

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 Abuse Advisory Council 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30 [~~(1) Section 63A-3-111 is repealed June 30, 2021.~~]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32 ~~repealed July 1, 2021.~~]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34 Commission is repealed July 1, 2023.

35 [~~(4)~~] (2) Section **63G-1-502** is repealed July 1, 2022.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37 repealed on July 1, 2022: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42 [~~(6)~~] (4) Section **63H-7a-303** is repealed July 1, 2024.

43 [~~(7) Subsection 63J-1-206(3)(c), relating to coronavirus, is repealed July 1, 2021.~~]

44 [~~(8)~~] (5) Sections **63M-7-213** and **63M-7-213.5** are repealed on January 1, 2023.

45 [~~(9)~~] (6) Section **63M-7-217** is repealed on July 1, 2022.

46 (7) Section **63M-7-303.1** is repealed on January 1, 2023.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48 repealed January 1, 2024.

49 [~~(11) Title 63N, Chapter 15, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Programs, is repealed~~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 elected official;
- 64 (d) local law enforcement;
- 65 (e) local fire department;
- 66 (f) local prosecutors;
- 67 (g) local treatment providers;
- 68 (h) a member from the council;
- 69 (i) a representative from the Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health;
- 70 (j) a representative from the Department of Health;
- 71 (k) a representative of a local health department;
- 72 (l) a representative of local governments in the state; and
- 73 (m) 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.