

JUVENILE CODE RECODIFICATION CROSS REFERENCES

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill makes technical cross reference changes to provisions related to juveniles.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ makes technical cross reference changes to provisions related to juveniles; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

17-18a-404, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 214 and 312

26-2-22 (Superseded 11/01/21), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 201

26-2-22 (Effective 11/01/21), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 201 and

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26-8a-310, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 150

26-10-9, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 415

26-21-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 47

30-5a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 48



- 28 **32B-4-409**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 330
- 29 **32B-4-410**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 330 and 455
- 30 **32B-4-411**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 330
- 31 **51-9-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 230
- 32 **51-9-408**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 136
- 33 **53-3-204**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 422
- 34 **53-3-219**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 136
- 35 **53-3-220**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 177
- 36 **53-10-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 108
- 37 **53-10-407**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 86
- 38 **53B-8d-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 382
- 39 **53E-3-513**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186
- 40 **53E-9-305**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 388
- 41 **53G-4-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 347
- 42 **53G-6-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 20
- 43 **53G-6-208**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 20
- 44 **53G-8-211**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 20 and 214
- 45 **53G-8-212**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 293
- 46 **53G-8-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 354
- 47 **53G-8-405**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 354
- 48 **53G-9-209**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 285
- 49 **53G-11-410**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 70 and renumbered and
- 50 amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 3
- 51 **58-37-6**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 81
- 52 **62A-1-108.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 147
- 53 **62A-1-111**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 303
- 54 **62A-2-108.8**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 312
- 55 **62A-2-117.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
- 56 **62A-2-120**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 176, 225, 250 and last
- 57 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 225
- 58 **62A-2-121**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 348

- 59 [62A-4a-102](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 335
- 60 [62A-4a-103](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 323
- 61 [62A-4a-105](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 108 and 250
- 62 [62A-4a-113](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 250
- 63 [62A-4a-114](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 416
- 64 [62A-4a-118](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 335
- 65 [62A-4a-201](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
- 66 [62A-4a-202.3](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 459
- 67 [62A-4a-202.4](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 32
- 68 [62A-4a-202.8](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 459
- 69 [62A-4a-203](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 3 and 299
- 70 [62A-4a-205](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 335
- 71 [62A-4a-205.5](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 237
- 72 [62A-4a-205.6](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 148
- 73 [62A-4a-206](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 285
- 74 [62A-4a-206.5](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 285
- 75 [62A-4a-207](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 387
- 76 [62A-4a-209](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 250
- 77 [62A-4a-409](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 20
- 78 [62A-4a-412](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 193 and 258
- 79 [62A-4a-607](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 148
- 80 [62A-4a-711](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 335 and 388
- 81 [62A-4a-802](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 170
- 82 [62A-4a-1005](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 3, 59, and 299
- 83 [62A-4a-1006](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 66
- 84 [62A-4a-1009](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 87, 299, and 382
- 85 [62A-4a-1010](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 366
- 86 [62A-11-304.2](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 3 and 382
- 87 [62A-15-204](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
- 88 [62A-15-626](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 419
- 89 [62A-15-703](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 256

- 90 [63G-4-402](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 335
- 91 [63M-7-208](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 330
- 92 [67-25-201](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 433
- 93 [75-5-209](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
- 94 [76-3-406](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
- 95 [76-5-107.1](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 426
- 96 [76-5-108](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
- 97 [76-5-110](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 136 and 335
- 98 [76-5-401.3](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
- 99 [76-5-413](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 211
- 100 [76-5b-201](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 296
- 101 [76-7-301](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapters 124 and 208
- 102 [76-7a-101 \(Contingently Effective\)](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 279
- 103 [76-8-306](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 213
- 104 [76-9-701](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 330
- 105 [76-10-105](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 214, 302, 312, 347 and
- 106 last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
- 107 [76-10-503](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 288
- 108 [76-10-1315](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 108
- 109 [77-2-9](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
- 110 [77-16b-102](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 121
- 111 [77-37-3](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 232
- 112 [77-38-5](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
- 113 [77-38-14](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 54 and 218
- 114 [77-38a-102](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
- 115 [77-40-101.5](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 218
- 116 [77-41-112](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 382
- 117 [78A-2-104](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 389
- 118 [78A-2-301](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 230
- 119 [78A-2-601](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 230
- 120 [78A-2-702](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 267

121 [78A-5-102](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 214
122 [78A-7-106](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 214 and 312
123 [78B-3-406](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 346
124 [78B-6-112](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 371, 392, and 395
125 [78B-6-117](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 250
126 [78B-6-121](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 194
127 [78B-6-131](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 293
128 [78B-6-133](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 354
129 [78B-6-138](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 43
130 [78B-6-141 \(Superseded 11/01/21\)](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 30
131 [78B-6-141 \(Effective 11/01/21\)](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 323
132 [78B-6-203](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
133 [78B-6-207](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
134 [78B-7-102](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 142 and 287
135 [78B-7-108](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 255
136 [78B-7-201](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
137 [78B-7-202](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
138 [78B-7-203](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
139 [78B-7-204](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
140 [78B-7-409](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
141 [78B-7-603](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
142 [78B-7-702](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 142
143 [78B-11-121](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
144 [78B-12-219](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3
145 [78B-15-612](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 258
146 [78B-22-102](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 371, 392, and 395
147 [78B-22-201](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 371, 392, and 395
148 [78B-22-406](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 371, 392, and 395
149 [78B-22-801](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 395
150 [78B-22-803](#), as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 395 and last
151 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 395

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

Section 1. Section **17-18a-404** is amended to read:

17-18a-404. Juvenile proceedings.

For a proceeding involving an offense committed by a minor as defined in Section ~~78A-6-105, a~~ 80-1-102, a public prosecutor shall:

(1) review cases in accordance with ~~[Sections 78A-6-602, 78A-6-602.5, and 78A-6-603]~~ Title 80, Chapter 6, Juvenile Justice; and

(2) appear and prosecute for the state in the juvenile court of the county.

Section 2. Section **26-2-22 (Superseded 11/01/21)** is amended to read:

26-2-22 (Superseded 11/01/21). Inspection of vital records.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Designated legal representative" means an attorney, physician, funeral service director, genealogist, or other agent of the subject, or an immediate family member of the subject, who has been delegated the authority to access vital records.

(b) "Drug use intervention or suicide prevention effort" means a program that studies or promotes the prevention of drug overdose deaths or suicides in the state.

(c) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild.

(2) (a) The vital records shall be open to inspection, but only in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, department rules, and Sections 78B-6-141 and 78B-6-144.

(b) It is unlawful for any state or local officer or employee to disclose data contained in vital records contrary to this chapter, department rule, Section 78B-6-141, or Section 78B-6-144.

(c) (i) An adoption document is open to inspection as provided in Section 78B-6-141 or Section 78B-6-144.

(ii) A birth parent may not access an adoption document under Subsection 78B-6-141(3).

(d) A custodian of vital records may permit inspection of a vital record or issue a certified copy of a record or a part of a record when the custodian is satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated a direct, tangible, and legitimate interest.

183 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a direct, tangible, and legitimate interest in a
184 vital record is present only if:

185 (a) the request is from:

186 (i) the subject;

187 (ii) an immediate family member of the subject;

188 (iii) the guardian of the subject;

189 (iv) a designated legal representative of the subject; or

190 (v) a person, including a child-placing agency as defined in Section 78B-6-103, with
191 whom a child has been placed pending finalization of an adoption of the child;

192 (b) the request involves a personal or property right of the subject of the record;

193 (c) the request is for official purposes of a public health authority or a state, local, or
194 federal governmental agency;

195 (d) the request is for a drug use intervention or suicide prevention effort or a statistical
196 or medical research program and prior consent has been obtained from the state registrar; or

197 (e) the request is a certified copy of an order of a court of record specifying the record
198 to be examined or copied.

199 (4) (a) Except as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah Adoption Act, a parent,
200 or an immediate family member of a parent, who does not have legal or physical custody of or
201 visitation or parent-time rights for a child because of the termination of parental rights
202 [~~pursuant to Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] under Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination
203 and Restoration of Parental Rights, or by virtue of consenting to or relinquishing a child for
204 adoption pursuant to Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah Adoption Act, may not be considered
205 as having a direct, tangible, and legitimate interest under this section.

206 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), a commercial firm or agency requesting
207 names, addresses, or similar information may not be considered as having a direct, tangible,
208 and legitimate interest under this section.

209 (5) Upon payment of a fee established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, the office
210 shall make the following records available to the public:

211 (a) except as provided in Subsection 26-2-10(4)(b), a birth record, excluding
212 confidential information collected for medical and health use, if 100 years or more have passed
213 since the date of birth;

214 (b) a death record if 50 years or more have passed since the date of death; and
215 (c) a vital record not subject to Subsection (5)(a) or (b) if 75 years or more have passed
216 since the date of the event upon which the record is based.

217 (6) Upon payment of a fee established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, the office
218 shall make an adoption document available as provided in Sections 78B-6-141 and 78B-6-144.

219 (7) The office shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
220 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing procedures and the content of forms as follows:

221 (a) for a birth parent's election to permit identifying information about the birth parent
222 to be made available under Section 78B-6-141;

223 (b) for the release of information by the mutual-consent, voluntary adoption registry,
224 under Section 78B-6-144;

225 (c) for collecting fees and donations under Section 78B-6-144.5; and

226 (d) for the review and approval of a request described in Subsection (3)(d).

227 Section 3. Section 26-2-22 (Effective 11/01/21) is amended to read:

228 **26-2-22 (Effective 11/01/21). Inspection of vital records.**

229 (1) As used in this section:

230 (a) "Designated legal representative" means an attorney, physician, funeral service
231 director, genealogist, or other agent of the subject, or an immediate family member of the
232 subject, who has been delegated the authority to access vital records.

233 (b) "Drug use intervention or suicide prevention effort" means a program that studies
234 or promotes the prevention of drug overdose deaths or suicides in the state.

235 (c) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, or
236 grandchild.

237 (2) (a) The vital records shall be open to inspection, but only in compliance with the
238 provisions of this chapter, department rules, and Sections 78B-6-141 and 78B-6-144.

239 (b) It is unlawful for any state or local officer or employee to disclose data contained in
240 vital records contrary to this chapter, department rule, Section 78B-6-141, or Section
241 78B-6-144.

242 (c) (i) An adoption document is open to inspection as provided in Section 78B-6-141
243 or Section 78B-6-144.

244 (ii) A birth parent may not access an adoption document under Subsection

245 78B-6-141(3).

246 (d) A custodian of vital records may permit inspection of a vital record or issue a
247 certified copy of a record or a part of a record when the custodian is satisfied that the applicant
248 has demonstrated a direct, tangible, and legitimate interest.

249 (3) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a direct, tangible, and legitimate interest in a
250 vital record is present only if:

251 (a) the request is from:

252 (i) the subject;

253 (ii) an immediate family member of the subject;

254 (iii) the guardian of the subject;

255 (iv) a designated legal representative of the subject; or

256 (v) a person, including a child-placing agency as defined in Section 78B-6-103, with
257 whom a child has been placed pending finalization of an adoption of the child;

258 (b) the request involves a personal or property right of the subject of the record;

259 (c) the request is for official purposes of a public health authority or a state, local, or
260 federal governmental agency;

261 (d) the request is for a drug use intervention or suicide prevention effort or a statistical
262 or medical research program and prior consent has been obtained from the state registrar; or

263 (e) the request is a certified copy of an order of a court of record specifying the record
264 to be examined or copied.

265 (4) (a) Except as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah Adoption Act, a parent,
266 or an immediate family member of a parent, who does not have legal or physical custody of or
267 visitation or parent-time rights for a child because of the termination of parental rights
268 [~~pursuant to Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] under Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination
269 and Restoration of Parental Rights, or by virtue of consenting to or relinquishing a child for
270 adoption pursuant to Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah Adoption Act, may not be considered
271 as having a direct, tangible, and legitimate interest under this section.

272 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), a commercial firm or agency requesting
273 names, addresses, or similar information may not be considered as having a direct, tangible,
274 and legitimate interest under this section.

275 (5) Upon payment of a fee established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, the office

276 shall make the following records available to the public:

277 (a) except as provided in Subsection 26-2-10(4)(b), a birth record, excluding
278 confidential information collected for medical and health use, if 100 years or more have passed
279 since the date of birth;

280 (b) a death record if 50 years or more have passed since the date of death; and

281 (c) a vital record not subject to Subsection (5)(a) or (b) if 75 years or more have passed
282 since the date of the event upon which the record is based.

283 (6) Upon payment of a fee established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, the office
284 shall make an adoption document available as provided in Sections 78B-6-141 and 78B-6-144.

285 (7) The office shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
286 Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing procedures and the content of forms as follows:

287 (a) for the inspection of adoption documents under Subsection 78B-6-141(4);

288 (b) for a birth parent's election to permit identifying information about the birth parent
289 to be made available, under Section 78B-6-141;

290 (c) for the release of information by the mutual-consent, voluntary adoption registry,
291 under Section 78B-6-144;

292 (d) for collecting fees and donations under Section 78B-6-144.5; and

293 (e) for the review and approval of a request described in Subsection (3)(d).

294 Section 4. Section 26-8a-310 is amended to read:

295 **26-8a-310. Background clearance for emergency medical service personnel.**

296 (1) The department shall determine whether to grant background clearance for an
297 individual seeking licensure under Section 26-8a-302 from whom it receives:

298 (a) the individual's social security number, fingerprints, and other personal
299 identification information specified by the department under Subsection (4); and

300 (b) any fees established by the department under Subsection (10).

301 (2) The department shall determine whether to deny or revoke background clearance
302 for individuals for whom it has previously granted background clearance.

303 (3) The department shall determine whether to grant, deny, or revoke background
304 clearance for an individual based on an initial and ongoing evaluation of information the
305 department obtains under Subsections (5) and (11), which, at a minimum, shall include an
306 initial criminal background check of state, regional, and national databases using the

307 individual's fingerprints.

308 (4) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
309 Administrative Rulemaking Act, that specify:

310 (a) the criteria the department will use under Subsection (3) to determine whether to
311 grant, deny, or revoke background clearance; and

312 (b) the other personal identification information an individual seeking licensure under
313 Section [26-8a-302](#) must submit under Subsection (1).

314 (5) To determine whether to grant, deny, or revoke background clearance, the
315 department may access and evaluate any of the following:

316 (a) Department of Public Safety arrest, conviction, and disposition records described in
317 Title 53, Chapter 10, Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Act, including
318 information in state, regional, and national records files;

319 (b) adjudications by a juvenile court of committing an act that if committed by an adult
320 would be a felony or misdemeanor, if:

321 (i) the applicant is under 28 years [~~of age~~] old; or

322 (ii) the applicant:

323 (A) is over 28 years [~~of age~~] old; and

324 (B) has been convicted of, has pleaded no contest to, or is currently subject to a plea in
325 abeyance or diversion agreement for a felony or misdemeanor;

326 (c) juvenile court arrest, adjudication, and disposition records, other than those under
327 Subsection (5)(b), as allowed under Section [78A-6-209](#);

328 (d) child abuse or neglect findings described in Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#);

329 (e) the Department of Human Services' Division of Child and Family Services
330 Licensing Information System described in Section [62A-4a-1006](#);

331 (f) the Department of Human Services' Division of Aging and Adult Services database
332 of reports of vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation, described in Section [62A-3-311.1](#);

333 (g) Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing records of licensing and
334 certification under Title 58, Occupations and Professions;

335 (h) records in other federal criminal background databases available to the state; and

336 (i) any other records of arrests, warrants for arrest, convictions, pleas in abeyance,
337 pending diversion agreements, or dispositions.

338 (6) Except for the Department of Public Safety, an agency may not charge the
339 department for information accessed under Subsection (5).

340 (7) When evaluating information under Subsection (3), the department shall classify a
341 crime committed in another state according to the closest matching crime under Utah law,
342 regardless of how the crime is classified in the state where the crime was committed.

343 (8) The department shall adopt measures to protect the security of information it
344 accesses under Subsection (5), which shall include limiting access by department employees to
345 those responsible for acquiring, evaluating, or otherwise processing the information.

346 (9) The department may disclose personal identification information it receives under
347 Subsection (1) to the Department of Human Services to verify that the subject of the
348 information is not identified as a perpetrator or offender in the information sources described in
349 Subsections (5)(d) through (f).

350 (10) The department may charge fees, in accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#), to pay
351 for:

352 (a) the cost of obtaining, storing, and evaluating information needed under Subsection
353 (3), both initially and on an ongoing basis, to determine whether to grant, deny, or revoke
354 background clearance; and

355 (b) other department costs related to granting, denying, or revoking background
356 clearance.

357 (11) The Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division within the
358 Department of Public Safety shall:

359 (a) retain, separate from other division records, personal information under Subsection
360 (1), including any fingerprints sent to it by the Department of Health; and

361 (b) notify the Department of Health upon receiving notice that an individual for whom
362 personal information has been retained is the subject of:

363 (i) a warrant for arrest;

364 (ii) an arrest;

365 (iii) a conviction, including a plea in abeyance; or

366 (iv) a pending diversion agreement.

367 (12) The department shall use the Direct Access Clearance System database created
368 under Section [26-21-209](#) to manage information about the background clearance status of each

369 individual for whom the department is required to make a determination under Subsection (1).

370 (13) Clearance granted for an individual licensed under Section 26-8a-302 is valid until
371 two years after the day on which the individual is no longer licensed in Utah as emergency
372 medical service personnel.

