

**Senator Jen Plumb** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CHILD WELFARE MEDICAL AMENDMENTS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the position of medical director within the Division of Child and Family Services.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates the position of medical director within the Division of Child and Family Services;
- ▶ establishes certain qualifications for the medical director position; and
- ▶ defines the duties and authority of the medical director position.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**80-2-406**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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



26 Section 1. Section **80-2-406** is enacted to read:

27 **80-2-406. Medical director.**

28 (1) There is created within the division the position of medical director.

29 (2) The position of medical director is a half full-time equivalent position.

30 (3) The medical director shall:

31 (a) be licensed to practice as a physician or osteopath under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah

32 Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

33 (b) be board certified in pediatrics or family medicine;

34 (c) have at least seven years of experience in direct patient care, or equivalent  
35 experience; and

36 (d) have significant training and experience in evaluating children who may be victims  
37 of abuse or neglect.

38 (4) The medical director shall:

39 (a) serve as the chief medical advisor to the director;

40 (b) provide clinical expertise to division staff; and

41 (c) participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs to  
42 improve the physical and mental health and well-being of individuals involved with the state's  
43 child welfare agencies.

44 (5) At the director's discretion, the medical director may:

45 (a) (i) oversee comprehensive medical and mental health care services for children in  
46 state care;

47 (ii) provide consultation on complex medical cases as needed within the division;

48 (iii) provide consultation regarding the implementation of evidence-based safety plans  
49 for children whose safety is at risk; or

50 (iv) provide consultation regarding the adoption of an evidence-based evaluation of  
51 child, youth, and family well-being across division programs; and

52 (b) perform other similar duties at the direction of the director.