

CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Corrections Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Corrections Task Force;
- ▶ includes a sunset date; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 175, 247

ENACTS:

36-29-112, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **36-29-112** is enacted to read:

36-29-112. Corrections Task Force.



28 (1) As used in this section, "task force" means the Corrections Task Force created in
29 this section.

30 (2) There is created the Corrections Task Force consisting of the following 15
31 members:

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

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

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

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

39 (e) the executive director of the Utah Department of Corrections or the executive
40 director's designee;

41 (f) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's
42 designee;

43 (g) an individual designated by the Board of Pardons and Parole;

44 (h) an individual designated by the Utah Sheriffs' Association;

45 (i) an individual designated by the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory
46 Council;

47 (j) an individual who represents an association of corrections officers, appointed by the
48 president of the Senate;

49 (k) an individual who represents an association of inmate advocates, appointed by the
50 speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

63 (i) may not receive compensation for the member's service on the task force; and

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

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

69 (7) The task force shall review, research, and make recommendations regarding issues
70 affecting the operation of correctional facilities.

71 (8) Beginning in 2024, the task force shall, on or before May 30, provide a report,
72 including any recommendations for legislation, to:

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

74 (b) the Legislative Management Committee.

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

76 **63I-1-236. Repeal dates: Title 36.**

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

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

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

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

82 (5) Section 36-29-112, Corrections Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2024.

83 [~~5~~] (6) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight
84 Committee, is repealed January 1, 2022.