373 Section 5. Section 26-10-9 is amended to read:

374 **26-10-9. Immunizations -- Consent of minor to treatment.**

375 (1) This section:

376 (a) is not intended to interfere with the integrity of the family or to minimize the rights
377 of parents or children; and

378 (b) applies to a minor, who at the time care is sought is:

379 (i) married or has been married;

380 (ii) emancipated as provided for in Section [~~78A-6-805~~] 80-7-105;

381 (iii) a parent with custody of a minor child; or

382 (iv) pregnant.

383 (2) (a) A minor described in Subsections (1)(b)(i) and (ii) may consent to:

384 (i) vaccinations against epidemic infections and communicable diseases as defined in
385 Section 26-6-2; and

386 (ii) examinations and vaccinations required to attend school as provided in Title 53G,
387 Public Education System -- Local Administration.

388 (b) A minor described in Subsections (1)(b)(iii) and (iv) may consent to the
389 vaccinations described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (ii), and the vaccine for human
390 papillomavirus only if:

391 (i) the minor represents to the health care provider that the minor is an abandoned
392 minor as defined in Section 76-5-109; and

393 (ii) the health care provider makes a notation in the minor's chart that the minor
394 represented to the health care provider that the minor is an abandoned minor under Section
395 76-5-109.

396 (c) Nothing in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) requires a health care provider to immunize a
397 minor.

398 (3) The consent of the minor pursuant to this section:

399 (a) is not subject to later disaffirmance because of the minority of the person receiving

400 the medical services;

401 (b) is not voidable because of minority at the time the medical services were provided;

402 (c) has the same legal effect upon the minor and the same legal obligations with regard
403 to the giving of consent as consent given by a person of full age and capacity; and

404 (d) does not require the consent of any other person or persons to authorize the medical
405 services described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b).

406 (4) A health care provider who provides medical services to a minor in accordance
407 with the provisions of this section is not subject to civil or criminal liability for providing the
408 services described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b) without obtaining the consent of another
409 person prior to rendering the medical services.

410 (5) This section does not remove the requirement for parental consent or notice when
411 required by Section 76-7-304 or 76-7-304.5.

412 (6) The parents, parent, or legal guardian of a minor who receives medical services
413 pursuant to Subsections (2)(a) and (b) are not liable for the payment for those services unless
414 the parents, parent, or legal guardian consented to the medical services.

415 Section 6. Section **26-21-204** is amended to read:

416 **26-21-204. Clearance.**

417 (1) The department shall determine whether to grant clearance for each applicant for
418 whom it receives:

419 (a) the personal identification information specified by the department under
420 Subsection 26-21-204(4)(b); and

421 (b) any fees established by the department under Subsection 26-21-204(9).

422 (2) The department shall establish a procedure for obtaining and evaluating relevant
423 information concerning covered individuals, including fingerprinting the applicant and
424 submitting the prints to the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division of the
425 Department of Public Safety for checking against applicable state, regional, and national
426 criminal records files.

427 (3) The department may review the following sources to determine whether an
428 individual should be granted or retain clearance, which may include:

429 (a) Department of Public Safety arrest, conviction, and disposition records described in
430 Title 53, Chapter 10, Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Act, including

431 information in state, regional, and national records files;

432 (b) juvenile court arrest, adjudication, and disposition records, as allowed under
433 Section [78A-6-209](#);

434 (c) federal criminal background databases available to the state;

435 (d) the Department of Human Services' Division of Child and Family Services
436 Licensing Information System described in Section [62A-4a-1006](#);

437 (e) child abuse or neglect findings described in Section ~~[[78A-6-323](#)]~~ [80-3-404](#);

438 (f) the Department of Human Services' Division of Aging and Adult Services
439 vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation database described in Section [62A-3-311.1](#);

440 (g) registries of nurse aids described in 42 C.F.R. Sec. 483.156;

441 (h) licensing and certification records of individuals licensed or certified by the
442 Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing under Title 58, Occupations and
443 Professions; and

444 (i) the List of Excluded Individuals and Entities database maintained by the United
445 States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General.

446 (4) The department shall adopt rules that:

447 (a) specify the criteria the department will use to determine whether an individual is
448 granted or retains clearance:

449 (i) based on an initial evaluation and ongoing review of information under Subsection
450 (3); and

451 (ii) including consideration of the relationship the following may have to patient and
452 resident protection:

453 (A) warrants for arrest;

454 (B) arrests;

455 (C) convictions, including pleas in abeyance;

456 (D) pending diversion agreements;

457 (E) adjudications by a juvenile court ~~[of committing an act that if committed by an~~
458 ~~adult would be a felony or misdemeanor,]~~ [under Section 80-6-701](#) if the individual is over 28
459 years ~~[of age]~~ old and has been convicted, has pleaded no contest, or is subject to a plea in
460 abeyance or diversion agreement for a felony or misdemeanor, or the individual is under 28
461 years ~~[of age]~~ old; and

462 (F) any other findings under Subsection (3); and
463 (b) specify the personal identification information that must be submitted by an
464 individual or covered body with an application for clearance, including:
465 (i) the applicant's Social Security number; and
466 (ii) fingerprints.

467 (5) For purposes of Subsection (4)(a), the department shall classify a crime committed
468 in another state according to the closest matching crime under Utah law, regardless of how the
469 crime is classified in the state where the crime was committed.

470 (6) The Department of Public Safety, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the
471 Department of Human Services, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and
472 any other state agency or political subdivision of the state:
473 (a) shall allow the department to review the information the department may review
474 under Subsection (3); and
475 (b) except for the Department of Public Safety, may not charge the department for
476 access to the information.

477 (7) The department shall adopt measures to protect the security of the information it
478 reviews under Subsection (3) and strictly limit access to the information to department
479 employees responsible for processing an application for clearance.

480 (8) The department may disclose personal identification information specified under
481 Subsection (4)(b) to the Department of Human Services to verify that the subject of the
482 information is not identified as a perpetrator or offender in the information sources described in
483 Subsections (3)(d) through (f).

484 (9) The department may establish fees, in accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#), for an
485 application for clearance, which may include:
486 (a) the cost of obtaining and reviewing information under Subsection (3);
487 (b) a portion of the cost of creating and maintaining the Direct Access Clearance
488 System database under Section [26-21-209](#); and
489 (c) other department costs related to the processing of the application and the ongoing
490 review of information pursuant to Subsection (4)(a) to determine whether clearance should be
491 retained.

492 Section 7. Section **30-5a-103** is amended to read:

493 **30-5a-103. Custody and visitation for individuals other than a parent.**

494 (1) (a) In accordance with Section [62A-4a-201](#), it is the public policy of this state that a
495 parent retain the fundamental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care,
496 supervision, upbringing, and education of the parent's children.

497 (b) There is a rebuttable presumption that a parent's decisions are in the child's best
498 interests.

499 (2) A court may find the presumption in Subsection (1) rebutted and grant custodial or
500 visitation rights to an individual other than a parent who, by clear and convincing evidence,
501 establishes that:

502 (a) the individual has intentionally assumed the role and obligations of a parent;

503 (b) the individual and the child have formed a substantial emotional bond and created a
504 parent-child type relationship;

505 (c) the individual substantially contributed emotionally or financially to the child's well
506 being;

507 (d) the assumption of the parental role is not the result of a financially compensated
508 surrogate care arrangement;

509 (e) the continuation of the relationship between the individual and the child is in the
510 child's best interest;

511 (f) the loss or cessation of the relationship between the individual and the child would
512 substantially harm the child; and

513 (g) the parent:

514 (i) is absent; or

515 (ii) is found by a court to have abused or neglected the child.

516 (3) A proceeding under this chapter may be commenced by filing a verified petition, or
517 petition supported by an affidavit, in the juvenile court if a matter is pending, or in the district
518 court in the county where the child:

519 (a) currently resides; or

520 (b) lived with a parent or an individual other than a parent who acted as a parent within
521 six months before the commencement of the action.

522 (4) A proceeding under this chapter may be filed in a pending divorce, parentage
523 action, or other proceeding, including a proceeding in the juvenile court involving custody of or

524 visitation with a child.

525 (5) The petition shall include detailed facts supporting the petitioner's right to file the
526 petition including the criteria set forth in Subsection (2) and residency information as set forth
527 in Section [78B-13-209](#).

528 (6) A proceeding under this chapter may not be filed against a parent who is actively
529 serving outside the state in any branch of the military.

530 (7) Notice of a petition filed pursuant to this chapter shall be served in accordance with
531 the rules of civil procedure on all of the following:

532 (a) the child's biological, adopted, presumed, declarant, and adjudicated parents;

533 (b) any individual who has court-ordered custody or visitation rights;

534 (c) the child's guardian;

535 (d) the guardian ad litem, if one has been appointed;

536 (e) an individual or agency that has physical custody of the child or that claims to have
537 custody or visitation rights; and

538 (f) any other individual or agency that has previously appeared in any action regarding
539 custody of or visitation with the child.

540 (8) The court may order a custody evaluation to be conducted in any action brought
541 under this chapter.

542 (9) The court may enter temporary orders in an action brought under this chapter
543 pending the entry of final orders.

544 (10) Except as provided in Subsection (11), a court may not grant custody of a child
545 under this section to an individual who is not the parent of the child and who, before a custody
546 order is issued, is convicted, pleads guilty, or pleads no contest to a felony or attempted felony
547 involving conduct that constitutes any of the following:

548 (a) child abuse, as described in Section [76-5-109](#);

549 (b) child abuse homicide, as described in Section [76-5-208](#);

550 (c) child kidnapping, as described in Section [76-5-301.1](#);

551 (d) human trafficking of a child, as described in Section [76-5-308.5](#);

552 (e) sexual abuse of a minor, as described in Section [76-5-401.1](#);

553 (f) rape of a child, as described in Section [76-5-402.1](#);

554 (g) object rape of a child, as described in Section [76-5-402.3](#);

- 555 (h) sodomy on a child, as described in Section [76-5-403.1](#);
- 556 (i) sexual abuse of a child or aggravated sexual abuse of a child, as described in
557 Section [76-5-404.1](#);
- 558 (j) sexual exploitation of a minor, as described in Section [76-5b-201](#); or
- 559 (k) an offense in another state that, if committed in this state, would constitute an
560 offense described in this Subsection (10).
- 561 (11) (a) As used in this Subsection (11), "disqualifying offense" means an offense
562 listed in Subsection (10) that prevents a court from granting custody except as provided in this
563 Subsection (11).
- 564 (b) An individual described in Subsection (10) may only be considered for custody of a
565 child if the following criteria are met by clear and convincing evidence:
- 566 (i) the individual is a relative, as defined in Section [~~78A-6-307~~] [80-3-102](#), of the child;
- 567 (ii) at least 10 years have elapsed from the day on which the individual is successfully
568 released from prison, jail, parole, or probation related to a disqualifying offense;
- 569 (iii) during the 10 years before the day on which the individual files a petition with the
570 court seeking custody the individual has not been convicted, plead guilty, or plead no contest to
571 an offense greater than an infraction or traffic violation that would likely impact the health,
572 safety, or well-being of the child;
- 573 (iv) the individual can provide evidence of successful treatment or rehabilitation
574 directly related to the disqualifying offense;
- 575 (v) the court determines that the risk related to the disqualifying offense is unlikely to
576 cause harm, as defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#), or potential harm to the child
577 currently or at any time in the future when considering all of the following:
- 578 (A) the child's age;
- 579 (B) the child's gender;
- 580 (C) the child's development;
- 581 (D) the nature and seriousness of the disqualifying offense;
- 582 (E) the preferences of a child 12 years old or older;
- 583 (F) any available assessments, including custody evaluations, parenting assessments,
584 psychological or mental health assessments, and bonding assessments; and
- 585 (G) any other relevant information;

586 (vi) the individual can provide evidence of the following:
587 (A) the relationship with the child is of long duration;
588 (B) that an emotional bond exists with the child; and
589 (C) that custody by the individual who has committed the disqualifying offense ensures
590 the best interests of the child are met;

591 (vii) (A) there is no other responsible relative known to the court who has or likely
592 could develop an emotional bond with the child and does not have a disqualifying offense; or

593 (B) if there is a responsible relative known to the court that does not have a
594 disqualifying offense, Subsection (11)(d) applies; and

595 (viii) that the continuation of the relationship between the individual with the
596 disqualifying offense and the child could not be sufficiently maintained through any type of
597 visitation if custody were given to the relative with no disqualifying offense described in
598 Subsection (11)(d).

599 (c) The individual with the disqualifying offense bears the burden of proof regarding
600 why placement with that individual is in the best interest of the child over another responsible
601 relative or equally situated individual who does not have a disqualifying offense.

602 (d) If, as provided in Subsection (11)(b)(vii)(B), there is a responsible relative known
603 to the court who does not have a disqualifying offense:

604 (i) preference for custody is given to a relative who does not have a disqualifying
605 offense; and

606 (ii) before the court may place custody with the individual who has the disqualifying
607 offense over another responsible, willing, and able relative:

608 (A) an impartial custody evaluation shall be completed; and

609 (B) a guardian ad litem shall be assigned.

610 (12) Subsections (10) and (11) apply to a case pending on March 25, 2017, for which a
611 final decision on custody has not been made and to a case filed on or after March 25, 2017.

612 Section 8. Section **32B-4-409** is amended to read:

613 **32B-4-409. Unlawful purchase, possession, consumption by minor -- Measurable**
614 **amounts in body.**

615 (1) Unless specifically authorized by this title, it is unlawful for a minor to:

616 (a) purchase an alcoholic product;

- 617 (b) attempt to purchase an alcoholic product;
- 618 (c) solicit another person to purchase an alcoholic product;
- 619 (d) possess an alcoholic product;
- 620 (e) consume an alcoholic product; or
- 621 (f) have measurable blood, breath, or urine alcohol concentration in the minor's body.
- 622 (2) It is unlawful for the purpose of purchasing or otherwise obtaining an alcoholic
- 623 product for a minor for:
- 624 (a) a minor to misrepresent the minor's age; or
- 625 (b) any other person to misrepresent the age of a minor.
- 626 (3) It is unlawful for a minor to possess or consume an alcoholic product while riding
- 627 in a limousine or chartered bus.
- 628 (4) (a) If a minor is found by a court to have violated this section and the violation is
- 629 the minor's first violation of this section, the court may:
- 630 (i) order the minor to complete a screening as defined in Section 41-6a-501;
- 631 (ii) order the minor to complete an assessment as defined in Section 41-6a-501 if the
- 632 screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and
- 633 (iii) order the minor to complete an educational series as defined in Section 41-6a-501
- 634 or substance use disorder treatment as indicated by an assessment.
- 635 (b) If a minor is found by a court to have violated this section and the violation is the
- 636 minor's second or subsequent violation of this section, the court shall:
- 637 (i) order the minor to complete a screening as defined in Section 41-6a-501;
- 638 (ii) order the minor to complete an assessment as defined in Section 41-6a-501 if the
- 639 screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and
- 640 (iii) order the minor to complete an educational series as defined in Section 41-6a-501
- 641 or substance use disorder treatment as indicated by an assessment.
- 642 (5) (a) When a minor who is at least 18 years old, but younger than 21 years old, is
- 643 found by a court to have violated this section, except as provided in Section 32B-4-411, the
- 644 court hearing the case shall suspend the minor's driving privileges under Section 53-3-219.
- 645 (b) Notwithstanding the provision in Subsection (5)(a), the court may reduce the
- 646 suspension period required under Section 53-3-219 if:
- 647 (i) the violation is the minor's first violation of this section; and

648 (ii) (A) the minor completes an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#); or
649 (B) the minor demonstrates substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment.

650 (c) Notwithstanding the requirement in Subsection (5)(a) and in accordance with the
651 requirements of Section [53-3-219](#), the court may reduce the suspension period required under
652 Section [53-3-219](#) if:

653 (i) the violation is the minor's second or subsequent violation of this section;

654 (ii) the minor has completed an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#) or
655 demonstrated substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment; and

656 (iii) (A) the person is 18 years [~~of age~~] old or older and provides a sworn statement to
657 the court that the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at least a one-year
658 consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection (5)(a); or

659 (B) the person is under 18 years [~~of age~~] old and has the person's parent or legal
660 guardian provide an affidavit or sworn statement to the court certifying that to the parent or
661 legal guardian's knowledge the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at
662 least a one-year consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection
663 (5)(a).

664 (6) When a minor who is younger than 18 years old is found by the court to have
665 violated this section, Section [~~78A-6-606~~] [80-6-707](#) applies to the violation.

666 (7) Notwithstanding Subsections (5)(a) and (b), if a minor is adjudicated under Section
667 [~~78A-6-117~~] [80-6-701](#), the court may only order substance use disorder treatment or an
668 educational series if the minor has an assessed need for the intervention on the basis of the
669 results of a validated assessment.

670 (8) When a court issues an order suspending a person's driving privileges for a
671 violation of this section, the Driver License Division shall suspend the person's license under
672 Section [53-3-219](#).

673 (9) When the Department of Public Safety receives the arrest or conviction record of a
674 person for a driving offense committed while the person's license is suspended pursuant to this
675 section, the Department of Public Safety shall extend the suspension for an additional like
676 period of time.

