

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the district attorney in counties of the first class to collect and report specified information.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the district attorney's office in counties of the first class to track time spent on criminal cases;

▸ requires the district attorney's office in counties of the first class to provide an annual written report to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee; and

▸ provides for a sunset review of the data collection and reporting requirement after five years.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-217, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 96

ENACTS:



28 17-18a-203.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

31 Section 1. Section **17-18a-203.5** is enacted to read:

32 **17-18a-203.5. District attorney data collection -- Report.**

33 (1) In this section, "prosecution personnel" means:

34 (a) investigators;

35 (b) prosecutors;

36 (c) support staff; or

37 (d) other individuals paid for their work on the case.

38 (2) The district attorney in a county of the first class shall:

39 (a) track the time spent by prosecution personnel on each criminal case, calculated in
40 quarter of an hour increments, by the offense classification; and

41 (b) provide a written report to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim
42 Committee by November 1, annually.

43 (3) The annual report required in Subsection (2)(b) shall include the following
44 information, organized by the offense classification, for the cases that were active during the
45 reporting period:

46 (a) the total number of hours, calculated in quarter of an hour increments, worked on
47 the cases by prosecution personnel;

48 (b) the average amount of taxpayer dollars spent per case, as calculated by the hours
49 worked and the salary of the prosecution personnel who worked on the case;

50 (c) the cumulative total hours worked and the number of cases, categorized by the
51 following:

52 (i) cases that were dismissed prior to the filing of charges;

53 (ii) cases that were dismissed after charges were filed;

54 (iii) cases in which a plea agreement was reached by the parties prior to the preliminary
55 hearing;

56 (iv) cases that were dismissed by the court after the preliminary hearing;

57 (v) cases in which a plea agreement was reached by the parties after the preliminary
58 hearing;

- 59 (vi) cases that resulted in a court ruling in favor of the state; and
- 60 (vii) cases that resulted in a court ruling in favor of the defense;
- 61 (d) the average number of days between:
- 62 (i) the filing of criminal charges; and
- 63 (ii) (A) the delivery of discovery information, including witness statements;
- 64 (B) the preliminary hearing; or
- 65 (C) the first day of trial; and
- 66 (e) the average number of attorneys assigned to each case.

67 Section 2. Section **63I-1-217** is amended to read:

68 **63I-1-217. Repeal dates: Title 17.**

69 (1) Section 17-18a-203.5 is repealed on July 1, 2029.

70 (2) Title 17, Chapter 21a, Part 3, Administration and Standards, which creates the Utah
71 Electronic Recording Commission, is repealed July 1, 2022.

72 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) In relation to Section 17-31-2, on July 1, 2023:

73 (a) Subsection 17-31-2(1)(g), which defines "economic diversification activity," is
74 repealed;

75 (b) Subsection 17-31-2(2)(a)(iii), relating to establishing and promoting an economic
76 diversification activity, is repealed;

77 (c) Subsection 17-31-2(7)(b)(i) is amended to read:

78 "(i) for a purpose described in Subsection (2)(a) and subject to the limitation described
79 in Subsection (7)(d), the greater of:"; and

80 (d) Subsection 17-31-2(7)(d)(ii), relating to a limitation on the expenditure of revenue
81 for an economic diversification activity, is repealed.

82 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Subsection 17-31-5.5(2)(a)(i)(E), relating to economic diversification activity,
83 is repealed July 1, 2023.

84 Section 3. **Effective date.**

85 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.