

1 **OVERDOSE HARM REDUCTION WORKING GROUP**

2 2022 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill creates a working group to study harm reduction oriented strategies to reduce
10 overdose injuries and deaths in the state.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ directs the Utah Substance ~~Use~~ **Use and Mental Health** Advisory Council
13a to convene a working group to

14 study harm reduction oriented strategies to reduce overdose injuries and deaths;

15 ▶ describes the purpose and membership of the working group; and

16 ▶ creates a reporting requirement and a sunset date.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 AMENDS:

23 **63I-2-263**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 4

24 ENACTS:

25 **63M-7-303.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



28 Section 1. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

29 **63I-2-263. Repeal dates, Title 63A to Title 63N.**

30 [~~(1) Section 63A-3-111 is repealed June 30, 2021.~~]

31 [~~(2) Title 63C, Chapter 19, Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission is~~
32 ~~repealed July 1, 2021.~~]

33 [~~(3)~~] (1) Title 63C, Chapter 22, Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology
34 Commission is repealed July 1, 2023.

35 [~~(4)~~] (2) Section 63G-1-502 is repealed July 1, 2022.

36 [~~(5)~~] (3) The following sections regarding the World War II Memorial Commission are
37 repealed on July 1, 2022:

38 (a) Section 63G-1-801;

39 (b) Section 63G-1-802;

40 (c) Section 63G-1-803; and

41 (d) Section 63G-1-804.

42 [~~(6)~~] (4) Section 63H-7a-303 is repealed July 1, 2024.

43 [~~(7)~~] ~~Subsection 63J-1-206(3)(c), relating to coronavirus, is repealed July 1, 2021.~~]

44 [~~(8)~~] (5) Sections 63M-7-213 and 63M-7-213.5 are repealed on January 1, 2023.

45 [~~(9)~~] (6) Section 63M-7-217 is repealed on July 1, 2022.

46 (7) Section 63M-7-303.1 is repealed on January 1, 2023.

47 [~~(10)~~] (8) Title 63N, Chapter 13, Part 3, Facilitating Public-private Partnerships Act, is
48 repealed January 1, 2024.

49 [~~(11)~~] ~~Title 63N, Chapter 15, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Programs, is repealed~~
50 ~~December 31, 2021.~~]

51 Section 2. Section **63M-7-303.1** is enacted to read:

52 **63M-7-303.1. Working group to study strategies for overdose harm reduction.**

53 (1) The council shall convene a working group to study harm reduction oriented
54 strategies to address overdose injuries and deaths, including the feasibility of establishing:

55 (a) a pilot program for overdose prevention;

56 (b) a mobile unit to increase access to certain medication-assisted therapies for
57 vulnerable or marginalized areas and populations; and

58 (c) other evidence-based harm reduction strategies.

59 (2) The working group convened under Subsection (1) shall include representation
 60 from at least the following groups:

61 (a) family members impacted by drug overdose;

62 (b) recovery community advocates;

63 (c) a ~~local~~ city or county elected official;

64 (d) ~~local~~ a member of law enforcement;

65 (e) ~~local~~ a member of a fire department;

66 (f) ~~local prosecutors~~ a city or county prosecutor ;

67 (g) ~~a~~ local treatment ~~providers~~ provider ;

67a ~~local~~ (h) a community-based prevention advocate; ~~local~~

68 ~~local~~ (i) ~~local~~ a member from the council;

69 ~~local~~ (j) ~~local~~ a representative from the ~~Utah Division of Substance Abuse and~~

69aa ~~Mental Health~~

69a Department of Health and Human Services who specializes in substance use disorder and

69b mental health ~~local~~ ;

70 ~~local~~ (k) ~~local~~ a representative from the Department of Health ~~local~~ and Human Services

70aa who

70a specializes in public health ~~local~~ ;

71 ~~local~~ (l) ~~local~~ a representative of a local health department;

72 ~~local~~ (m) ~~local~~ a representative of local governments in the state; and

73 ~~local~~ (n) ~~local~~ other community members as needed.

74 (3) On or before November 16, 2022, the working group convened under Subsection

75 (1) shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee strategies and proposals

76 for legislative changes to reduce overdose injuries and deaths through harm reduction oriented

77 strategies, including the feasibility of establishing:

78 (a) a pilot program for overdose prevention;

79 (b) a mobile unit to increase access to certain medication-assisted therapies for

80 vulnerable or marginalized areas and populations; and

81 (c) other evidence-based harm reduction strategies.