677 (10) This section does not apply to a minor's consumption of an alcoholic product in
678 accordance with this title:

- 679 (a) for medicinal purposes if:
- 680 (i) the minor is at least 18 years old; or
- 681 (ii) the alcoholic product is furnished by:
- 682 (A) the parent or guardian of the minor; or
- 683 (B) the minor's health care practitioner, if the health care practitioner is authorized by
- 684 law to write a prescription; or
- 685 (b) as part of a religious organization's religious services.

686 Section 9. Section **32B-4-410** is amended to read:

687 **32B-4-410. Unlawful admittance or attempt to gain admittance by minor.**

688 (1) It is unlawful for a minor to gain admittance or attempt to gain admittance to the

689 premises of:

- 690 (a) a tavern; or
- 691 (b) a bar licensee, except to the extent authorized by Section [32B-6-406.1](#).
- 692 (2) A minor who violates this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.
- 693 (3) (a) If a minor is found by a court to have violated this section and the violation is
- 694 the minor's first violation of this section, the court may:
- 695 (i) order the minor to complete a screening as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#);
- 696 (ii) order the minor to complete an assessment as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#) if the
- 697 screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and
- 698 (iii) order the minor to complete an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#)
- 699 or substance use disorder treatment as indicated by an assessment.
- 700 (b) If a minor is found by a court to have violated this section and the violation is the
- 701 minor's second or subsequent violation of this section, the court shall:
- 702 (i) order the minor to complete a screening as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#);
- 703 (ii) order the minor to complete an assessment as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#) if the
- 704 screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and
- 705 (iii) order the minor to complete an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#)
- 706 or substance use disorder treatment as indicated by an assessment.
- 707 (4) (a) When a minor who is at least 18 years old, but younger than 21 years old, is
- 708 found by a court to have violated this section, except as provided in Section [32B-4-411](#), the
- 709 court hearing the case shall suspend the minor's driving privileges under Section [53-3-219](#).

710 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), the court may reduce the suspension period
711 required under Section 53-3-219 if:

- 712 (i) the violation is the minor's first violation of this section; and
- 713 (ii) (A) the minor completes an educational series as defined in Section 41-6a-501; or
- 714 (B) the minor demonstrates substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment.

715 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a) and in accordance with Section 53-3-219, the
716 court may reduce the suspension period required under Section 53-3-219 if:

- 717 (i) the violation is the minor's second or subsequent violation of this section;
- 718 (ii) the minor has completed an educational series as defined in Section 41-6a-501 or
- 719 demonstrated substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment; and

720 (iii) (A) the person is 18 years [~~of age~~] old or older and provides a sworn statement to
721 the court that the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at least a one-year
722 consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection (4)(a); or

723 (B) the person is under 18 years [~~of age~~] old and has the person's parent or legal
724 guardian provide an affidavit or sworn statement to the court certifying that to the parent or
725 legal guardian's knowledge the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at
726 least a one-year consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection
727 (4)(a).

728 (5) When a minor who is younger than 18 years old is found by a court to have violated
729 this section, Section [~~78A-6-606~~] 80-6-707 applies to the violation.

730 (6) Notwithstanding Subsections (3)(a) and (b), if a minor is adjudicated under Section
731 [~~78A-6-117~~] 80-6-701, the court may only order substance use disorder treatment or an
732 educational series if the minor has an assessed need for the intervention on the basis of the
733 results of a validated assessment.

734 (7) When a court issues an order suspending a person's driving privileges for a
735 violation of this section, the Driver License Division shall suspend the person's license under
736 Section 53-3-219.

737 (8) When the Department of Public Safety receives the arrest or conviction record of a
738 person for a driving offense committed while the person's license is suspended pursuant to this
739 section, the Department of Public Safety shall extend the suspension for an additional like
740 period of time.

- 741 Section 10. Section **32B-4-411** is amended to read:
- 742 **32B-4-411. Minor's unlawful use of proof of age.**
- 743 (1) As used in this section, "proof of age violation" means a violation by a minor of:
- 744 (a) Chapter 1, Part 4, Proof of Age Act; or
- 745 (b) if as part of the violation the minor uses a proof of age in violation of Chapter 1,
- 746 Part 4, Proof of Age Act:
- 747 (i) Section [32B-4-409](#); or
- 748 (ii) Section [32B-4-410](#).
- 749 (2) If a court finds a minor engaged in a proof of age violation, notwithstanding the
- 750 penalties provided for in Subsection (1):
- 751 (a) (i) for a first violation, the minor is guilty of a class B misdemeanor;
- 752 (ii) for a second violation, the minor is guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and
- 753 (iii) for a third or subsequent violation, the minor is guilty of a class A misdemeanor,
- 754 except that the court may impose:
- 755 (A) a fine of up to \$5,000;
- 756 (B) screening, assessment, or substance use disorder treatment, as defined in Section
- 757 [41-6a-501](#);
- 758 (C) an educational series, as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#);
- 759 (D) alcoholic product related community service or compensatory service work
- 760 program hours;
- 761 (E) fees for restitution and treatment costs;
- 762 (F) defensive driver education courses; or
- 763 (G) a combination of these penalties;~~and~~
- 764 (b) (i) for a minor who is younger than 18 years old:
- 765 (A) the court may forward to the Driver License Division a record of an adjudication
- 766 under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] [Section 80-6-701](#), for a violation under this
- 767 section; and
- 768 (B) the provisions regarding suspension of a driver license under Section [~~78A-6-606~~]
- 769 [80-6-707](#) apply; and
- 770 (ii) for a minor who is at least 18 years old, but younger than 21 years old:
- 771 (A) the court shall forward to the Driver License Division a record of conviction for a

772 violation under this section; and

773 (B) the Driver License Division shall suspend the person's license under Section
774 [53-3-220](#)~~[-]~~; and

775 (c) [~~Notwithstanding~~] notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), if a minor is adjudicated
776 under Section [~~78A-6-117~~] [80-6-701](#), the court may order:

777 (i) substance use disorder treatment or an educational series only if the minor has an
778 assessed need for the intervention based on the results of a validated assessment; and

779 (ii) a fine, fee, service hours, or costs in accordance with Section [~~78A-6-117~~]
780 [80-6-709](#).

781 (3) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(b), the court may reduce the suspension period
782 under Subsection [53-3-220](#)(1)(e) or [~~78A-6-606(4)(d)~~] [80-6-707](#)(4)(a)(ii)(A) if:

783 (i) the violation is the minor's first violation of this section; and

784 (ii) (A) the minor completes an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#); or

785 (B) the minor demonstrates substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment.

786 (b) Notwithstanding the requirement in Subsection (2)(b), the court may reduce the
787 suspension period under Subsection [53-3-220](#)(1)(e) or [~~78A-6-606(4)(d)~~] [80-6-707](#)(4)(a)(ii)(B)
788 if:

789 (i) the violation is the minor's second or subsequent violation of this section;

790 (ii) the person has completed an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#) or
791 demonstrated substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment; and

792 (iii) (A) the person is 18 years [~~of age~~] old or older and provides a sworn statement to
793 the court that the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at least a one-year
794 consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection [53-3-220](#)(1)(e) or
795 [~~78A-6-606(4)(d)~~] [80-6-707](#)(4)(b)(iii)(A); or

796 (B) the minor is under 18 years [~~of age~~] old and has the minor's parent or legal
797 guardian provide an affidavit or sworn statement to the court certifying that to the parent or
798 legal guardian's knowledge the minor has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at least
799 a one-year consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection
800 [53-3-220](#)(1)(e) or [~~78A-6-606(4)(d)~~] [80-6-707](#)(4)(b)(iii)(B).

801 (4) When the Department of Public Safety receives the arrest or conviction record of an
802 individual for a driving offense committed while the individual's license is suspended pursuant

803 to this section, the Department of Public Safety shall extend the suspension for an additional
804 like period of time.

805 (5) A court may not fail to enter a judgment of conviction under this section under a
806 plea in abeyance agreement.

807 Section 11. Section **51-9-401** is amended to read:

808 **51-9-401. Surcharge -- Application.**

809 (1) (a) A surcharge shall be paid on all criminal fines, penalties, and forfeitures
810 imposed by the courts.

811 (b) The surcharge shall be:

812 (i) 90% upon conviction of a:

813 (A) felony;

814 (B) class A misdemeanor;

815 (C) violation of Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless
816 Driving; or

817 (D) class B misdemeanor not classified within Title 41, Motor Vehicles, including
818 violation of comparable county or municipal ordinances; or

819 (ii) 35% upon conviction of any other offense, including violation of county or
820 municipal ordinances not subject to the 90% surcharge.

821 (c) The Division of Finance shall deposit into the General Fund an amount equal to the
822 amount that the state retains under Section [~~51-9-402~~] [80-6-304](#).

823 (2) The surcharge may not be imposed:

824 (a) upon nonmoving traffic violations;

825 (b) upon court orders when the offender is ordered to perform compensatory service
826 work in lieu of paying a fine; and

827 (c) upon penalties assessed by the juvenile court as part of the nonjudicial adjustment
828 of a case under Section [78A-6-602](#).

829 (3) (a) The surcharge and the exceptions under Subsections (1) and (2) apply to all
830 fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed on juveniles for conduct that would be criminal if
831 committed by an adult.

832 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), the surcharge does not include amounts assessed
833 or collected separately by juvenile courts for the Juvenile Restitution Account, which is

834 independent of this part and does not affect the imposition or collection of the surcharge.

835 (4) The surcharge under this section shall be imposed in addition to the fine charged
836 for a civil or criminal offense, and no reduction may be made in the fine charged due to the
837 surcharge imposition.

838 (5) Fees, assessments, and surcharges related to criminal or traffic offenses shall be
839 authorized and managed by this part rather than attached to particular offenses.

840 Section 12. Section **51-9-408** is amended to read:

841 **51-9-408. Children's Legal Defense Account.**

842 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the
843 Children's Legal Defense Account.

844 (2) The purpose of the Children's Legal Defense Account is to provide for programs
845 that protect and defend the rights, safety, and quality of life of children.

846 (3) (a) The Legislature shall appropriate money from the account for the administrative
847 and related costs of the following programs:

848 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) implementing the Mandatory Educational Course on Children's Needs for
849 Divorcing Parents relating to the effects of divorce on children as provided in Sections [30-3-4](#),
850 [30-3-10.3](#), [30-3-11.3](#), and the Mediation Program - Child Custody or Parent-time;

851 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) implementing the use of guardians ad litem ~~[as provided]~~ in accordance with
852 Sections [78A-2-703](#), [78A-2-705](#), ~~[[78A-6-902](#)]~~ [78A-2-803](#), and [78B-3-102](#);

853 (iii) the training of attorney guardians ad litem and volunteers as provided in Section
854 ~~[[78A-6-902](#)]~~; and termination of parental rights as provided in Sections ~~[78A-6-117](#) and~~
855 ~~[78A-6-118](#)~~, and Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act. This account
856 may not be used to supplant funding for the guardian ad litem program in the juvenile court as
857 provided in Section ~~[78A-6-902](#)]~~ [78A-2-803](#);

858 ~~[(c)]~~ (iv) implementing and administering the Expedited Parent-time Enforcement
859 Program as provided in Section [30-3-38](#); and

860 ~~[(d)]~~ (v) implementing and administering the Divorce Education for Children Program.

861 (b) The Children's Legal Defense Account may not be used to supplant funding for the
862 guardian ad litem program under Section [78A-2-803](#).

863 (4) The following withheld fees shall be allocated only to the Children's Legal Defense
864 Account and used only for the purposes provided in Subsections (3)(a)(i) through ~~[(d)]~~ (v):

865 (a) the additional \$10 fee withheld on every marriage license issued in the state of Utah
866 as provided in Section 17-16-21; and

867 (b) a fee of \$4 shall be withheld from the existing civil filing fee collected on any
868 complaint, affidavit, or petition in a civil, probate, or adoption matter in every court of record.

869 (5) The Division of Finance shall allocate the money described in Subsection (4) from
870 the General Fund to the Children's Legal Defense Account.

871 (6) Any funds in excess of \$200,000 remaining in the restricted account as of June 30
872 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the General Fund.

873 Section 13. Section 53-3-204 is amended to read:

874 **53-3-204. Persons who may not be licensed.**

875 (1) (a) The division may not license a person who:

876 (i) is younger than 16 years [~~of age~~] old;

877 (ii) if the person is 18 years [~~of age~~] old or younger, has not completed a course in
878 driver training approved by the commissioner;

879 (iii) if the person is 19 years [~~of age~~] old or older has not completed:

880 (A) a course in driver training approved by the commissioner; or

881 (B) the requirements under Subsection 53-3-210.5(6)(c);

882 (iv) if the person is a minor as defined in Section 53-3-211, has not completed the
883 driving requirement under Section 53-3-211;

884 (v) is not a resident of the state, unless the person:

885 (A) is issued a temporary CDL under Subsection 53-3-407(2)(b) prior to July 1, 2015;

886 or

887 (B) qualifies for a non-domiciled CDL as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 383;

888 (vi) if the person is 17 years [~~of age~~] old or younger, has not held a learner permit
889 issued under Section 53-3-210.5 or an equivalent by another state or branch of the United
890 States Armed Forces for six months; or

891 (vii) is younger than 18 years [~~of age~~] old and applying for a CDL under 49 C.F.R. Part
892 383.

893 (b) Subsections (1)(a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (vi) do not apply to a person:

894 (i) who has been licensed before July 1, 1967; or

895 (ii) who is 16 years [~~of age~~] old or older making application for a license who has been

896 licensed in another state or country.

897 (2) The division may not issue a license certificate to a person:

898 (a) whose license has been suspended, denied, cancelled, or disqualified during the
899 period of suspension, denial, cancellation, or disqualification;

900 (b) whose privilege has been revoked, except as provided in Section [53-3-225](#);

901 (c) who has previously been adjudged mentally incompetent and who has not at the
902 time of application been restored to competency as provided by law;

903 (d) who is required by this chapter to take an examination unless the person
904 successfully passes the examination;

905 (e) whose driving privileges have been denied or suspended under:

906 (i) Section [\[78A-6-606\]](#) [80-6-707](#) by an order of the juvenile court; or

907 (ii) Section [53-3-231](#); or

908 (f) beginning on or after July 1, 2012, who holds an unexpired Utah identification card
909 issued under Part 8, Identification Card Act, unless:

910 (i) the Utah identification card is canceled; and

911 (ii) if the Utah identification card is in the person's possession, the Utah identification
912 card is surrendered to the division.

913 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), the division may not grant a motorcycle
914 endorsement to a person who:

915 (i) has not been granted an original or provisional class D license, a CDL, or an
916 out-of-state equivalent to an original or provisional class D license or a CDL; and

917 (ii) if the person is under 19 years ~~[of age]~~ old, has not held a motorcycle learner
918 permit for two months unless Subsection (3)(b) applies.

919 (b) The division may waive the two month motorcycle learner permit holding period
920 requirement under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) if the person proves to the satisfaction of the division
921 that the person has completed a motorcycle rider education program that meets the
922 requirements under Section [53-3-903](#).

923 (c) The division may grant a motorcycle endorsement to a person under 19 years ~~[of~~
924 ~~age]~~ old who has not held a motorcycle learner permit for two months if the person was issued
925 a motorcycle endorsement prior to July 1, 2008.

926 (4) The division may grant a class D license to a person whose commercial license is

927 disqualified under Part 4, Uniform Commercial Driver License Act, if the person is not
928 otherwise sanctioned under this chapter.

929 Section 14. Section **53-3-219** is amended to read:

930 **53-3-219. Suspension of minor's driving privileges.**

931 (1) The division shall immediately suspend all driving privileges of any person upon
932 receipt of an order suspending driving privileges under Section [32B-4-409](#), Section [32B-4-410](#),
933 Subsection [76-9-701\(1\)](#), or Section [~~78A-6-606~~] [80-6-707](#).

934 (2) (a) (i) Upon receipt of the first order suspending a person's driving privileges under
935 Section [32B-4-409](#), Section [32B-4-410](#), Subsection [76-9-701\(1\)](#), or Section [~~78A-6-606~~]
936 [80-6-707](#), the division shall:

937 (A) impose a suspension for a period of one year;

938 (B) if the person has not been issued an operator license, deny the person's application
939 for a license or learner's permit for a period of one year; or

940 (C) if the person is under the age of eligibility for a driver license, deny the person's
941 application for a license or learner's permit beginning on the date of conviction and continuing
942 for one year beginning on the date of eligibility for a driver license.

943 (ii) Upon receipt of the first order suspending a person's driving privileges under this
944 section, the division shall reduce the suspension period under Subsection (2)(a)(i)(A), (B), or
945 (C) if ordered by the court in accordance with Subsection [32B-4-409\(5\)\(b\)](#), [32B-4-410\(4\)\(b\)](#),
946 [76-9-701\(4\)\(b\)](#), or [~~78A-6-606(4)(b)~~] [80-6-707\(3\)\(a\)](#).

947 (b) (i) Upon receipt of a second or subsequent order suspending a person's driving
948 privileges under Section [32B-4-409](#), Section [32B-4-410](#), Subsection [76-9-701\(1\)](#), or [~~Section~~
949 ~~78A-6-606~~] [Subsection 80-4-707\(3\)\(b\)](#), the division shall:

950 (A) impose a suspension for a period of two years;

951 (B) if the person has not been issued an operator license or is under the age of
952 eligibility for a driver license, deny the person's application for a license or learner's permit for
953 a period of two years; or

954 (C) if the person is under the age of eligibility for a driver license, deny the person's
955 application for a license or learner's permit beginning on the date of conviction and continuing
956 for two years beginning on the date of eligibility for a driver license.

