

**OFFICE OF RECOVERY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen**

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

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts a pilot program authorizing the Office of Recovery Services to hire collection employees and certain requirements of the Office of Recovery Services related to those collection employees and the money they collect.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the Office of Recovery Services (office) to hire collection employees;
- ▶ requires the office to record the annual compensation paid to each collection employee;
- ▶ authorizes the office to expend certain funds collected by collection employees;
- ▶ authorizes the office to retain a collection employee only if the money collected by the collection employee is equal to or greater than the state's share of the total cost of the program;
- ▶ requires the office to submit a written report on collections made by collection employees to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2014;
- ▶ directs the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee to consider whether the Legislature should continue the pilot program; and
- ▶ enacts a repealer provision to sunset the full-time collection employee program on July 1, 2015.



28 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

29 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2014:

30 ▶ to the Department of Human Services -- Office of Recovery Services -- Medical

31 Collections as an ongoing appropriation:

32 • from the General Fund, \$33,000.

33 **Other Special Clauses:**

34 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.

35 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

36 AMENDS:

37 **63I-1-262**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 372

38 ENACTS:

39 **62A-11-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

42 Section 1. Section **62A-11-112** is enacted to read:

43 **62A-11-112. Pilot program for additional collection staff -- Report.**

44 (1) (a) As used in this section, "collection employee" means an employee hired by the  
45 office in accordance with Subsection (2) whose duties include, in addition to other assigned  
46 duties, the collection of money as authorized in this chapter.

47 (b) "Baseline collections" means the total collections for a specific program for fiscal  
48 year 2013.

49 (2) (a) Beginning on or after July 1, 2013, the office may hire, in addition to existing  
50 staff, no more than 10 additional collection employees in connection with this pilot program.

51 (b) A collection employee hired in accordance with Subsection (2)(a) is an employee in  
52 a schedule B position as defined in Section 67-19-15.

53 (3) For each collection employee hired in accordance with Subsection (2), the office  
54 shall record the total annual compensation paid to the collection employee, including benefits  
55 and salary.

56 (4) (a) The office shall retain the state's share of total funds in excess of the baseline  
57 amount collected as a result of this program not to exceed 200% of the state's share of the  
58 collection employees' compensation.

59 (b) Amounts in excess of the retained funds described in Subsection (4)(a) shall be  
60 returned to the General Fund.

61 (c) The office shall use the retained funds to assist in the collection of money in  
62 accordance with this chapter.

63 (5) The office may retain the collection employees hired if the state's share of the  
64 increased collections as a result of the pilot program is equal to or greater than the state's share  
65 of the total costs for the program.

66 (6) (a) The office shall prepare and submit a written report to the Office of the  
67 Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2014.

68 (b) The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall present the written report to the  
69 Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

70 (c) The written report shall include:

71 (i) the number of collection employees hired by the office under this section;

72 (ii) the total annual compensation and its funding sources paid to each collection  
73 employee, including benefits and salary, by the state;

74 (iii) the baseline collections for the program;

75 (iv) the actual collections for the program for the subsequent fiscal year; and

76 (v) the difference in collections from the baseline and the amount that was:

77 (A) retained by the office in accordance with Subsection (4)(a); and

78 (B) returned to the General Fund in accordance with Subsection (4)(b).

79 (d) The Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee shall consider:

80 (i) the report; and

81 (ii) whether the Legislature should continue the pilot program.

82 Section 2. Section **63I-1-262** is amended to read:

83 **63I-1-262. Repeal dates, Title 62A.**

84 (1) Section 62A-2-120.5, Pilot program for expedited background check of a qualified  
85 human services applicant, is repealed July 1, 2017.

86 (2) Section 62A-5-103.1, Program for provision of supported employment services, is  
87 repealed July 1, 2013.

88 (3) Section 62A-11-112 is repealed July 1, 2015.

89 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

90           Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for  
 91 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the following sums of money  
 92 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts  
 93 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in  
 94 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2014.

95           To the Department of Human Services - Office of Recovery Services

96 <u>From General Fund</u>	<u>\$33,000</u>
97 <u>From Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$33,000</u>
98 <u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
99 <u>Medical Collections</u>	<u>\$66,000</u>

100           The Legislature intends that appropriations provided under this section be used for the  
 101 additional collection staff authorized in Section 62A-11-112.

102           Section 4. **Effective date.**

103           This bill takes effect on July 1, 2013.

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