

1 **ATTORNEY GENERAL FUND AMENDMENTS**

2 2020 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

5 Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions applicable to certain funds received by the attorney general
10 or the Department of Commerce.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ creates the Opioid Litigation Settlement Restricted Account, to consist of:
 - 14 • money received by the attorney general or the Department of Commerce as a
 - 15 result of certain opioid litigation;
 - 16 • interest earned on money in the account; and
 - 17 • money appropriated by the Legislature;
- 18 ▶ specifies the purposes for which money in the Opioid Litigation Settlement
19 Restricted Account may be used; and
- 20 ▶ makes the following changes applicable to the Attorney General Crime and
21 Violence Prevention Fund:
 - 22 • allows the fund to receive appropriations by the Legislature;
 - 23 • modifies the activities for which fund money may be used;
 - 24 • allows the attorney general to establish a volunteer task force to address the
 - 25 activities for which fund money may be used;
 - 26 • allows the attorney general to employ necessary support staff to administer the
 - 27 fund and the activities of a task force established under this bill; and
 - 28 • requires the attorney general to include information related to the activities of a

29 task force established under this bill in the attorney general's annual report to the Legislature.

30 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

31 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:

- 32 ▶ to the Attorney General's Office -- Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention
- 33 Fund, as on ongoing appropriation:
- 34 • from the General Fund, \$100,000.

35 **Other Special Clauses:**

36 None

37 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

38 AMENDS:

39 **67-5-24**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 400

40 ENACTS:

41 **51-9-801**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

44 Section 1. Section **51-9-801** is enacted to read:

45 **Part 8. Opioid Litigation Settlement Restricted Account**

46 **51-9-801. Opioid Litigation Settlement Restricted Account.**

47 (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the Opioid
48 Litigation Settlement Restricted Account.

49 (2) The account consists of:

50 (a) any money deposited into the account in accordance with Subsection (3);

51 (b) interest earned on money in the account; and

52 (c) money appropriated to the account by the Legislature.

53 (3) Notwithstanding Sections **13-2-8** and **76-10-3114**, after reimbursement to the
54 attorney general and the Department of Commerce for expenses related to the matters
55 described in Subsection (3)(a) or (b), the following shall be deposited into the account:

56 (a) all money received by the attorney general or the Department of Commerce as a
 57 result of any judgment, settlement, or compromise of claims pertaining to alleged violations of
 58 law related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, or sale of opioids from a case
 59 designated as an opioid case by the attorney general in a legal services contract; and

60 (b) all money received by the attorney general or the Department of Commerce as a
 61 result of any multistate judgment, settlement, or compromise of claims pertaining to alleged
 62 violations of law related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, or sale of opioids.

63 (4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, money in the account shall be used:

64 (a) to address the effects of alleged violations of law related to the manufacture,
 65 marketing, distribution, or sale of opioids; or

66 (b) if applicable, in accordance with the terms of a settlement agreement described in
 67 Subsection (3)(a) or (b) entered into by the state.

68 Section 2. Section **67-5-24** is amended to read:

69 **67-5-24. Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention Fund -- Use of money**
 70 **-- Restrictions -- Volunteer task force -- Staff.**

71 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Attorney General
 72 Crime and Violence Prevention Fund.

73 (2) The fund shall consist of:

74 (a) appropriations by the Legislature; and

75 (b) gifts, grants, devises, donations, and bequests of real property, personal property, or
 76 services, from any source[~~, made to the fund~~].

77 (3) (a) If the donor designates a specific purpose or use for ~~the~~ a gift, grant, devise,
 78 donation, or bequest provided under Subsection (2)(b), money from the fund shall be used
 79 solely for that purpose.

80 (b) [~~Gifts, grants, devises, donations, and bequests not~~] Unless designated for a specific
 81 purpose under Subsection (3)(a) [~~and that are~~], money in the fund not restricted to a specific
 82 use under federal law[~~;~~] shall be used in connection with the activities under Subsection (4).

83 (c) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall authorize the
84 expenditure of fund money in accordance with this section.

85 (d) The money in the fund may not be used for administrative expenses of the Office of
86 the Attorney General normally provided for by legislative appropriation, except for the
87 purposes described in Subsection (8).

88 (4) Except as provided under Subsection (3), the fund money shall be used for any of
89 the following activities:

90 (a) the Amber Alert program;

91 (b) prevention of crime against seniors;

92 (c) prevention of domestic violence and dating violence;

93 [~~(d) antidrug use programs;~~]

94 (d) programs designed to reduce the supply or demand of illicit or controlled
95 substances;

96 (e) preventing gangs and gang violence;

97 (f) Internet safety programs, including Internet literacy for parents;

98 (g) mentoring Utah partnerships;

99 (h) suicide prevention programs;

100 (i) underage [~~drinking~~] alcohol and substance misuse prevention programs;

101 (j) antipornography programs;

102 (k) victims assistance programs;

103 (l) identity theft investigations and prosecutions; or

104 (m) identity theft reporting system database.

105 (5) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund under Title 51, Chapter 7,
106 State Money Management Act, except that all interest or other earnings derived from the fund
107 money shall be deposited in the fund.

108 (6) The attorney general shall make an annual report to the Legislature regarding the
109 status of the fund, including:

110 (a) a report on the contributions received, expenditures made, and programs and
111 services funded[-]; and

112 (b) if the attorney general establishes a task force under Subsection (7), all activities
113 and programs initiated through the task force.

114 (7) The attorney general may establish a volunteer task force consisting of
115 representatives from public or private agencies or organizations in the state to address any of
116 the activities described in Subsection (4).

117 (8) The attorney general may employ necessary support staff to implement and
118 administer the fund and the activities of a task force established under Subsection (7).

119 Section 3. **Appropriation.**

120 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
121 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
122 fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
123 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
124 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

125 ITEM 1

126 To Attorney General's Office -- Attorney General Crime
127 and Violence Prevention Fund

128 From General Fund \$100,000

129 Schedule of Programs:

130 Attorney General Crime and Violence
131 Prevention Fund \$100,000