957 (ii) Upon receipt of the second or subsequent order suspending a person's driving

958 privileges under Section 32B-4-409, Section 32B-4-410, Subsection 76-9-701(1), or Section
959 [~~78A-6-606~~] 80-6-707, the division shall reduce the suspension period if ordered by the court
960 in accordance with Subsection 32B-4-409(5)(c), 32B-4-410(4)(c), 76-9-701(4)(c), or
961 [~~78A-6-606(4)(c)~~] 80-6-707(3)(b).

962 (3) The Driver License Division shall subtract from any suspension or revocation
963 period for a conviction of a violation of Section 32B-4-409 the number of days for which a
964 license was previously suspended under Section 53-3-231, if the previous sanction was based
965 on the same occurrence upon which the record of conviction is based.

966 (4) After reinstatement of the license described in Subsection (1), a report authorized
967 under Section 53-3-104 may not contain evidence of the suspension of a minor's license under
968 this section if the minor has not been convicted of any other offense for which the suspension
969 under Subsection (1) may be extended.

970 Section 15. Section 53-3-220 is amended to read:

971 **53-3-220. Offenses requiring mandatory revocation, denial, suspension, or**
972 **disqualification of license -- Offense requiring an extension of period -- Hearing --**
973 **Limited driving privileges.**

974 (1) (a) The division shall immediately revoke or, when this chapter, Title 41, Chapter
975 6a, Traffic Code, or Section 76-5-303, specifically provides for denial, suspension, or
976 disqualification, the division shall deny, suspend, or disqualify the license of a person upon
977 receiving a record of the person's conviction for:

978 (i) manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from driving a motor vehicle, or
979 automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207 or 76-5-207.5;

980 (ii) driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the
981 influence of alcohol, any drug, or combination of them to a degree that renders the person
982 incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle as prohibited in Section 41-6a-502 or as prohibited
983 in an ordinance that complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6a-510(1);

984 (iii) driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood
985 or breath alcohol content as prohibited in Section 41-6a-502 or as prohibited in an ordinance
986 that complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6a-510(1);

987 (iv) perjury or the making of a false affidavit to the division under this chapter, Title
988 41, Motor Vehicles, or any other law of this state requiring the registration of motor vehicles or

989 regulating driving on highways;

990 (v) any felony under the motor vehicle laws of this state;

991 (vi) any other felony in which a motor vehicle is used to facilitate the offense;

992 (vii) failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state if a motor

993 vehicle accident results in the death or personal injury of another;

994 (viii) two charges of reckless driving, impaired driving, or any combination of reckless

995 driving and impaired driving committed within a period of 12 months; but if upon a first

996 conviction of reckless driving or impaired driving the judge or justice recommends suspension

997 of the convicted person's license, the division may after a hearing suspend the license for a

998 period of three months;

999 (ix) failure to bring a motor vehicle to a stop at the command of a law enforcement
1000 officer as required in Section [41-6a-210](#);

1001 (x) any offense specified in Part 4, Uniform Commercial Driver License Act, that
1002 requires disqualification;

1003 (xi) a felony violation of Section [76-10-508](#) or [76-10-508.1](#) involving discharging or
1004 allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle;

1005 (xii) using, allowing the use of, or causing to be used any explosive, chemical, or
1006 incendiary device from a vehicle in violation of Subsection [76-10-306\(4\)\(b\)](#);

1007 (xiii) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having any
1008 measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's body in
1009 violation of Section [41-6a-517](#);

1010 (xiv) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having any
1011 measurable or detectable amount of alcohol in the person's body in violation of Section
1012 [41-6a-530](#);

1013 (xv) engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest or exhibition of speed on a highway in
1014 violation of Section [41-6a-606](#);

1015 (xvi) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in this state
1016 without an ignition interlock system in violation of Section [41-6a-518.2](#);

1017 (xvii) custodial interference, under:

1018 (A) Subsection [76-5-303\(3\)](#), which suspension shall be for a period of 30 days, unless
1019 the court provides the division with an order of suspension for a shorter period of time;

1020 (B) Subsection 76-5-303(4), which suspension shall be for a period of 90 days, unless
1021 the court provides the division with an order of suspension for a shorter period of time; or

1022 (C) Subsection 76-5-303(5), which suspension shall be for a period of 180 days, unless
1023 the court provides the division with an order of suspension for a shorter period of time; or

1024 (xviii) refusal of a chemical test under Subsection 41-6a-520(7).

1025 (b) The division shall immediately revoke the license of a person upon receiving a
1026 record of an adjudication under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act,~~] Section 80-6-701
1027 for:

1028 (i) a felony violation of Section 76-10-508 or 76-10-508.1 involving discharging or
1029 allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle; or

1030 (ii) using, allowing the use of, or causing to be used any explosive, chemical, or
1031 incendiary device from a vehicle in violation of Subsection 76-10-306(4)(b).

1032 (c) Except when action is taken under Section 53-3-219 for the same offense, upon
1033 receiving a record of conviction, the division shall immediately suspend for six months the
1034 license of the convicted person if the person was convicted of one of the following offenses
1035 while the person was an operator of a motor vehicle:

1036 (i) any violation of:

1037 (A) Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act;

1038 (B) Title 58, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;

1039 (C) Title 58, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act;

1040 (D) Title 58, Chapter 37c, Utah Controlled Substance Precursor Act; or

1041 (E) Title 58, Chapter 37d, Clandestine Drug Lab Act; or

1042 (ii) any criminal offense that prohibits:

1043 (A) possession, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, sale, or transfer of any substance
1044 that is prohibited under the acts described in Subsection (1)(c)(i); or

1045 (B) the attempt or conspiracy to possess, distribute, manufacture, cultivate, sell, or
1046 transfer any substance that is prohibited under the acts described in Subsection (1)(c)(i).

1047 (d) (i) The division shall immediately suspend a person's driver license for conviction
1048 of the offense of theft of motor vehicle fuel under Section 76-6-404.7 if the division receives:

1049 (A) an order from the sentencing court requiring that the person's driver license be
1050 suspended; and

- 1051 (B) a record of the conviction.
- 1052 (ii) An order of suspension under this section is at the discretion of the sentencing
1053 court, and may not be for more than 90 days for each offense.
- 1054 (e) (i) The division shall immediately suspend for one year the license of a person upon
1055 receiving a record of:
- 1056 (A) conviction for the first time for a violation under Section [32B-4-411](#); or
- 1057 (B) an adjudication under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act,~~] [Section 80-6-701](#)
1058 for a violation under Section [32B-4-411](#).
- 1059 (ii) The division shall immediately suspend for a period of two years the license of a
1060 person upon receiving a record of:
- 1061 (A) (I) conviction for a second or subsequent violation under Section [32B-4-411](#); and
1062 (II) the violation described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii)(A)(I) is within 10 years of a prior
1063 conviction for a violation under Section [32B-4-411](#); or
- 1064 (B) (I) a second or subsequent adjudication under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court
1065 Act of 1996,~~] [Section 80-6-701](#) for a violation under Section [32B-4-411](#); and
1066 (II) the adjudication described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii)(B)(I) is within 10 years of a prior
1067 adjudication under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act of 1996,~~] [Section 80-6-701](#) for a
1068 violation under Section [32B-4-411](#).
- 1069 (iii) Upon receipt of a record under Subsection (1)(e)(i) or (ii), the division shall:
- 1070 (A) for a conviction or adjudication described in Subsection (1)(e)(i):
- 1071 (I) impose a suspension for one year beginning on the date of conviction; or
1072 (II) if the person is under the age of eligibility for a driver license, impose a suspension
1073 that begins on the date of conviction and continues for one year beginning on the date of
1074 eligibility for a driver license; or
- 1075 (B) for a conviction or adjudication described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii):
- 1076 (I) impose a suspension for a period of two years; or
1077 (II) if the person is under the age of eligibility for a driver license, impose a suspension
1078 that begins on the date of conviction and continues for two years beginning on the date of
1079 eligibility for a driver license.
- 1080 (iv) Upon receipt of the first order suspending a person's driving privileges under
1081 Section [32B-4-411](#), the division shall reduce the suspension period under Subsection (1)(e)(i) if

1082 ordered by the court in accordance with Subsection 32B-4-411(3)(a).

1083 (v) Upon receipt of the second or subsequent order suspending a person's driving
1084 privileges under Section 32B-4-411, the division shall reduce the suspension period under
1085 Subsection (1)(e)(ii) if ordered by the court in accordance with Subsection 32B-4-411(3)(b).

1086 (2) The division shall extend the period of the first denial, suspension, revocation, or
1087 disqualification for an additional like period, to a maximum of one year for each subsequent
1088 occurrence, upon receiving:

1089 (a) a record of the conviction of any person on a charge of driving a motor vehicle
1090 while the person's license is denied, suspended, revoked, or disqualified;

1091 (b) a record of a conviction of the person for any violation of the motor vehicle law in
1092 which the person was involved as a driver;

1093 (c) a report of an arrest of the person for any violation of the motor vehicle law in
1094 which the person was involved as a driver; or

1095 (d) a report of an accident in which the person was involved as a driver.

1096 (3) When the division receives a report under Subsection (2)(c) or (d) that a person is
1097 driving while the person's license is denied, suspended, disqualified, or revoked, the person is
1098 entitled to a hearing regarding the extension of the time of denial, suspension, disqualification,
1099 or revocation originally imposed under Section 53-3-221.

1100 (4) (a) The division may extend to a person the limited privilege of driving a motor
1101 vehicle to and from the person's place of employment or within other specified limits on
1102 recommendation of the judge in any case where a person is convicted of any of the offenses
1103 referred to in Subsections (1) and (2) except:

1104 (i) automobile homicide under Subsection (1)(a)(i);

1105 (ii) those offenses referred to in Subsections (1)(a)(ii), (iii), (xi), (xii), (xiii), (1)(b), and
1106 (1)(c); and

1107 (iii) those offenses referred to in Subsection (2) when the original denial, suspension,
1108 revocation, or disqualification was imposed because of a violation of Section 41-6a-502,
1109 41-6a-517, a local ordinance which complies with the requirements of Subsection
1110 41-6a-510(1), Section 41-6a-520, or Section 76-5-207, or a criminal prohibition that the person
1111 was charged with violating as a result of a plea bargain after having been originally charged
1112 with violating one or more of these sections or ordinances, unless:

1113 (A) the person has had the period of the first denial, suspension, revocation, or
1114 disqualification extended for a period of at least three years;

1115 (B) the division receives written verification from the person's primary care physician
1116 that:

1117 (I) to the physician's knowledge the person has not used any narcotic drug or other
1118 controlled substance except as prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner within the last
1119 three years; and

1120 (II) the physician is not aware of any physical, emotional, or mental impairment that
1121 would affect the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely; and

1122 (C) for a period of one year prior to the date of the request for a limited driving
1123 privilege:

1124 (I) the person has not been convicted of a violation of any motor vehicle law in which
1125 the person was involved as the operator of the vehicle;

1126 (II) the division has not received a report of an arrest for a violation of any motor
1127 vehicle law in which the person was involved as the operator of the vehicle; and

1128 (III) the division has not received a report of an accident in which the person was
1129 involved as an operator of a vehicle.

1130 (b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the discretionary privilege
1131 authorized in this Subsection (4):

1132 (A) is limited to when undue hardship would result from a failure to grant the
1133 privilege; and

1134 (B) may be granted only once to any person during any single period of denial,
1135 suspension, revocation, or disqualification, or extension of that denial, suspension, revocation,
1136 or disqualification.

1137 (ii) The discretionary privilege authorized in Subsection (4)(a)(iii):

1138 (A) is limited to when the limited privilege is necessary for the person to commute to
1139 school or work; and

1140 (B) may be granted only once to any person during any single period of denial,
1141 suspension, revocation, or disqualification, or extension of that denial, suspension, revocation,
1142 or disqualification.

1143 (c) A limited CDL may not be granted to a person disqualified under Part 4, Uniform

1144 Commercial Driver License Act, or whose license has been revoked, suspended, cancelled, or
1145 denied under this chapter.

1146 Section 16. Section 53-10-404 is amended to read:

1147 **53-10-404. DNA specimen analysis -- Requirement to obtain the specimen.**

1148 (1) As used in this section, "person" refers to any person as described under Section
1149 53-10-403.

1150 (2) (a) A person under Section 53-10-403 or any person required to register as a sex
1151 offender under Title 77, Chapter 41, Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry, shall provide a DNA
1152 specimen and shall reimburse the agency responsible for obtaining the DNA specimen \$150 for
1153 the cost of obtaining the DNA specimen unless:

1154 (i) the person was booked under Section 53-10-403 and is not required to reimburse the
1155 agency under Section 53-10-404.5; or

1156 (ii) the agency determines the person lacks the ability to pay.

1157 (b) (i) (A) The responsible agencies shall establish guidelines and procedures for
1158 determining if the person is able to pay the fee.

1159 (B) An agency's implementation of Subsection (2)(b)(i) meets an agency's obligation to
1160 determine an inmate's ability to pay.

1161 (ii) An agency's guidelines and procedures may provide for the assessment of \$150 on
1162 the inmate's county trust fund account and may allow a negative balance in the account until
1163 the \$150 is paid in full.

1164 (3) (a) (i) All fees collected under Subsection (2) shall be deposited in the DNA
1165 Specimen Restricted Account created in Section 53-10-407, except that the agency collecting
1166 the fee may retain not more than \$25 per individual specimen for the costs of obtaining the
1167 saliva DNA specimen.

1168 (ii) The agency collecting the \$150 fee may not retain from each separate fee more than
1169 \$25, and no amount of the \$150 fee may be credited to any other fee or agency obligation.

1170 (b) The responsible agency shall determine the method of collecting the DNA
1171 specimen. Unless the responsible agency determines there are substantial reasons for using a
1172 different method of collection or the person refuses to cooperate with the collection, the
1173 preferred method of collection shall be obtaining a saliva specimen.

1174 (c) The responsible agency may use reasonable force, as established by its guidelines

1175 and procedures, to collect the DNA sample if the person refuses to cooperate with the
1176 collection.

1177 (d) If the judgment places the person on probation, the person shall submit to the
1178 obtaining of a DNA specimen as a condition of the probation.

1179 (e) (i) Under this section a person is required to provide one DNA specimen and pay
1180 the collection fee as required under this section.

1181 (ii) The person shall provide an additional DNA specimen only if the DNA specimen
1182 previously provided is not adequate for analysis.

1183 (iii) The collection fee is not imposed for a second or subsequent DNA specimen
1184 collected under this section.

1185 (f) Any agency that is authorized to obtain a DNA specimen under this part may collect
1186 any outstanding amount of a fee due under this section from any person who owes any portion
1187 of the fee and deposit the amount in the DNA Specimen Restricted Account created in Section
1188 [53-10-407](#).

1189 (4) (a) The responsible agency shall cause a DNA specimen to be obtained as soon as
1190 possible and transferred to the Department of Public Safety:

1191 (i) after a conviction or a finding of jurisdiction by the juvenile court;

1192 (ii) on and after January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2014, after the booking of a
1193 person for any offense under Subsection [53-10-403\(1\)\(c\)](#); and

1194 (iii) on and after January 1, 2015, after the booking of a person for any felony offense,
1195 as provided under Subsection [53-10-403\(1\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#).

1196 (b) On and after May 13, 2014, through December 31, 2014, the responsible agency
1197 may cause a DNA specimen to be obtained and transferred to the Department of Public Safety
1198 after the booking of a person for any felony offense, as provided under Subsection
1199 [53-10-403\(1\)\(d\)\(i\)](#).

1200 (c) If notified by the Department of Public Safety that a DNA specimen is not adequate
1201 for analysis, the agency shall, as soon as possible:

1202 (i) obtain and transmit an additional DNA specimen; or

1203 (ii) request that another agency that has direct access to the person and that is
1204 authorized to collect DNA specimens under this section collect the necessary second DNA
1205 specimen and transmit it to the Department of Public Safety.

1206 (d) Each agency that is responsible for collecting DNA specimens under this section
1207 shall establish:

1208 (i) a tracking procedure to record the handling and transfer of each DNA specimen it
1209 obtains; and

1210 (ii) a procedure to account for the management of all fees it collects under this section.

1211 (5) (a) The Department of Corrections is the responsible agency whenever the person is
1212 committed to the custody of or is under the supervision of the Department of Corrections.

1213 (b) The juvenile court is the responsible agency regarding a minor under Subsection
1214 [53-10-403](#)(3), but if the minor has been committed to the legal custody of the Division of
1215 Juvenile Justice Services, that division is the responsible agency if a DNA specimen of the
1216 minor has not previously been obtained by the juvenile court under Section [\[78A-6-117\]](#)
1217 [80-6-608](#).

1218 (c) The sheriff operating a county jail is the responsible agency regarding the collection
1219 of DNA specimens from persons who:

1220 (i) have pled guilty to or have been convicted of an offense listed under Subsection
1221 [53-10-403](#)(2) but who have not been committed to the custody of or are not under the
1222 supervision of the Department of Corrections;

1223 (ii) are incarcerated in the county jail:

1224 (A) as a condition of probation for a felony offense; or

1225 (B) for a misdemeanor offense for which collection of a DNA specimen is required;

1226 (iii) on and after January 1, 2011, through May 12, 2014, are booked at the county jail
1227 for any offense under Subsection [53-10-403](#)(1)(c).; and

1228 (iv) are booked at the county jail:

1229 (A) by a law enforcement agency that is obtaining a DNA specimen for any felony
1230 offense on or after May 13, 2014, through December 31, 2014, under Subsection

1231 [53-10-404](#)(4)(b); or

1232 (B) on or after January 1, 2015, for any felony offense.

