

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

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

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Utah Health Code.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates definitions;
- ▶ requires the Department of Health to study the use of home visiting programs in the state and report its findings to the Legislature;
- ▶ specifies what the study shall include;
- ▶ creates the Home Visiting Restricted Account and specifies how money in the account may be used;
- ▶ includes a repealer provision; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-2-226**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 345

ENACTS:



28 26-10-12, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section **26-10-12** is enacted to read:

32 **26-10-12. Home visiting study -- Home Visiting Restricted Account -- Repealer.**

33 (1) As used in this section, "home visiting":

34 (a) means a program designed to meet the needs of pregnant women and families with  
35 young children by assisting them in accessing services and learning skills necessary to raise  
36 children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn; and

37 (b) includes:

38 (i) evidence-based home visiting programs eligible for funding through the federal  
39 government's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program;

40 (ii) other home visiting programs designed to support positive parenting, prevent child  
41 abuse and neglect, improve maternal mental and physical health, and promote child health,  
42 development, and school readiness;

43 (iii) home visiting programs that deliver services via the Internet or other electronic  
44 means; and

45 (iv) home visiting programs that provide screening, case management, family support,  
46 counseling, skill training, or other services for pregnant women or parents with young children.

47 (2) (a) The department shall study the use of home visiting programs in this state and  
48 report the study findings to the Legislature.

49 (b) In the study, the department shall:

50 (i) identify home visiting programs operated by the state, local governments, public or  
51 private education institutions, or other government, nonprofit, or commercial entities;

52 (ii) for each home visiting program operated in the state, compile available information  
53 on the number of individuals served, services offered, program outcomes, and coordination  
54 with other home visiting programs; and

55 (iii) identify options for:

56 (A) increasing the number of individuals served by home visiting;

57 (B) improving the effectiveness of home visiting funded by the state;

58 (C) leveraging private and government funding, including Medicaid funding, to

59 increase the use and effectiveness of home visiting in the state;

60 (D) coordinating the identification of individuals who could benefit from home  
61 visiting;

62 (E) coordinating the delivery of services provided through multiple home visiting  
63 programs, where appropriate; and

64 (F) funding home visiting programs if funding through the federal government's  
65 Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program is eliminated or reduced.

66 (c) The department shall report the study findings to the Health and Human Services  
67 Interim Committee before October 1, 2017.

68 (3) (a) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the  
69 "Home Visiting Restricted Account."

70 (b) The restricted account consists of:

71 (i) money appropriated to the restricted account by the Legislature;

72 (ii) private donations; and

73 (iii) all income and interest derived from the deposit and investment of money in the  
74 account.

75 (c) Money in the restricted account may be used only for appropriations by the  
76 Legislature to fund home visiting programs in the state.

77 (4) Subsection (2) and this Subsection (4) are repealed in accordance with Section  
78 [63I-2-226](#).

79 Section 2. Section **63I-2-226** is amended to read:

80 **63I-2-226. Repeal dates -- Title 26.**

81 (1) Title 26, Chapter 46, Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program, is  
82 repealed July 1, 2017.

83 (2) Subsections [26-10-12](#)(2) and (4) are repealed July 1, 2017.

84 [~~2~~] (3) Section [26-18-412](#) is repealed December 31, 2016.