

INMATE EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a women's health pilot study program for female inmates in state correctional facilities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ provides that the University of Utah Department of Sociology establish a pilot study program to provide women's health education classes on site for women incarcerated in state correctional facilities;

▶ requires that the Department of Corrections provide necessary space and equipment for the classes;

▶ requires that the Department of Sociology seek funding for the program from the private sector and governmental agencies; and

▶ requires that the Department of Sociology establish a committee to determine the resources and procedures needed to assess the outcomes regarding women who participated in the classes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



- 28 ENACTS:
- 29 **64-13f-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 30 **64-13f-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 31 **64-13f-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 32 **64-13f-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 33 **64-13f-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
- 34 **64-13f-106**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

37 Section 1. Section **64-13f-101** is enacted to read:

38 **CHAPTER 13f. HEALTH EDUCATION FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN**

39 **64-13f-101. Title.**

40 This chapter is known as "Health Education for Incarcerated Women."

41 Section 2. Section **64-13f-102** is enacted to read:

42 **64-13f-102. Definitions.**

43 As used in this chapter:

44 (1) "Class" means classroom instruction that women inmates attend and that provides
45 the information in the established program curriculum.

46 (2) "Department" means the University of Utah Department of Sociology.

47 (3) "Program" means the Incarcerated Women's Health Program created in this chapter
48 and includes providing classroom instruction and related written information as part of the
49 classroom instruction.

50 Section 3. Section **64-13f-103** is enacted to read:

51 **64-13f-103. Incarcerated Women's Health Program -- Creation and operation by**
52 **the department.**

53 (1) (a) There is created a pilot study program within the Department of Corrections
54 known as the Incarcerated Women's Health Program.

55 (b) The department shall establish and administer the program in accordance with the
56 provisions of this chapter.

57 (c) The program shall separate women inmates who are incarcerated for more than 30
58 days into two separate groups for study purposes.

59 (2) The program shall provide information regarding women's health, including
 60 reproductive health care, to selected women inmates who are incarcerated for more than 30
 61 consecutive days in certain correctional facilities operated by the Department of Corrections.

62 (3) The department shall:

63 (a) establish the purpose and goals of the program in accordance with Subsection (4);

64 (b) create a curriculum or contract with a private provider to create a curriculum, based
 65 on the purpose and goals the department establishes, including the subjects under Subsection
 66 (4);

67 (c) prepare for class presentations, including teaching materials, materials for the
 68 participating women inmates, and informational documents;

69 (d) establish with the Department of Corrections the process and logistical
 70 requirements for making the class available to women inmates by live presentation or by the
 71 Internet; and

72 (e) provide instruction, or contract with a private provider to teach the class.

73 (4) The program curriculum shall include current information regarding women's
 74 reproductive health, including:

75 (a) reproductive life planning;

76 (b) contraception;

77 (c) disease prevention and treatment; and

78 (d) information regarding available community services for women's health.

79 (5) The department shall make the program available on a schedule for selected women
 80 inmates who are incarcerated for more than 30 consecutive days to attend the class within 30
 81 days ~~to~~ prior to ~~their~~ their release from incarceration.

82 Section 4. Section **64-13f-104** is enacted to read:

83 **64-13f-104. Requirements of the Department of Corrections.**

84 The Department of Corrections shall make available to the department, as needed, the
 85 room, seating, and other resources the department requires for the presentation of the class.

86 Section 5. Section **64-13f-105** is enacted to read:

87 **64-13f-105. Private sector and governmental funding.**

88 (1) The department shall submit applications for available funding from the private
 89 sector and from governmental agencies to address as many of the expenses of the program as

90 reasonably possible.

91 (2) The department's obligation to implement the program is contingent upon securing
92 adequate funding to conduct the program.

93 Section 6. Section **64-13f-106** is enacted to read:

94 **64-13f-106. Measurement of outcomes.**

95 The department shall establish a committee to determine the funding, resources, and
96 procedures necessary to conduct the measurement and evaluation of the outcomes for the
97 women inmates who participated in the program after they are released from incarceration.

Legislative Review Note
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