1233 (d) Each agency required to collect a DNA specimen under this section shall:

1234 (i) designate employees to obtain the saliva DNA specimens required under this
1235 section; and

1236 (ii) ensure that employees designated to collect the DNA specimens receive appropriate

1237 training and that the specimens are obtained in accordance with generally accepted protocol.

1238 (6) (a) As used in this Subsection (6), "department" means the Department of
1239 Corrections.

1240 (b) Priority of obtaining DNA specimens by the department is:

1241 (i) first, to obtain DNA specimens of persons who as of July 1, 2002, are in the custody
1242 of or under the supervision of the department before these persons are released from
1243 incarceration, parole, or probation, if their release date is prior to that of persons under
1244 Subsection (6)(b)(ii), but in no case later than July 1, 2004; and

1245 (ii) second, the department shall obtain DNA specimens from persons who are
1246 committed to the custody of the department or who are placed under the supervision of the
1247 department after July 1, 2002, within 120 days after the commitment, if possible, but not later
1248 than prior to release from incarceration if the person is imprisoned, or prior to the termination
1249 of probation if the person is placed on probation.

1250 (c) The priority for obtaining DNA specimens from persons under Subsection (6)(b)(ii)
1251 is:

1252 (i) first, persons on probation;

1253 (ii) second, persons on parole; and

1254 (iii) third, incarcerated persons.

1255 (d) Implementation of the schedule of priority under Subsection (6)(c) is subject to the
1256 priority of Subsection (6)(b)(i), to ensure that the Department of Corrections obtains DNA
1257 specimens from persons in the custody of or under the supervision of the Department of
1258 Corrections as of July 1, 2002, prior to their release.

1259 (7) (a) As used in this Subsection (7):

1260 (i) "Court" means the juvenile court.

1261 (ii) "Division" means the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

1262 (b) Priority of obtaining DNA specimens by the court from minors under Section
1263 53-10-403 [~~who are under the jurisdiction of the court~~] whose cases are under the jurisdiction
1264 of the court but who are not in the legal custody of the division shall be:

1265 (i) first, to obtain specimens from minors [~~who as of July 1, 2002, are within the court's~~
1266 jurisdiction, prior to termination of the court's jurisdiction over these minors] whose cases, as
1267 of July 1, 2002, are under the court's jurisdiction, before the court's jurisdiction over the minors'

1268 cases terminates; and

1269 (ii) second, to obtain specimens from minors [~~who are found to be within the court's~~
1270 ~~jurisdiction~~] whose cases are under the jurisdiction of the court after July 1, 2002, within 120
1271 days of the minor's case being found to be within the court's jurisdiction, if possible, but [~~not~~
1272 ~~no later than [prior to termination of the court's jurisdiction over the minor.]~~] before the court's
1273 jurisdiction over the minor's case terminates.

1274 (c) Priority of obtaining DNA specimens by the division from minors under Section
1275 [53-10-403](#) who are committed to the legal custody of the division shall be:

1276 (i) first, to obtain specimens from minors who as of July 1, 2002, are within the
1277 division's legal custody and who have not previously provided a DNA specimen under this
1278 section, [~~prior to~~] before termination of the division's legal custody of these minors; and

1279 (ii) second, to obtain specimens from minors who are placed in the legal custody of the
1280 division after July 1, 2002, within 120 days of the minor's being placed in the custody of the
1281 division, if possible, but [~~not later than prior to~~] no later than before the termination of the
1282 court's jurisdiction over the [~~minor~~] minor's case.

1283 (8) (a) The Department of Corrections, the juvenile court, the Division of Juvenile
1284 Justice Services, and all law enforcement agencies in the state shall by policy establish
1285 procedures for obtaining saliva DNA specimens, and shall provide training for employees
1286 designated to collect saliva DNA specimens.

1287 (b) (i) The department may designate correctional officers, including those employed
1288 by the adult probation and parole section of the department, to obtain the saliva DNA
1289 specimens required under this section.

1290 (ii) The department shall ensure that the designated employees receive appropriate
1291 training and that the specimens are obtained in accordance with accepted protocol.

1292 (c) Blood DNA specimens shall be obtained in accordance with Section [53-10-405](#).

1293 Section 17. Section **53-10-407** is amended to read:

1294 **53-10-407. DNA Specimen Restricted Account.**

1295 (1) There is created the DNA Specimen Restricted Account, which is referred to in this
1296 section as "the account."

1297 (2) The sources of money for the account are:

1298 (a) DNA collection fees paid under Section [53-10-404](#);

1299 (b) any appropriations made to the account by the Legislature; and
1300 (c) all federal money provided to the state for the purpose of funding the collection or
1301 analysis of DNA specimens collected under Section [53-10-403](#).

1302 (3) The account shall earn interest, and this interest shall be deposited in the account.

1303 (4) The Legislature may appropriate money from the account solely for the following
1304 purposes:

1305 (a) to the Department of Corrections for the costs of collecting DNA specimens as
1306 required under Section [53-10-403](#);

1307 (b) to the juvenile court for the costs of collecting DNA specimens as required under
1308 Sections [53-10-403](#) and [~~78A-6-117~~] [80-6-608](#);

1309 (c) to the Division of Juvenile Justice Services for the costs of collecting DNA
1310 specimens as required under Sections [53-10-403](#) and [~~62A-7-104~~] [80-5-201](#); and

1311 (d) to the Department of Public Safety for the costs of:

1312 (i) storing and analyzing DNA specimens in accordance with the requirements of this
1313 part;

1314 (ii) DNA testing which cannot be performed by the Utah State Crime Lab, as provided
1315 in Subsection [78B-9-301\(7\)](#); and

1316 (iii) reimbursing sheriffs for collecting the DNA specimens as provided under Sections
1317 [53-10-404](#) and [53-10-404.5](#).

1318 (5) Appropriations from the account to the Department of Corrections, the juvenile
1319 court, the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, and to the Department of Public Safety are
1320 nonlapsing.

1321 Section 18. Section **53B-8d-102** is amended to read:

1322 **53B-8d-102. Definitions.**

1323 As used in this chapter:

1324 (1) "Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services.

1325 (2) "Long-term foster care" means an individual who remains in the custody of the
1326 division, whether or not the individual resides:

1327 (a) with licensed foster parents; or

1328 (b) in independent living arrangements under the supervision of the division.

1329 (3) "State institution of higher education" means:

1330 (a) an institution designated in Section 53B-1-102; or
 1331 (b) a public institution that offers postsecondary education in consideration of the
 1332 payment of tuition or fees for the attainment of educational or vocational objectives leading to
 1333 a degree or certificate, including:

- 1334 (i) a business school;
- 1335 (ii) a technical school;
- 1336 (iii) a trade school; or
- 1337 (iv) an institution offering related apprenticeship programs.

1338 (4) "Tuition" means tuition at the rate for residents of the state.

1339 (5) "Ward of the state" means an individual:

- 1340 (a) who is:
 - 1341 (i) at least 17 years ~~[of age]~~ old; and
 - 1342 (ii) not older than 26 years ~~[of age]~~ old;
- 1343 (b) who had a permanency goal in the individual's child and family plan, as described
 1344 in Sections 62A-4a-205 and ~~[78A-6-314]~~ 80-3-409, of long-term foster care while in the
 1345 custody of the division; and

1346 (c) for whom the custody of the division was not terminated as a result of adoption.
 1347 Section 19. Section 53E-3-513 is amended to read:

1348 **53E-3-513. Parental permission required for specified in-home programs --**
 1349 **Exceptions.**

1350 (1) The state board, local school boards, school districts, and public schools are
 1351 prohibited from requiring infant or preschool in-home literacy or other educational or parenting
 1352 programs without obtaining parental permission in each individual case.

1353 (2) This section does not prohibit the Division of Child and Family Services, within the
 1354 Department of Human Services, from providing or arranging for family preservation or other
 1355 statutorily provided services in accordance with Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family
 1356 Services, or any other in-home services that have been court ordered, ~~[pursuant to]~~ in
 1357 accordance with Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family Services, or ~~[Title 78A, Chapter 6,~~
 1358 ~~Juvenile Court Act]~~ Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, or
 1359 Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights.

1360 Section 20. Section 53E-9-305 is amended to read:

1361 **53E-9-305. Collecting student data -- Prohibition -- Student data collection notice**

1362 -- **Written consent.**

1363 (1) An education entity may not collect a student's:

1364 (a) social security number; or

1365 (b) except as required in Section ~~[78A-6-112]~~ [80-6-103](#), criminal record.

1366 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), an education entity that collects student data
1367 shall, in accordance with this section, prepare and distribute to parents and students a student
1368 data collection notice statement that:

1369 (a) is a prominent, stand-alone document;

1370 (b) is annually updated and published on the education entity's website;

1371 (c) states the student data that the education entity collects;

1372 (d) states that the education entity will not collect the student data described in

1373 Subsection (1);

1374 (e) states the student data described in Section [53E-9-308](#) that the education entity may
1375 not share without written consent;

1376 (f) includes the following statement:

1377 "The collection, use, and sharing of student data has both benefits and risks. Parents
1378 and students should learn about these benefits and risks and make choices regarding student
1379 data accordingly.";

1380 (g) describes in general terms how the education entity stores and protects student data;

1381 and

1382 (h) states a student's rights under this part.

1383 (3) The state board may publicly post the state board's collection notice described in
1384 Subsection (2).

1385 (4) An education entity may collect the necessary student data of a student if the
1386 education entity provides a student data collection notice to:

1387 (a) the student, if the student is an adult student; or

1388 (b) the student's parent, if the student is not an adult student.

1389 (5) An education entity may collect optional student data if the education entity:

1390 (a) provides, to an individual described in Subsection (4), a student data collection
1391 notice that includes a description of:

- 1392 (i) the optional student data to be collected; and
- 1393 (ii) how the education entity will use the optional student data; and
- 1394 (b) obtains written consent to collect the optional student data from an individual
- 1395 described in Subsection (4).
- 1396 (6) An education entity may collect a student's biometric identifier or biometric
- 1397 information if the education entity:
 - 1398 (a) provides, to an individual described in Subsection (4), a biometric information
 - 1399 collection notice that is separate from a student data collection notice, which states:
 - 1400 (i) the biometric identifier or biometric information to be collected;
 - 1401 (ii) the purpose of collecting the biometric identifier or biometric information; and
 - 1402 (iii) how the education entity will use and store the biometric identifier or biometric
 - 1403 information; and
 - 1404 (b) obtains written consent to collect the biometric identifier or biometric information
 - 1405 from an individual described in Subsection (4).
- 1406 (7) Except under the circumstances described in Subsection [53G-8-211\(2\)](#), an
- 1407 education entity may not refer a student to an evidence-based alternative intervention described
- 1408 in Subsection [53G-8-211\(3\)](#) without written consent.
- 1409 (8) Nothing in this section prohibits an education entity from including additional
- 1410 information related to student and parent privacy in the notice described in Subsection (2).
- 1411 Section 21. Section [53G-4-402](#) is amended to read:
 - 1412 **53G-4-402. Powers and duties generally.**
 - 1413 (1) A local school board shall:
 - 1414 (a) implement the core standards for Utah public schools using instructional materials
 - 1415 that best correlate to the core standards for Utah public schools and graduation requirements;
 - 1416 (b) administer tests, required by the state board, which measure the progress of each
 - 1417 student, and coordinate with the state superintendent and state board to assess results and create
 - 1418 plans to improve the student's progress, which shall be submitted to the state board for
 - 1419 approval;
 - 1420 (c) use progress-based assessments as part of a plan to identify schools, teachers, and
 - 1421 students that need remediation and determine the type and amount of federal, state, and local
 - 1422 resources to implement remediation;

- 1423 (d) develop early warning systems for students or classes failing to make progress;
- 1424 (e) work with the state board to establish a library of documented best practices,
1425 consistent with state and federal regulations, for use by the local districts;
- 1426 (f) implement training programs for school administrators, including basic
1427 management training, best practices in instructional methods, budget training, staff
1428 management, managing for learning results and continuous improvement, and how to help
1429 every child achieve optimal learning in basic academic subjects; and
- 1430 (g) ensure that the local school board meets the data collection and reporting standards
1431 described in Section [53E-3-501](#).
- 1432 (2) Local school boards shall spend Minimum School Program funds for programs and
1433 activities for which the state board has established minimum standards or rules under Section
1434 [53E-3-501](#).
- 1435 (3) (a) A local school board may purchase, sell, and make improvements on school
1436 sites, buildings, and equipment and construct, erect, and furnish school buildings.
- 1437 (b) School sites or buildings may only be conveyed or sold on local school board
1438 resolution affirmed by at least two-thirds of the members.
- 1439 (4) (a) A local school board may participate in the joint construction or operation of a
1440 school attended by children residing within the district and children residing in other districts
1441 either within or outside the state.
- 1442 (b) Any agreement for the joint operation or construction of a school shall:
- 1443 (i) be signed by the president of the local school board of each participating district;
1444 (ii) include a mutually agreed upon pro rata cost; and
1445 (iii) be filed with the state board.
- 1446 (5) A local school board may establish, locate, and maintain elementary, secondary,
1447 and applied technology schools.
- 1448 (6) Except as provided in Section [53E-3-905](#), a local school board may enroll children
1449 in school who are at least five years ~~[of age]~~ old before September 2 of the year in which
1450 admission is sought.
- 1451 (7) A local school board may establish and support school libraries.
- 1452 (8) A local school board may collect damages for the loss, injury, or destruction of
1453 school property.

1454 (9) A local school board may authorize guidance and counseling services for children
1455 and their parents before, during, or following enrollment of the children in schools.

1456 (10) (a) A local school board shall administer and implement federal educational
1457 programs in accordance with Title 53E, Chapter 3, Part 8, Implementing Federal or National
1458 Education Programs.

1459 (b) Federal funds are not considered funds within the school district budget under
1460 Chapter 7, Part 3, Budgets.

1461 (11) (a) A local school board may organize school safety patrols and adopt policies
1462 under which the patrols promote student safety.

1463 (b) A student appointed to a safety patrol shall be at least 10 years old and have written
1464 parental consent for the appointment.

1465 (c) Safety patrol members may not direct vehicular traffic or be stationed in a portion
1466 of a highway intended for vehicular traffic use.

1467 (d) Liability may not attach to a school district, its employees, officers, or agents or to a
1468 safety patrol member, a parent of a safety patrol member, or an authorized volunteer assisting
1469 the program by virtue of the organization, maintenance, or operation of a school safety patrol.

1470 (12) (a) A local school board may on its own behalf, or on behalf of an educational
1471 institution for which the local school board is the direct governing body, accept private grants,
1472 loans, gifts, endowments, devises, or bequests that are made for educational purposes.

1473 (b) These contributions are not subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

1474 (13) (a) A local school board may appoint and fix the compensation of a compliance
1475 officer to issue citations for violations of Subsection [76-10-105\(2\)\(b\)](#).

1476 (b) A person may not be appointed to serve as a compliance officer without the
1477 person's consent.

1478 (c) A teacher or student may not be appointed as a compliance officer.

1479 (14) A local school board shall adopt bylaws and policies for the local school board's
1480 own procedures.

1481 (15) (a) A local school board shall make and enforce policies necessary for the control
1482 and management of the district schools.

1483 (b) Local school board policies shall be in writing, filed, and referenced for public
1484 access.

1485 (16) A local school board may hold school on legal holidays other than Sundays.

1486 (17) (a) A local school board shall establish for each school year a school traffic safety
1487 committee to implement this Subsection (17).

1488 (b) The committee shall be composed of one representative of:

1489 (i) the schools within the district;

1490 (ii) the Parent Teachers' Association of the schools within the district;

1491 (iii) the municipality or county;

1492 (iv) state or local law enforcement; and

1493 (v) state or local traffic safety engineering.

1494 (c) The committee shall:

1495 (i) receive suggestions from school community councils, parents, teachers, and others
1496 and recommend school traffic safety improvements, boundary changes to enhance safety, and
1497 school traffic safety program measures;

1498 (ii) review and submit annually to the Department of Transportation and affected
1499 municipalities and counties a child access routing plan for each elementary, middle, and junior
1500 high school within the district;

1501 (iii) consult the Utah Safety Council and the Division of Family Health Services and
1502 provide training to all school children in kindergarten through grade 6, within the district, on
1503 school crossing safety and use; and

1504 (iv) help ensure the district's compliance with rules made by the Department of
1505 Transportation under Section [41-6a-303](#).

1506 (d) The committee may establish subcommittees as needed to assist in accomplishing
1507 its duties under Subsection (17)(c).

1508 (18) (a) A local school board shall adopt and implement a comprehensive emergency
1509 response plan to prevent and combat violence in the local school board's public schools, on
1510 school grounds, on its school vehicles, and in connection with school-related activities or
1511 events.

1512 (b) The plan shall:

1513 (i) include prevention, intervention, and response components;

1514 (ii) be consistent with the student conduct and discipline policies required for school
1515 districts under Chapter 11, Part 2, Miscellaneous Requirements;

1516 (iii) require professional learning for all district and school building staff on what their
1517 roles are in the emergency response plan;

1518 (iv) provide for coordination with local law enforcement and other public safety
1519 representatives in preventing, intervening, and responding to violence in the areas and activities
1520 referred to in Subsection (18)(a); and

1521 (v) include procedures to notify a student, to the extent practicable, who is off campus
1522 at the time of a school violence emergency because the student is:

1523 (A) participating in a school-related activity; or

1524 (B) excused from school for a period of time during the regular school day to
1525 participate in religious instruction at the request of the student's parent.

