolen goods for profit.

(4) In conjunction with the strike force, the Office of the Attorney General shall establish the Organized Retail Crime Unit for the purpose of:

(a) investigating, apprehending, and prosecuting individuals or entities that participate in the purchase, sale, or distribution of stolen property; and

(b) targeting individuals or entities that commit theft and other property crimes for financial gain.

(5) The strike force shall provide an annual report to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee before December 1 that describes the strike force's activities and any recommendations for modifications to this section.