

**OFFICE ON DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence within the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence;
- ▶ requires the Executive Director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to appoint the director of the office; and
- ▶ provides responsibilities to the office for the statewide coordination of resources and policies for reducing instances of domestic and sexual violence.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**63M-7-701**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-7-702**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**63M-7-703**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

29 Section 1. Section **63M-7-701** is enacted to read:

30 **Part 7. Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence**

31 **63M-7-701. Title.**

32 This part is known as the "Utah Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence."

33 Section 2. Section **63M-7-702** is enacted to read:

34 **63M-7-702. Creation -- Appointment of director.**

35 (1) There is created the Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence within the  
36 Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

37 (2) The Executive Director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall  
38 appoint a director for the office.

39 Section 3. Section **63M-7-703** is enacted to read:

40 **63M-7-703. Responsibilities.**

41 The Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence shall:

42 (1) provide leadership and generate unity for the state's ongoing efforts to reduce and  
43 eliminate the impact of rape, sexual assault, and intimate partner and domestic violence  
44 through comprehensive and evidence-based prevention, intervention, and treatment;

45 (2) direct and support the Utah Sexual Violence Council and the Utah Domestic  
46 Violence Advisory Council to recommend and coordinate the creation, dissemination, and  
47 implementation of statewide policies to address intimate partner and domestic and sexual  
48 violence;

49 (3) promote a multi-disciplinary approach to collaborate and partner with public and  
50 private partners;

51 (4) facilitate planning for a balanced continuum of intimate partner and domestic and  
52 sexual violence prevention, intervention, treatment, and justice services; and

53 (5) support the Utah Domestic Violence Offender Task Force and the task force's  
54 efforts to hold offenders accountable by:

55 (a) identifying best practices and standards for intimate partner and domestic violence  
56 evaluation, intervention, treatment, and monitoring;

57 (b) identifying and requiring the use of practices recognized in scientific research to  
58 address an offender's intimate partner and domestic violence risk factors and needs;

59           (c) promoting and integrating evidence-based trauma-informed care into best practice  
60 standards to enhance the quality and continuity of intervention and treatment;

61           (d) disseminating best practice standards to be used in the evaluation, intervention,  
62 treatment, and monitoring of intimate partner and domestic violence offenders;

63           (e) evaluating current practices and further identifying best practices and standards  
64 most appropriate and applicable to the state's needs; and

65           (f) establishing an accreditation program for public and private providers of  
66 intervention and treatment for intimate partner and domestic violence offenders.