1526 (c) The state board, through the state superintendent, shall develop comprehensive
1527 emergency response plan models that local school boards may use, where appropriate, to
1528 comply with Subsection (18)(a).

1529 (d) A local school board shall, by July 1 of each year, certify to the state board that its
1530 plan has been practiced at the school level and presented to and reviewed by its teachers,
1531 administrators, students, and their parents and local law enforcement and public safety
1532 representatives.

1533 (19) (a) A local school board may adopt an emergency response plan for the treatment
1534 of sports-related injuries that occur during school sports practices and events.

1535 (b) The plan may be implemented by each secondary school in the district that has a
1536 sports program for students.

1537 (c) The plan may:

1538 (i) include emergency personnel, emergency communication, and emergency
1539 equipment components;

1540 (ii) require professional learning on the emergency response plan for school personnel
1541 who are involved in sports programs in the district's secondary schools; and

1542 (iii) provide for coordination with individuals and agency representatives who:

1543 (A) are not employees of the school district; and

1544 (B) would be involved in providing emergency services to students injured while
1545 participating in sports events.

1546 (d) The local school board, in collaboration with the schools referred to in Subsection

1547 (19)(b), may review the plan each year and make revisions when required to improve or
1548 enhance the plan.

1549 (e) The state board, through the state superintendent, shall provide local school boards
1550 with an emergency plan response model that local school boards may use to comply with the
1551 requirements of this Subsection (19).

1552 (20) A local school board shall do all other things necessary for the maintenance,
1553 prosperity, and success of the schools and the promotion of education.

1554 (21) (a) Before closing a school or changing the boundaries of a school, a local school
1555 board shall:

1556 (i) at least 120 days before approving the school closure or school boundary change,
1557 provide notice to the following that the local school board is considering the closure or
1558 boundary change:

1559 (A) parents of students enrolled in the school, using the same form of communication
1560 the local school board regularly uses to communicate with parents;

1561 (B) parents of students enrolled in other schools within the school district that may be
1562 affected by the closure or boundary change, using the same form of communication the local
1563 school board regularly uses to communicate with parents; and

1564 (C) the governing council and the mayor of the municipality in which the school is
1565 located;

1566 (ii) provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed school closure or
1567 school boundary change during at least two public local school board meetings; and

1568 (iii) hold a public hearing as defined in Section 10-9a-103 and provide public notice of
1569 the public hearing as described in Subsection (21)(b).

1570 (b) The notice of a public hearing required under Subsection (21)(a)(iii) shall:

1571 (i) indicate the:

1572 (A) school or schools under consideration for closure or boundary change; and

1573 (B) the date, time, and location of the public hearing;

1574 (ii) at least 10 days before the public hearing, be:

1575 (A) published:

1576 (I) in a newspaper of general circulation in the area; and

1577 (II) on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63F-1-701; and

1578 (B) posted in at least three public locations within the municipality in which the school
1579 is located on the school district's official website, and prominently at the school; and

1580 (iii) at least 30 days before the public hearing described in Subsection (21)(a)(iii), be
1581 provided as described in Subsections (21)(a)(i)(A), (B), and (C).

1582 (22) A local school board may implement a facility energy efficiency program
1583 established under Title 11, Chapter 44, Performance Efficiency Act.

1584 (23) A local school board may establish or partner with a certified youth court
1585 [~~program, in accordance with Section 78A-6-1203;~~] in accordance with Section 80-6-902 or
1586 establish or partner with a comparable restorative justice program, in coordination with schools
1587 in that district. A school may refer a student to a youth court or a comparable restorative justice
1588 program in accordance with Section 53G-8-211.

1589 Section 22. Section 53G-6-206 is amended to read:

1590 **53G-6-206. Duties of a local school board, charter school governing board, or**
1591 **school district in resolving attendance problems -- Parental involvement -- Liability not**
1592 **imposed -- Report to state board.**

1593 (1) (a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), a local school board, charter school governing
1594 board, or school district shall make efforts to resolve the school attendance problems of each
1595 school-age child who is, or should be, enrolled in the school district.

1596 (b) A school-age child exempt from school attendance under Section 53G-6-204 or
1597 53G-6-702 is not considered to be a school-age child who is or should be enrolled in a school
1598 district or charter school under Subsection (1)(a).

1599 (2) The efforts described in Subsection (1) shall include, as reasonably feasible:

1600 (a) counseling of the school-age child by school authorities;

1601 (b) (i) issuing a notice of truancy to the school-age child in accordance with Section
1602 53G-6-203; or

1603 (ii) issuing a notice of compulsory education violation to the school-age child's parent
1604 in accordance with Section 53G-6-202;

1605 (c) making any necessary adjustment to the curriculum and schedule to meet special
1606 needs of the school-age child;

1607 (d) considering alternatives proposed by the school-age child's parent;

1608 (e) monitoring school attendance of the school-age child;

1609 (f) voluntary participation in truancy mediation, if available; and

1610 (g) providing the school-age child's parent, upon request, with a list of resources

1611 available to assist the parent in resolving the school-age child's attendance problems.

1612 (3) In addition to the efforts described in Subsection (2), the local school board, charter

1613 school governing board, or school district may enlist the assistance of community and law

1614 enforcement agencies as appropriate and reasonably feasible in accordance with Section

1615 [53G-8-211](#).

1616 (4) This section does not impose civil liability on boards of education, local school

1617 boards, charter school governing boards, school districts, or their employees.

1618 (5) Proceedings initiated under this part do not obligate or preclude action by the

1619 Division of Child and Family Services under Section [~~78A-6-319~~] [53G-6-210](#).

1620 (6) Each LEA shall annually report the following data separately to the state board:

1621 (a) absences with a valid excuse; and

1622 (b) absences without a valid excuse.

1623 Section 23. Section **53G-6-208** is amended to read:

1624 **53G-6-208. Taking custody of a person believed to be a truant minor --**

1625 **Disposition -- Reports -- Immunity from liability.**

1626 (1) A peace officer or public school administrator may take a minor into temporary
1627 custody if there is reason to believe the minor is a truant minor.

1628 (2) An individual taking a presumed truant minor into custody under Subsection (1)
1629 shall, without unnecessary delay, release the minor to:

1630 (a) the principal of the minor's school;

1631 (b) a person who has been designated by the local school board or charter school
1632 governing board to receive and return the minor to school; or

1633 (c) a truancy center established under Subsection (5).

1634 (3) If the minor refuses to return to school or go to the truancy center, the officer or
1635 administrator shall, without unnecessary delay, notify the minor's parents and release the minor
1636 to their custody.

1637 (4) If the parents cannot be reached or are unable or unwilling to accept custody and
1638 none of the options in Subsection (2) are available, the minor shall be referred to the Division
1639 of Child and Family Services.

1640 (5) (a) (i) A local school board or charter school governing board, singly or jointly with
1641 another school board, may establish or designate truancy centers within existing school
1642 buildings and staff the centers with existing teachers or staff to provide educational guidance
1643 and counseling for truant minors.

1644 (ii) Upon receipt of a truant minor, the center shall, without unnecessary delay, notify
1645 and direct the minor's parents to come to the center, pick up the minor, and return the minor to
1646 the school in which the minor is enrolled.

1647 (b) (i) If the parents cannot be reached or are unable or unwilling to comply with the
1648 request within a reasonable time, the center shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to
1649 insure the safety and well being of the minor, including, when appropriate, returning the minor
1650 to school or referring the minor to the Division of Child and Family Services.

1651 (ii) A minor taken into custody under this section may not be placed in a detention
1652 center or other secure confinement facility.

1653 (6) (a) Action taken under this section shall be reported to the appropriate school
1654 district.

1655 (b) The district shall promptly notify the minor's parents of the action taken.

1656 (7) The Utah Governmental Immunity Act applies to all actions taken under this
1657 section.

1658 (8) Nothing in this section may be construed to grant authority to a public school
1659 administrator to place a minor in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services,
1660 without complying with Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Part 2, Child Welfare Services, and [~~Title 78A,
1661 Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse,
1662 Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings.

1663 Section 24. Section **53G-8-211** is amended to read:

1664 **53G-8-211. Responses to school-based behavior.**

1665 (1) As used in this section:

1666 (a) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has:

1667 (i) had multiple randomized control studies or a meta-analysis demonstrating that the
1668 program or practice is effective for a specific population;

1669 (ii) been rated as effective by a standardized program evaluation tool; or

1670 (iii) been approved by the state board.

- 1671 (b) "Habitual truant" means a school-age child who:
- 1672 (i) is in grade 7 or above, unless the school-age child is less than 12 years old;
- 1673 (ii) is subject to the requirements of Section [53G-6-202](#); and
- 1674 (iii) (A) is truant at least 10 times during one school year; or
- 1675 (B) fails to cooperate with efforts on the part of school authorities to resolve the
- 1676 school-age child's attendance problem as required under Section [53G-6-206](#).
- 1677 (c) "Minor" means the same as that term is defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#).
- 1678 (d) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 1679 [~~78A-6-105~~] [62A-15-102](#).
- 1680 (e) "Prosecuting attorney" means the same as that term is defined in Subsections
- 1681 [~~78A-6-105(46)(b) and (c)~~] [80-1-102\(58\)\(b\) and \(c\)](#).
- 1682 (f) "Restorative justice program" means a school-based program or a program used or
- 1683 adopted by a local education agency that is designed:
- 1684 (i) to enhance school safety, reduce school suspensions, and limit referrals to law
- 1685 enforcement agencies and courts; and
- 1686 (ii) to help minors take responsibility for and repair harmful behavior that occurs in
- 1687 school.
- 1688 (g) "School administrator" means a principal of a school.
- 1689 (h) "School is in session" means a day during which the school conducts instruction for
- 1690 which student attendance is counted toward calculating average daily membership.
- 1691 (i) "School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section
- 1692 [53-13-103](#), who contracts with, is employed by, or whose law enforcement agency contracts
- 1693 with a local education agency to provide law enforcement services for the local education
- 1694 agency.
- 1695 (j) "School-age child" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-6-201](#).
- 1696 (k) (i) "School-sponsored activity" means an activity, fundraising event, club, camp,
- 1697 clinic, or other event or activity that is authorized by a specific local education agency or public
- 1698 school, according to LEA governing board policy, and satisfies at least one of the following
- 1699 conditions:
- 1700 (A) the activity is managed or supervised by a local education agency or public school,
- 1701 or local education agency or public school employee;

- 1702 (B) the activity uses the local education agency's or public school's facilities,
1703 equipment, or other school resources; or
- 1704 (C) the activity is supported or subsidized, more than inconsequentially, by public
1705 funds, including the public school's activity funds or Minimum School Program dollars.
- 1706 (ii) "School-sponsored activity" includes preparation for and involvement in a public
1707 performance, contest, athletic competition, demonstration, display, or club activity.
- 1708 (l) (i) "Status offense" means an offense that would not be an offense but for the age of
1709 the offender.
- 1710 (ii) "Status offense" does not mean an offense that by statute is a misdemeanor or
1711 felony.
- 1712 (2) This section applies to a minor enrolled in school who is alleged to have committed
1713 an offense at the school where the student is enrolled:
- 1714 (a) on school property where the student is enrolled:
- 1715 (i) when school is in session; or
1716 (ii) during a school-sponsored activity; or
1717 (b) that is truancy.
- 1718 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(e) and (5), if a minor is alleged to have
1719 committed an offense that is a class C misdemeanor, an infraction, a status offense on school
1720 property, or an offense that is truancy:
- 1721 (i) a school district or school may not refer the minor to a law enforcement officer or
1722 agency or a court; and
1723 (ii) a law enforcement officer or agency may not refer the minor to a prosecuting
1724 attorney or a court.
- 1725 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), if a minor is alleged to have committed an
1726 offense that is a class C misdemeanor, an infraction, a status offense on school property, or an
1727 offense that is truancy, a school district, school, or law enforcement officer or agency may refer
1728 the minor to evidence-based alternative interventions, including:
- 1729 (i) a mobile crisis outreach team [~~as defined in Section 78A-6-105~~];
1730 (ii) a youth services center [~~operated by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services in~~
1731 ~~accordance with Section 62A-7-104~~] as defined in Section 80-5-102;
1732 (iii) a youth court or comparable restorative justice program;

- 1733 (iv) evidence-based interventions created and developed by the school or school
1734 district; and
- 1735 (v) other evidence-based interventions that may be jointly created and developed by a
1736 local education agency, the state board, the juvenile court, local counties and municipalities,
1737 the Department of Health, or the Department of Human Services.
- 1738 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), a school resource officer may:
- 1739 (i) investigate possible criminal offenses and conduct, including conducting probable
1740 cause searches;
- 1741 (ii) consult with school administration about the conduct of a minor enrolled in a
1742 school;
- 1743 (iii) transport a minor enrolled in a school to a location if the location is permitted by
1744 law;
- 1745 (iv) take temporary custody of a minor in accordance with [~~Subsection~~] Section
1746 [~~78A-6-112~~ ⁽¹⁾] 80-6-201; or
- 1747 (v) protect the safety of students and the school community, including the use of
1748 reasonable and necessary physical force when appropriate based on the totality of the
1749 circumstances.
- 1750 (d) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, if a law enforcement officer has
1751 cause to believe a minor has committed an offense on school property when school is not in
1752 session and not during a school-sponsored activity, the law enforcement officer may refer the
1753 minor to:
- 1754 (i) a prosecuting attorney or a court; or
- 1755 (ii) evidence-based alternative interventions at the discretion of the law enforcement
1756 officer.
- 1757 (e) If a minor is alleged to have committed a traffic offense that is an infraction, a
1758 school district, a school, or a law enforcement officer or agency may refer the minor to a
1759 prosecuting attorney or a court for the traffic offense.
- 1760 (4) A school district or school shall refer a minor for prevention and early intervention
1761 youth services, as described in Section [~~62A-7-104~~] 80-5-201, by the Division of Juvenile
1762 Justice Services for a class C misdemeanor committed on school property or for being a
1763 habitual truant if the minor refuses to participate in an evidence-based alternative intervention

1764 described in Subsection (3)(b).

1765 (5) A school district or school may refer a minor to a court or a law enforcement officer
1766 or agency for an alleged class C misdemeanor committed on school property or for allegedly
1767 being a habitual truant[~~as defined in Section 53G-6-201~~]; if the minor:

1768 (a) refuses to participate in an evidence-based alternative intervention under Subsection
1769 (3)(b); and

1770 (b) fails to participate in prevention and early intervention youth services provided by
1771 the Division of Juvenile Justice Services under Subsection (4).

1772 (6) (a) If a minor is referred to a court or a law enforcement officer or agency under
1773 Subsection (5), the school shall appoint a school representative to continue to engage with the
1774 minor and the minor's family through the court process.

1775 (b) A school representative appointed under Subsection (6)(a) may not be a school
1776 resource officer.

1777 (c) A school district or school shall include the following in the school district's or
1778 school's referral to the court or the law enforcement officer or agency:

1779 (i) attendance records for the minor;

1780 (ii) a report of evidence-based alternative interventions used by the school before the
1781 referral, including outcomes;

1782 (iii) the name and contact information of the school representative assigned to actively
1783 participate in the court process with the minor and the minor's family;

1784 (iv) a report from the Division of Juvenile Justice Services that demonstrates the
1785 minor's failure to complete or participate in prevention and early intervention youth services
1786 under Subsection (4); and

1787 (v) any other information that the school district or school considers relevant.

1788 (d) A minor referred to a court under Subsection (5) may not be ordered to or placed in
1789 secure detention, including for a contempt charge or violation of a valid court order under
1790 Section [~~78A-6-1101~~] 78A-6-353, when the underlying offense is a class C misdemeanor
1791 occurring on school property or habitual truancy.

1792 (e) If a minor is referred to a court under Subsection (5), the court may use, when
1793 available, the resources of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services or the Division of
1794 Substance Abuse and Mental Health to address the minor.

1795 (7) If the alleged offense is a class B misdemeanor or a class A misdemeanor, the
1796 school administrator, the school administrator's designee, or a school resource officer may refer
1797 the minor directly to a juvenile court or to the evidence-based alternative interventions in
1798 Subsection (3)(b).

1799 Section 25. Section **53G-8-212** is amended to read:

1800 **53G-8-212. Defacing or damaging school property -- Student's liability -- Work**
1801 **program alternative.**

1802 (1) A student who willfully defaces or otherwise damages any school property may be
1803 suspended or otherwise disciplined.

1804 (2) (a) If a school's property has been lost or willfully cut, defaced, or otherwise
1805 damaged, the school may withhold the issuance of an official written grade report, diploma, or
1806 transcript of the student responsible for the damage or loss until the student or the student's
1807 parent has paid for the damages.

1808 (b) The student's parent is liable for damages as otherwise provided in Section
1809 ~~[78A-6-1113]~~ [80-6-610](#).

1810 (3) (a) If the student and the student's parent are unable to pay for the damages or if it is
1811 determined by the school in consultation with the student's parent that the student's interests
1812 would not be served if the parent were to pay for the damages, the school shall provide for a
1813 program of work the student may complete in lieu of the payment.

1814 (b) The school shall release the official grades, diploma, and transcripts of the student
1815 upon completion of the work.

