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Senator Jen Plumb proposes the following substitute bill:

CHILD WELFARE MEDICAL AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb

House Sponsor: _____

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:

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None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

80-2-406, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

80-2-406. Medical director.

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

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

(3) The medical director shall:

(a) be licensed to practice as a physician or osteopath under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;

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

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

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

(4) The medical director shall:

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

(b) provide clinical expertise to division staff; and

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

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

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

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

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

(iv) provide consultation regarding the adoption of an evidence-based evaluation of

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child, youth, and family well-being across division programs; and

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