

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAMS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes and addresses substance use disorder programs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council to convene a workgroup to study recovery residence issues; and
- ▶ establishes a program to distribute new funds to reduce recidivism and the number of incarcerated individuals with a substance use disorder or a mental health disorder.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**62A-15-113**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**Uncodified Material Affected:**

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

Section 1. Section **62A-15-113** is enacted to read:

**62A-15-113. Local plan program funding.**

30 (1) To facilitate the distribution of newly appropriated funds beginning from fiscal year  
31 2018 for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services that reduce recidivism or reduce  
32 the per capita number of incarcerated offenders with a substance use disorder or a mental  
33 health disorder, the division shall:

34 (a) form an application review and fund distribution committee that includes:

35 (i) one representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association;

36 (ii) one representative of the Statewide Association of Prosecutors of Utah;

37 (iii) two representatives from the division; and

38 (iv) two representatives from the Utah Association of Counties; and

39 (b) require the application review and fund distribution committee to:

40 (i) establish a competitive application process for funding of a local plan, as described  
41 in Sections [17-43-201\(5\)\(b\)](#) and [17-43-301\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#);

42 (ii) establish criteria in accordance with Subsection (1) for the evaluation of an  
43 application;

44 (iii) ensure that the committee members' affiliate groups approve of the application  
45 process and criteria;

46 (iv) evaluate applications; and

47 (v) distribute funds to programs implemented by counties, local mental health  
48 authorities, or local substance abuse authorities.

49 (2) Demonstration of matching county funds is not a requirement to receive funds, but  
50 the application review committee may take into consideration the existence of matching funds  
51 when determining which programs to fund.

52 **Section 2. Recovery residence study.**

53 (1) The Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council shall convene a  
54 workgroup to study the licensing and management of recovery residences, as defined in Section  
55 [62A-2-201](#).

56 (2) The workgroup shall consist of individuals representing:

57 (a) the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health;

58           (b) owners and managers of recovery residences;

59           (c) the Utah League of Cities and Towns; and

60           (d) other stakeholders, as determined by the council.

61           (3) (a) The workgroup shall identify the negative impacts of unlicensed or poorly  
62 managed recovery residences on surrounding neighborhoods and clients recovering from  
63 substance use disorder.

64           (b) The workgroup shall identify steps that may be taken by each stakeholder to  
65 promote the licensure of and adoption of management best practices by recovery residences.

66           (4) The council shall report the workgroup's findings to the Health and Human  
67 Services Interim Committee before October 12, 2017.