1816 (4) Before any penalties are assessed under this section, the school shall adopt
1817 procedures to ensure that the student's right to due process is protected.

1818 (5) No penalty may be assessed for damages which may be reasonably attributed to
1819 normal wear and tear.

1820 (6) If the Department of Human Services or a licensed child-placing agency has been
1821 granted custody of the student, the student's records, if requested by the department or agency,
1822 may not be withheld from the department or agency for nonpayment of damages under this
1823 section.

1824 Section 26. Section **53G-8-402** is amended to read:

1825 **53G-8-402. Notification by juvenile court and law enforcement agencies.**

1826 (1) Notifications received from the juvenile court or law enforcement agencies by the
1827 school district [~~pursuant to Subsections 78A-6-112(3)(b) and 78A-6-117(1)(c)~~] under Section
1828 80-6-103 are governed by this part.

1829 (2) School districts may enter into agreements with law enforcement agencies for
1830 notification under Subsection (1).

1831 Section 27. Section **53G-8-405** is amended to read:

1832 **53G-8-405. Liability for release of information.**

1833 (1) The district superintendent, principal, and any staff member notified by the
1834 principal may not be held liable for information which may become public knowledge unless it
1835 can be shown by clear and convincing evidence that the information became public knowledge
1836 through an intentional act of the superintendent, principal, or a staff member.

1837 (2) A person receiving information under [~~Subsection 78A-6-112(3)(b) or~~
1838 ~~78A-6-117(1)(c), or~~] Section 53G-8-403 or 80-6-103 is immune from any liability, civil or
1839 criminal, for acting or failing to act in response to the information unless the person acts or
1840 fails to act due to malice, gross negligence, or deliberate indifference to the consequences.

1841 Section 28. Section **53G-9-209** is amended to read:

1842 **53G-9-209. Child abuse or neglect reporting requirement.**

1843 (1) As used in this section:

1844 (a) "Educational neglect" means the same as that term is defined in Section
1845 [~~78A-6-105~~] 80-1-102.

1846 (b) "School personnel" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-9-203.

1847 (2) School personnel shall comply with the child abuse and neglect reporting
1848 requirements described in Section 62A-4a-403.

1849 (3) When school personnel have reason to believe that a child may be subject to
1850 educational neglect, school personnel shall submit the report described in Subsection
1851 53G-6-202(8) to the Division of Child and Family Services.

1852 (4) When school personnel have reason to believe that a child is subject to both
1853 educational neglect and another form of neglect or abuse, school personnel may not wait to
1854 report the other form of neglect or abuse pending preparation of a report regarding educational
1855 neglect.

1856 (5) School personnel shall cooperate with the Division of Child and Family Services

1857 and share all information with the division that is relevant to the division's investigation of an
1858 allegation of abuse or neglect.

1859 Section 29. Section **53G-11-410** is amended to read:

1860 **53G-11-410. Reference check requirements for LEA applicants and volunteers.**

1861 (1) As used in this section:

1862 (a) "Child" means an individual who is younger than 18 years old.

1863 (b) "LEA applicant" means an applicant for employment by an LEA.

1864 (c) "Physical abuse" means the same as that term is defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~]

1865 [80-1-102](#).

1866 (d) "Potential volunteer" means an individual who:

1867 (i) has volunteered for but not yet fulfilled an unsupervised volunteer assignment; and

1868 (ii) during the last three years, has worked in a qualifying position.

1869 (e) "Qualifying position" means paid employment that requires the employee to

1870 directly care for, supervise, control, or have custody of a child.

1871 (f) "Sexual abuse" means the same as that term is defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~]

1872 [80-1-102](#).

1873 (g) "Student" means an individual who:

1874 (i) is enrolled in an LEA in any grade from preschool through grade 12; or

1875 (ii) receives special education services from an LEA under the Individuals with

1876 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.

1877 (h) "Unsupervised volunteer assignment" means a volunteer assignment at an LEA that

1878 allows the volunteer significant unsupervised access to a student.

1879 (2) (a) Before hiring an LEA applicant or giving an unsupervised volunteer assignment

1880 to a potential volunteer, an LEA shall:

1881 (i) require the LEA applicant or potential volunteer to sign a release authorizing the

1882 LEA applicant or potential volunteer's previous qualifying position employers to disclose

1883 information regarding any employment action taken or discipline imposed for the physical

1884 abuse or sexual abuse of a child or student by the LEA applicant or potential volunteer;

1885 (ii) for an LEA applicant, request that the LEA applicant's most recent qualifying

1886 position employer disclose information regarding any employment action taken or discipline

1887 imposed for the physical abuse or sexual abuse of a child or student by the LEA applicant;

1888 (iii) for a potential volunteer, request that the potential volunteer's most recent
1889 qualifying position employer disclose information regarding any employment action taken or
1890 discipline imposed for the physical abuse or sexual abuse of a child or student by the potential
1891 volunteer; and

1892 (iv) document the efforts taken to make a request described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) or
1893 (iii).

1894 (b) An LEA may not hire an LEA applicant who does not sign a release described in
1895 Subsection (2)(a)(i).

1896 (c) An LEA may not give an unsupervised volunteer assignment to a potential
1897 volunteer who does not sign a release described in Subsection (2)(a)(i).

1898 (d) An LEA shall request information under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) or (iii) before:

1899 (i) hiring an LEA applicant; or

1900 (ii) giving an unsupervised volunteer assignment to a potential volunteer.

1901 (e) In accordance with state and federal law, an LEA may request from an LEA
1902 applicant or potential volunteer other information the LEA determines is relevant.

1903 (3) (a) An LEA that receives a request described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) or (iii) shall
1904 respond to the request within 20 business days after the day on which the LEA received the
1905 request.

1906 (b) If an LEA or other employer in good faith discloses information that is within the
1907 scope of a request described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii) or (iii), the LEA or other employer is
1908 immune from civil and criminal liability for the disclosure.

1909 Section 30. Section **58-37-6** is amended to read:

1910 **58-37-6. License to manufacture, produce, distribute, dispense, administer, or**
1911 **conduct research -- Issuance by division -- Denial, suspension, or revocation -- Records**
1912 **required -- Prescriptions.**

1913 (1) (a) The division may adopt rules relating to the licensing and control of the
1914 manufacture, distribution, production, prescription, administration, dispensing, conducting of
1915 research with, and performing of laboratory analysis upon controlled substances within this
1916 state.

1917 (b) The division may assess reasonable fees to defray the cost of issuing original and
1918 renewal licenses under this chapter pursuant to Section [63J-1-504](#).

1919 (2) (a) (i) Every person who manufactures, produces, distributes, prescribes, dispenses,
1920 administers, conducts research with, or performs laboratory analysis upon any controlled
1921 substance in Schedules I through V within this state, or who proposes to engage in
1922 manufacturing, producing, distributing, prescribing, dispensing, administering, conducting
1923 research with, or performing laboratory analysis upon controlled substances included in
1924 Schedules I through V within this state shall obtain a license issued by the division.

1925 (ii) The division shall issue each license under this chapter in accordance with a
1926 two-year renewal cycle established by rule. The division may by rule extend or shorten a
1927 renewal period by as much as one year to stagger the renewal cycles it administers.

1928 (b) Persons licensed to manufacture, produce, distribute, prescribe, dispense,
1929 administer, conduct research with, or perform laboratory analysis upon controlled substances in
1930 Schedules I through V within this state may possess, manufacture, produce, distribute,
1931 prescribe, dispense, administer, conduct research with, or perform laboratory analysis upon
1932 those substances to the extent authorized by their license and in conformity with this chapter.

1933 (c) The following persons are not required to obtain a license and may lawfully possess
1934 controlled substances included in Schedules II through V under this section:

1935 (i) an agent or employee, except a sales representative, of any registered manufacturer,
1936 distributor, or dispenser of any controlled substance, if the agent or employee is acting in the
1937 usual course of the agent or employee's business or employment; however, nothing in this
1938 subsection shall be interpreted to permit an agent, employee, sales representative, or detail man
1939 to maintain an inventory of controlled substances separate from the location of the person's
1940 employer's registered and licensed place of business;

1941 (ii) a motor carrier or warehouseman, or an employee of a motor carrier or
1942 warehouseman, who possesses a controlled substance in the usual course of the person's
1943 business or employment; and

1944 (iii) an ultimate user, or a person who possesses any controlled substance pursuant to a
1945 lawful order of a practitioner.

1946 (d) The division may enact rules waiving the license requirement for certain
1947 manufacturers, producers, distributors, prescribers, dispensers, administrators, research
1948 practitioners, or laboratories performing analysis if waiving the license requirement is
1949 consistent with public health and safety.

1950 (e) A separate license is required at each principal place of business or professional
1951 practice where the applicant manufactures, produces, distributes, dispenses, conducts research
1952 with, or performs laboratory analysis upon controlled substances.

1953 (f) The division may enact rules providing for the inspection of a licensee or applicant's
1954 establishment, and may inspect the establishment according to those rules.

1955 (3) (a) (i) Upon proper application, the division shall license a qualified applicant to
1956 manufacture, produce, distribute, conduct research with, or perform laboratory analysis upon
1957 controlled substances included in Schedules I through V, unless it determines that issuance of a
1958 license is inconsistent with the public interest.

1959 (ii) The division may not issue a license to any person to prescribe, dispense, or
1960 administer a Schedule I controlled substance except under Subsection (3)(a)(i).

1961 (iii) In determining public interest under this Subsection (3)(a), the division shall
1962 consider whether the applicant has:

1963 (A) maintained effective controls against diversion of controlled substances and any
1964 Schedule I or II substance compounded from any controlled substance into channels other than
1965 legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels;

1966 (B) complied with applicable state and local law;

1967 (C) been convicted under federal or state laws relating to the manufacture, distribution,
1968 or dispensing of substances;

1969 (D) past experience in the manufacture of controlled dangerous substances;

1970 (E) established effective controls against diversion; and

1971 (F) complied with any other factors that the division establishes that promote the public
1972 health and safety.

1973 (b) Licenses granted under Subsection (3)(a) do not entitle a licensee to manufacture,
1974 produce, distribute, conduct research with, or perform laboratory analysis upon controlled
1975 substances in Schedule I other than those specified in the license.

1976 (c) (i) Practitioners shall be licensed to administer, dispense, or conduct research with
1977 substances in Schedules II through V if they are authorized to administer, dispense, or conduct
1978 research under the laws of this state.

1979 (ii) The division need not require a separate license for practitioners engaging in
1980 research with nonnarcotic controlled substances in Schedules II through V where the licensee is

1981 already licensed under this chapter in another capacity.

1982 (iii) With respect to research involving narcotic substances in Schedules II through V,
1983 or where the division by rule requires a separate license for research of nonnarcotic substances
1984 in Schedules II through V, a practitioner shall apply to the division prior to conducting
1985 research.

1986 (iv) Licensing for purposes of bona fide research with controlled substances by a
1987 practitioner considered qualified may be denied only on a ground specified in Subsection (4),
1988 or upon evidence that the applicant will abuse or unlawfully transfer or fail to safeguard
1989 adequately the practitioner's supply of substances against diversion from medical or scientific
1990 use.

1991 (v) Practitioners registered under federal law to conduct research in Schedule I
1992 substances may conduct research in Schedule I substances within this state upon providing the
1993 division with evidence of federal registration.

1994 (d) Compliance by manufacturers, producers, and distributors with the provisions of
1995 federal law respecting registration, excluding fees, entitles them to be licensed under this
1996 chapter.

1997 (e) The division shall initially license those persons who own or operate an
1998 establishment engaged in the manufacture, production, distribution, dispensation, or
1999 administration of controlled substances prior to April 3, 1980, and who are licensed by the
2000 state.

2001 (4) (a) Any license issued pursuant to Subsection (2) or (3) may be denied, suspended,
2002 placed on probation, or revoked by the division upon finding that the applicant or licensee has:

2003 (i) materially falsified any application filed or required pursuant to this chapter;

2004 (ii) been convicted of an offense under this chapter or any law of the United States, or
2005 any state, relating to any substance defined as a controlled substance;

2006 (iii) been convicted of a felony under any other law of the United States or any state
2007 within five years of the date of the issuance of the license;

2008 (iv) had a federal registration or license denied, suspended, or revoked by competent
2009 federal authority and is no longer authorized to manufacture, distribute, prescribe, or dispense
2010 controlled substances;

2011 (v) had the licensee's license suspended or revoked by competent authority of another

2012 state for violation of laws or regulations comparable to those of this state relating to the
2013 manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of controlled substances;

2014 (vi) violated any division rule that reflects adversely on the licensee's reliability and
2015 integrity with respect to controlled substances;

2016 (vii) refused inspection of records required to be maintained under this chapter by a
2017 person authorized to inspect them; or

2018 (viii) prescribed, dispensed, administered, or injected an anabolic steroid for the
2019 purpose of manipulating human hormonal structure so as to:

2020 (A) increase muscle mass, strength, or weight without medical necessity and without a
2021 written prescription by any practitioner in the course of the practitioner's professional practice;
2022 or

2023 (B) improve performance in any form of human exercise, sport, or game.

2024 (b) The division may limit revocation or suspension of a license to a particular
2025 controlled substance with respect to which grounds for revocation or suspension exist.

2026 (c) (i) Proceedings to deny, revoke, or suspend a license shall be conducted pursuant to
2027 this section and in accordance with the procedures set forth in Title 58, Chapter 1, Division of
2028 Occupational and Professional Licensing Act, and conducted in conjunction with the
2029 appropriate representative committee designated by the director of the department.

2030 (ii) Nothing in this Subsection (4)(c) gives the Division of Occupational and
2031 Professional Licensing exclusive authority in proceedings to deny, revoke, or suspend licenses,
2032 except where the division is designated by law to perform those functions, or, when not
2033 designated by law, is designated by the executive director of the Department of Commerce to
2034 conduct the proceedings.

2035 (d) (i) The division may suspend any license simultaneously with the institution of
2036 proceedings under this section if it finds there is an imminent danger to the public health or
2037 safety.

2038 (ii) Suspension shall continue in effect until the conclusion of proceedings, including
2039 judicial review, unless withdrawn by the division or dissolved by a court of competent
2040 jurisdiction.

2041 (e) (i) If a license is suspended or revoked under this Subsection (4), all controlled
2042 substances owned or possessed by the licensee may be placed under seal in the discretion of the

2043 division.

2044 (ii) Disposition may not be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an
2045 appeal has lapsed, or until all appeals have been concluded, unless a court, upon application,
2046 orders the sale of perishable substances and the proceeds deposited with the court.

2047 (iii) If a revocation order becomes final, all controlled substances shall be forfeited.

2048 (f) The division shall notify promptly the Drug Enforcement Administration of all
2049 orders suspending or revoking a license and all forfeitures of controlled substances.

2050 (g) If an individual's Drug Enforcement Administration registration is denied, revoked,
2051 surrendered, or suspended, the division shall immediately suspend the individual's controlled
2052 substance license, which shall only be reinstated by the division upon reinstatement of the
2053 federal registration, unless the division has taken further administrative action under
2054 Subsection (4)(a)(iv), which would be grounds for the continued denial of the controlled
2055 substance license.

2056 (5) (a) A person licensed under Subsection (2) or (3) shall maintain records and
2057 inventories in conformance with the record keeping and inventory requirements of federal and
2058 state law and any additional rules issued by the division.

2059 (b) (i) A physician, dentist, naturopathic physician, veterinarian, practitioner, or other
2060 individual who is authorized to administer or professionally use a controlled substance shall
2061 keep a record of the drugs received by the individual and a record of all drugs administered,
2062 dispensed, or professionally used by the individual otherwise than by a prescription.

2063 (ii) An individual using small quantities or solutions or other preparations of those
2064 drugs for local application has complied with this Subsection (5)(b) if the individual keeps a
2065 record of the quantity, character, and potency of those solutions or preparations purchased or
2066 prepared by the individual, and of the dates when purchased or prepared.

2067 (6) Controlled substances in Schedules I through V may be distributed only by a
2068 licensee and pursuant to an order form prepared in compliance with division rules or a lawful
2069 order under the rules and regulations of the United States.

2070 (7) (a) An individual may not write or authorize a prescription for a controlled
2071 substance unless the individual is:

2072 (i) a practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs and medicine under the laws of this state
2073 or under the laws of another state having similar standards; and

2074 (ii) licensed under this chapter or under the laws of another state having similar
2075 standards.

2076 (b) An individual other than a pharmacist licensed under the laws of this state, or the
2077 pharmacist's licensed intern, as required by Sections 58-17b-303 and 58-17b-304, may not
2078 dispense a controlled substance.

2079 (c) (i) A controlled substance may not be dispensed without the written prescription of
2080 a practitioner, if the written prescription is required by the federal Controlled Substances Act.

2081 (ii) That written prescription shall be made in accordance with Subsection (7)(a) and in
2082 conformity with Subsection (7)(d).

2083 (iii) In emergency situations, as defined by division rule, controlled substances may be
2084 dispensed upon oral prescription of a practitioner, if reduced promptly to writing on forms
2085 designated by the division and filed by the pharmacy.

2086 (iv) Prescriptions reduced to writing by a pharmacist shall be in conformity with
2087 Subsection (7)(d).

