

Representative Steve Eliason proposes the following substitute bill:

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the State Mental Health System Commission.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the advisory State Mental Health System Commission (commission);
- ▶ directs the commission to evaluate and make recommendations about the state's mental health system and model;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Integrated Healthcare to work with the commission;
- ▶ requires the commission to submit the commission's recommendations in a written report to certain legislative committees; and
- ▶ provides a repeal date for the commission.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



AMENDS:

63I-2-263, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 63, 209, 240, 242, 264, 354, and 435

ENACTS:

63C-29-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-201, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-203, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63C-29-204, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **63C-29-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 29. STATE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM COMMISSION

Part 1. General Provisions

63C-29-101. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the State Mental Health System Commission created in Section **63C-29-201**.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services created in Section **26B-1-201**.

(3) "Division" means the Division of Integrated Healthcare created in Section **26B-1-202**.

(4) "State hospital" means the Utah State Hospital established in Section **62A-15-601**.

Section 2. Section **63C-29-201** is enacted to read:

63C-29-201. State Mental Health System Commission -- Voting requirements -- Compensation.

(1) There is created an advisory commission known as the State Mental Health System Commission.

(2) The commission consists of the following members:

(a) one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;

(b) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the

House of Representatives;

(c) one legislator from the minority party, appointed jointly by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(d) the executive director of the department appointed in accordance with Section 26B-1-203, or the executive director's designee;

(e) the director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management appointed in accordance with Section 63A-5b-302, or the director's designee;

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

(g) the chair of the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, or the chair's designee;

(h) the superintendent of the state hospital, or the superintendent's designee;

(i) one individual representing the Utah Behavioral Healthcare Committee, appointed by the chair of the Utah Behavioral Healthcare Committee; and

(j) one citizen representative from the local community with lived experience, appointed by the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council.

(3) The president of the Senate shall appoint one of the commission members from the Senate as cochair of the commission, and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one of the commission members from the House of Representatives as cochair of the commission.

(4) The president of the Senate may remove a member appointed under Subsection (2)(a) or (c), the speaker of the House of Representatives may remove a member appointed under Subsection (2)(b) or (c).

(5) A vacancy of a member appointed under Subsection (2)(a), (b), (c), (i), or (j) shall be filled in the same manner as an appointment of the member whose departure from the commission creates the vacancy.

(6) A commission member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed or qualified.

(7) (a) A majority of the voting commission members constitutes a quorum.

(b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes action of the commission.

(8) The commission may adopt bylaws to govern the commission's operations and proceedings.

(9) (a) A commission member who is a legislator shall be paid salary and expenses in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(b) A commission member who is not a legislator may not receive compensation or benefits for the commission member's service.

(c) A commission member who is not a legislator may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(i) Section 63A-3-106;

(ii) Section 63A-3-107; and

(iii) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(10) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the commission.

(11) The commission shall comply with the provisions of Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

Section 3. Section **63C-29-202** is enacted to read:

63C-29-202. Powers and duties.

(1) Using existing research and studies, and conducting additional research and study as necessary, the commission shall carefully and deliberately consider, study, and evaluate the state's mental health system and model, including:

(a) whether the state hospital should be responsible for providing long-term mental health services, or if there is another facility, setting, or model that would better serve individuals in need of such services;

(b) whether the way in which mental health services are provided to individuals in the custody of the Department of Corrections could be improved;

(c) how to maximize the value of the current bed capacity at the state hospital;

(d) ways to improve coordination between mental health providers and programs throughout the state; and

(e) whether the current state hospital location adequately serves the state population that receives state hospital services.

(2) The commission may:

(a) meet as many times as the commission considers necessary or advisable in order to fulfill the commission's responsibilities under this chapter; and

(b) hire or direct the hiring of one or more consultants with experience or expertise in a subject under consideration by the commission, to assist the commission in fulfilling the commission's duties under this part.

Section 4. Section **63C-29-203** is enacted to read:

63C-29-203. Agency cooperation.

The department and the division shall work cooperatively with the commission to help ensure that the commission receives, as requested, any information necessary to inform the commission's recommendation.

Section 5. Section **63C-29-204** is enacted to read:

63C-29-204. Report and recommendation.

(1) No later than December 31, 2023, the commission shall submit a written report to the following:

(a) the Executive Appropriations Committee;

(b) the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee; and

(c) the Judiciary Interim Committee.

(2) The report shall include:

(a) an account of the commission's work;

(b) the commission's recommendations regarding the state's mental health system and model; and

(c) recommended legislation that the commission believes would improve the state's mental health system or model, if any.

Section 6. Section **63I-2-263** is amended to read:

63I-2-263. Repeal dates: Title 63A to Title 63N.

(1) Title 63A, Chapter 2, Part 5, Educational Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2025.

(2) Section **63A-17-303** is repealed July 1, 2023.

(3) Subsection **63A-17-304(1)(c)** is repealed July 1, 2022.

(4) Title 63C, Chapter 22, Digital Wellness, Citizenship, and Safe Technology Commission is repealed July 1, 2023.

150 (5) Title 63C, Chapter 29, State Mental Health System Commission is repealed
151 December 31, 2024.

152 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Section 63G-1-502 is repealed July 1, 2022.

153 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) The following sections regarding the World War II Memorial Commission are
154 repealed July 1, 2022:

155 (a) Section 63G-1-801;
156 (b) Section 63G-1-802;
157 (c) Section 63G-1-803; and
158 (d) Section 63G-1-804.

159 ~~[(7) Title 63H, Chapter 5, Utah State Railroad Museum Authority, is repealed on July~~
160 ~~1, 2022.]~~

161 (8) Section 63H-7a-303 is repealed July 1, 2024.

162 (9) Subsection 63H-7a-403(2)(b), regarding the charge to maintain the public safety
163 communications network, is repealed July 1, 2033.

164 (10) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(44), which lists appropriations to the State Tax
165 Commission for property tax deferral reimbursements, is repealed July 1, 2027.

166 (11) Sections 63M-7-213 and 63M-7-213.5 are repealed January 1, 2023.

167 (12) Section 63M-7-217 is repealed July 1, 2022.

168 (13) Subsection 63N-2-213(12)(a), relating to claiming a tax credit in the same taxable
169 year as the targeted business income tax credit, is repealed December 31, 2024.

170 (14) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 3, Targeted Business Income Tax Credit in an
171 Enterprise Zone, is repealed December 31, 2024.