

**CRIMINAL CODE EVALUATION TASK FORCE SUNSET****EXTENSION**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Matthew H. Gwynn**

Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

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**LONG TITLE****Committee Note:**

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 13 voting for 0 voting against 4 absent

**General Description:**

This bill extends the Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force by several years.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- extends the Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force by several years; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****AMENDS:****36-29-108**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 175**63I-1-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 175, 247

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

Section 1. Section **36-29-108** is amended to read:

**36-29-108. Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force.**

(1) As used in this section, "task force" means the Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force created in this section.

(2) There is created the Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force consisting of the following 15 members:

(a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

(c) the executive director of the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice or the executive director's designee;

(d) the director of the Utah Sentencing Commission or the director's designee;

(e) one member appointed by the presiding officer of the Utah Judicial Council;

(f) one member of the Utah Prosecution Council appointed by the chair of the Utah Prosecution Council;

(g) the executive director of the [~~Utah~~] Department of Corrections or the executive director's designee;

(h) the commissioner of the [~~Utah~~] Department of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;

(i) the director of the Utah Office for Victims of Crime or the director's designee;

(j) an individual who represents an association of criminal defense attorneys, appointed by the president of the Senate; and

(k) an individual who represents an association of victim advocates, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(4) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

(b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.

(5) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator:

(i) may not receive compensation for the member's work associated with the task force; and

(ii) may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(6) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

(7) The task force shall review the state's criminal code and related statutes and make recommendations regarding:

(a) the proper classification of crimes by degrees of felony and misdemeanor;

(b) standardizing the format of criminal statutes; and

(c) other modifications related to the criminal code and related statutes.

(8) On or before November 30 of each year that the task force is in effect, the task force shall provide a report, including any proposed legislation, to:

(a) the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee; and

(b) the Legislative Management Committee.

(9) The task force is repealed July 1, [2023] 2027.

Section 2. Section 63I-1-236 is amended to read:

**63I-1-236. Repeal dates: Title 36.**

(1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.

(2) Section 36-12-20 is repealed June 30, 2023.

(3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed January 1, 2025.

(4) Section 36-29-108, Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force, is repealed July 1, [2023] 2027.

~~[(5) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight Committee, is repealed January 1, 2022.]~~