2088 (d) Except for emergency situations designated by the division, an individual may not
2089 issue, fill, compound, or dispense a prescription for a controlled substance unless the
2090 prescription is signed by the prescriber in ink or indelible pencil or is signed with an electronic
2091 signature of the prescriber as authorized by division rule, and contains the following
2092 information:

2093 (i) the name, address, and registry number of the prescriber;

2094 (ii) the name, address, and age of the person to whom or for whom the prescription is
2095 issued;

2096 (iii) the date of issuance of the prescription; and

2097 (iv) the name, quantity, and specific directions for use by the ultimate user of the
2098 controlled substance.

2099 (e) A prescription may not be written, issued, filled, or dispensed for a Schedule I
2100 controlled substance unless:

2101 (i) the individual who writes the prescription is licensed under Subsection (2); and

2102 (ii) the prescribed controlled substance is to be used in research.

2103 (f) Except when administered directly to an ultimate user by a licensed practitioner,
2104 controlled substances are subject to the restrictions of this Subsection (7)(f).

- 2105 (i) A prescription for a Schedule II substance may not be refilled.
- 2106 (ii) A Schedule II controlled substance may not be filled in a quantity to exceed a
2107 one-month's supply, as directed on the daily dosage rate of the prescriptions.
- 2108 (iii) (A) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(f)(iii)(B), a prescription for a Schedule II
2109 or Schedule III controlled substance that is an opiate and that is issued for an acute condition
2110 shall be completely or partially filled in a quantity not to exceed a seven-day supply as directed
2111 on the daily dosage rate of the prescription.
- 2112 (B) Subsection (7)(f)(iii)(A) does not apply to a prescription issued for a surgery when
2113 the practitioner determined that a quantity exceeding seven days is needed, in which case the
2114 practitioner may prescribe up to a 30-day supply, with a partial fill at the discretion of the
2115 practitioner.
- 2116 (C) Subsection (7)(f)(iii)(A) does not apply to prescriptions issued for complex or
2117 chronic conditions which are documented as being complex or chronic in the medical record.
- 2118 (D) A pharmacist is not required to verify that a prescription is in compliance with
2119 Subsection (7)(f)(iii).
- 2120 (iv) A Schedule III or IV controlled substance may be filled only within six months of
2121 issuance, and may not be refilled more than six months after the date of its original issuance or
2122 be refilled more than five times after the date of the prescription unless renewed by the
2123 practitioner.
- 2124 (v) All other controlled substances in Schedule V may be refilled as the prescriber's
2125 prescription directs, but they may not be refilled one year after the date the prescription was
2126 issued unless renewed by the practitioner.
- 2127 (vi) Any prescription for a Schedule II substance may not be dispensed if it is not
2128 presented to a pharmacist for dispensing by a pharmacist or a pharmacy intern within 30 days
2129 after the date the prescription was issued, or 30 days after the dispensing date, if that date is
2130 specified separately from the date of issue.
- 2131 (vii) A practitioner may issue more than one prescription at the same time for the same
2132 Schedule II controlled substance, but only under the following conditions:
- 2133 (A) no more than three prescriptions for the same Schedule II controlled substance may
2134 be issued at the same time;
- 2135 (B) no one prescription may exceed a 30-day supply; and

2136 (C) a second or third prescription shall include the date of issuance and the date for
2137 dispensing.

2138 (g) (i) Beginning January 1, 2022, each prescription issued for a controlled substance
2139 shall be transmitted electronically as an electronic prescription unless the prescription is:

2140 (A) for a patient residing in an assisted living facility as that term is defined in Section
2141 [26-21-2](#), a long-term care facility as that term is defined in Section [58-31b-102](#), or a
2142 correctional facility as that term is defined in Section [64-13-1](#);

2143 (B) issued by a veterinarian licensed under Title 58, Chapter 28, Veterinary Practice
2144 Act;

2145 (C) dispensed by a Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacy;

2146 (D) issued during a temporary technical or electronic failure at the practitioner's or
2147 pharmacy's location; or

2148 (E) issued in an emergency situation.

2149 (ii) The division, in collaboration with the appropriate boards that govern the licensure
2150 of the licensees who are authorized by the division to prescribe or to dispense controlled
2151 substances, shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
2152 Rulemaking Act to:

2153 (A) require that controlled substances prescribed or dispensed under Subsection
2154 (7)(g)(i)(D) indicate on the prescription that the prescribing practitioner or the [pharmacy]
2155 pharmacy is experiencing a technical difficulty or an electronic failure;

2156 (B) define an emergency situation for purposes of Subsection (7)(g)(i)(E);

2157 (C) establish additional exemptions to the electronic prescription requirements
2158 established in this Subsection (7)(g);

2159 (D) establish guidelines under which a prescribing practitioner or a pharmacy may
2160 obtain an extension of up to two additional years to comply with Subsection (7)(g)(i);

2161 (E) establish a protocol to follow if the pharmacy that receives the electronic
2162 prescription is not able to fill the prescription; and

2163 (F) establish requirements that comply with federal laws and regulations for software
2164 used to issue and dispense electronic prescriptions.

2165 (h) An order for a controlled substance in Schedules II through V for use by an
2166 inpatient or an outpatient of a licensed hospital is exempt from all requirements of this

2167 Subsection (7) if the order is:

2168 (i) issued or made by a prescribing practitioner who holds an unrestricted registration
2169 with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and an active Utah controlled substance
2170 license in good standing issued by the division under this section, or a medical resident who is
2171 exempted from licensure under Subsection [58-1-307\(1\)\(c\)](#);

2172 (ii) authorized by the prescribing practitioner treating the patient and the prescribing
2173 practitioner designates the quantity ordered;

2174 (iii) entered upon the record of the patient, the record is signed by the prescriber
2175 affirming the prescriber's authorization of the order within 48 hours after filling or
2176 administering the order, and the patient's record reflects the quantity actually administered; and

2177 (iv) filled and dispensed by a pharmacist practicing the pharmacist's profession within
2178 the physical structure of the hospital, or the order is taken from a supply lawfully maintained by
2179 the hospital and the amount taken from the supply is administered directly to the patient
2180 authorized to receive it.

2181 (i) A practitioner licensed under this chapter may not prescribe, administer, or dispense
2182 a controlled substance to a child, without first obtaining the consent required in Section
2183 [78B-3-406](#) of a parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis of the child except in cases
2184 of an emergency. For purposes of Subsection (7)(i), "child" has the same meaning as defined
2185 in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#), and "emergency" means any physical condition requiring the
2186 administration of a controlled substance for immediate relief of pain or suffering.

2187 (j) A practitioner licensed under this chapter may not prescribe or administer dosages
2188 of a controlled substance in excess of medically recognized quantities necessary to treat the
2189 ailment, malady, or condition of the ultimate user.

2190 (k) A practitioner licensed under this chapter may not prescribe, administer, or
2191 dispense any controlled substance to another person knowing that the other person is using a
2192 false name, address, or other personal information for the purpose of securing the controlled
2193 substance.

2194 (l) A person who is licensed under this chapter to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a
2195 controlled substance may not manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance to
2196 another licensee or any other authorized person not authorized by this license.

2197 (m) A person licensed under this chapter may not omit, remove, alter, or obliterate a

2198 symbol required by this chapter or by a rule issued under this chapter.

2199 (n) A person licensed under this chapter may not refuse or fail to make, keep, or
2200 furnish any record notification, order form, statement, invoice, or information required under
2201 this chapter.

2202 (o) A person licensed under this chapter may not refuse entry into any premises for
2203 inspection as authorized by this chapter.

2204 (p) A person licensed under this chapter may not furnish false or fraudulent material
2205 information in any application, report, or other document required to be kept by this chapter or
2206 willfully make any false statement in any prescription, order, report, or record required by this
2207 chapter.

2208 (8) (a) (i) Any person licensed under this chapter who is found by the division to have
2209 violated any of the provisions of Subsections (7)(k) through (o) or Subsection (10) is subject to
2210 a penalty not to exceed \$5,000. The division shall determine the procedure for adjudication of
2211 any violations in accordance with Sections [58-1-106](#) and [58-1-108](#).

2212 (ii) The division shall deposit all penalties collected under Subsection (8)(a)(i) in the
2213 General Fund as a dedicated credit to be used by the division under Subsection [58-37f-502\(1\)](#).

2214 (iii) The director may collect a penalty that is not paid by:

2215 (A) referring the matter to a collection agency; or

2216 (B) bringing an action in the district court of the county where the person against
2217 whom the penalty is imposed resides or in the county where the office of the director is located.

2218 (iv) A county attorney or the attorney general of the state shall provide legal assistance
2219 and advice to the director in an action to collect a penalty.

2220 (v) A court shall award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party in an
2221 action brought by the division to collect a penalty.

2222 (b) Any person who knowingly and intentionally violates Subsections (7)(h) through (j)
2223 or Subsection (10) is:

2224 (i) upon first conviction, guilty of a class B misdemeanor;

2225 (ii) upon second conviction, guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and

2226 (iii) on third or subsequent conviction, guilty of a third degree felony.

2227 (c) Any person who knowingly and intentionally violates Subsections (7)(k) through
2228 (o) shall upon conviction be guilty of a third degree felony.

2229 (9) Any information communicated to any licensed practitioner in an attempt to
2230 unlawfully procure, or to procure the administration of, a controlled substance is not considered
2231 to be a privileged communication.

2232 (10) A person holding a valid license under this chapter who is engaged in medical
2233 research may produce, possess, administer, prescribe, or dispense a controlled substance for
2234 research purposes as licensed under Subsection (2) but may not otherwise prescribe or dispense
2235 a controlled substance listed in Section [58-37-4.2](#).

2236 Section 31. Section **62A-1-108.5** is amended to read:

2237 **62A-1-108.5. Mental illness and intellectual disability examinations --**
2238 **Responsibilities of the department.**

2239 (1) In accomplishing the department's duties to conduct a competency evaluation under
2240 Title 77, Utah Code of Criminal Procedure, and a juvenile competency evaluation under Title
2241 [~~78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] [Section 80-6-402](#), the department shall proceed as
2242 outlined in this section and within appropriations authorized by the Legislature.

2243 (2) When the department is ordered by a court to conduct a competency evaluation, the
2244 department shall designate a forensic evaluator, selected under Subsection (4), to evaluate the
2245 defendant in the defendant's current custody or status.

2246 (3) When the department is ordered by the juvenile court to conduct a juvenile
2247 competency evaluation under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] [Section 80-6-402](#), the
2248 department shall:

2249 (a) designate an examiner selected pursuant to Subsection (4) to evaluate the minor;
2250 and

2251 (b) upon a finding of good cause and order of the court, designate a second examiner to
2252 evaluate the minor.

2253 (4) The department shall establish criteria, in consultation with the Commission on
2254 Criminal and Juvenile Justice, and shall contract with persons to conduct competency
2255 evaluations and juvenile competency evaluations under Subsections (2) and (3)(b). In making
2256 this selection, the department shall follow the provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah
2257 Procurement Code.

2258 (5) Nothing in this section prohibits the department, at the request of defense counsel
2259 or a prosecuting attorney in a criminal proceeding under Title 77, Utah Code of Criminal

2260 Procedure, and for good cause shown, from proposing a person who has not been previously
2261 selected under Subsection (4) to contract with the department to conduct the evaluation. In
2262 selecting that person, the criteria of the department established under Subsection (4) and the
2263 provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, shall be met.

2264 Section 32. Section **62A-1-111** is amended to read:

2265 **62A-1-111. Department authority.**

2266 The department may, in addition to all other authority and responsibility granted to the
2267 department by law:

2268 (1) adopt rules, not inconsistent with law, as the department may consider necessary or
2269 desirable for providing social services to the people of this state;

2270 (2) establish and manage client trust accounts in the department's institutions and
2271 community programs, at the request of the client or the client's legal guardian or representative,
2272 or in accordance with federal law;

2273 (3) purchase, as authorized or required by law, services that the department is
2274 responsible to provide for legally eligible persons;

2275 (4) conduct adjudicative proceedings for clients and providers in accordance with the
2276 procedures of Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act;

2277 (5) establish eligibility standards for its programs, not inconsistent with state or federal
2278 law or regulations;

2279 (6) take necessary steps, including legal action, to recover money or the monetary value
2280 of services provided to a recipient who was not eligible;

2281 (7) set and collect fees for the department's services;

2282 (8) license agencies, facilities, and programs, except as otherwise allowed, prohibited,
2283 or limited by law;

2284 (9) acquire, manage, and dispose of any real or personal property needed or owned by
2285 the department, not inconsistent with state law;

2286 (10) receive gifts, grants, devises, and donations; gifts, grants, devises, donations, or
2287 the proceeds thereof, may be credited to the program designated by the donor, and may be used
2288 for the purposes requested by the donor, as long as the request conforms to state and federal
2289 policy; all donated funds shall be considered private, nonlapsing funds and may be invested
2290 under guidelines established by the state treasurer;

2291 (11) accept and employ volunteer labor or services; the department is authorized to
2292 reimburse volunteers for necessary expenses, when the department considers that
2293 reimbursement to be appropriate;

2294 (12) carry out the responsibility assigned in the workforce services plan by the State
2295 Workforce Development Board;

2296 (13) carry out the responsibility assigned by Section 35A-8-602 with respect to
2297 coordination of services for the homeless;

2298 (14) carry out the responsibility assigned by Section 62A-5a-105 with respect to
2299 coordination of services for students with a disability;

2300 (15) provide training and educational opportunities for the department's staff;

2301 (16) collect child support payments and any other money due to the department;

2302 (17) apply the provisions of Title 78B, Chapter 12, Utah Child Support Act, to parents
2303 whose child lives out of the home in a department licensed or certified setting;

2304 (18) establish policy and procedures, within appropriations authorized by the
2305 Legislature, in cases where [~~the department~~] the Division of Child and Family Services or the
2306 Division of Juvenile Justice Services is given custody of a minor by the juvenile court under
2307 [~~Section 78A-6-117~~] Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code, or the department is ordered to prepare an
2308 attainment plan for a minor found not competent to proceed under Section [~~78A-6-1301~~]
2309 80-6-403; any policy and procedures shall include:

2310 (a) designation of interagency teams for each juvenile court district in the state;

2311 (b) delineation of assessment criteria and procedures;

2312 (c) minimum requirements, and timeframes, for the development and implementation
2313 of a collaborative service plan for each minor placed in department custody; and

2314 (d) provisions for submittal of the plan and periodic progress reports to the court;

2315 (19) carry out the responsibilities assigned to the department by statute;

2316 (20) examine and audit the expenditures of any public funds provided to local
2317 substance abuse authorities, local mental health authorities, local area agencies on aging, and
2318 any person, agency, or organization that contracts with or receives funds from those authorities
2319 or agencies. Those local authorities, area agencies, and any person or entity that contracts with
2320 or receives funds from those authorities or area agencies, shall provide the department with any
2321 information the department considers necessary. The department is further authorized to issue

2322 directives resulting from any examination or audit to local authorities, area agencies, and
2323 persons or entities that contract with or receive funds from those authorities with regard to any
2324 public funds. If the department determines that it is necessary to withhold funds from a local
2325 mental health authority or local substance abuse authority based on failure to comply with state
2326 or federal law, policy, or contract provisions, it may take steps necessary to ensure continuity of
2327 services. For purposes of this Subsection (20) "public funds" means the same as that term is
2328 defined in Section [62A-15-102](#);

2329 (21) pursuant to Subsection [62A-2-106\(1\)\(d\)](#), accredit one or more agencies and
2330 persons to provide intercountry adoption services;

2331 (22) within appropriations authorized by the Legislature, promote and develop a
2332 system of care and stabilization services:

2333 (a) in compliance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code; and

2334 (b) that encompasses the department, department contractors, and the divisions,
2335 offices, or institutions within the department, to:

2336 (i) navigate services, funding resources, and relationships to the benefit of the children
2337 and families whom the department serves;

2338 (ii) centralize department operations, including procurement and contracting;

2339 (iii) develop policies that govern business operations and that facilitate a system of care
2340 approach to service delivery;

2341 (iv) allocate resources that may be used for the children and families served by the
2342 department or the divisions, offices, or institutions within the department, subject to the
2343 restrictions in Section [63J-1-206](#);

2344 (v) create performance-based measures for the provision of services; and

2345 (vi) centralize other business operations, including data matching and sharing among
2346 the department's divisions, offices, and institutions; and

2347 (23) ensure that any training or certification required of a public official or public
2348 employee, as those terms are defined in Section [63G-22-102](#), complies with Title 63G, Chapter
2349 22, State Training and Certification Requirements, if the training or certification is required:

2350 (a) under this title;

2351 (b) by the department; or

2352 (c) by an agency or division within the department.

2353 Section 33. Section **62A-2-108.8** is amended to read:

2354 **62A-2-108.8. Residential support program -- Temporary homeless youth shelter.**

2355 In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
2356 office shall make rules that establish age-appropriate and gender-appropriate sleeping quarters
2357 in temporary homeless youth shelters, as defined in Section [~~62A-4a-501~~] 80-5-102, that
2358 provide overnight shelter to minors.

2359 Section 34. Section **62A-2-117.5** is amended to read:

2360 **62A-2-117.5. Foster care by a child's relative.**

2361 (1) In accordance with state and federal law, the division shall provide for licensure of
2362 a child's relative for foster or substitute care, when the child is in the temporary custody or
2363 custody of the Division of Child and Family Services. If it is determined that, under federal
2364 law, allowance is made for an approval process requiring less than full foster parent licensure
2365 proceedings for a child's relative, the division shall establish an approval process to accomplish
2366 that purpose.

2367 (2) For purposes of this section:

2368 (a) "Custody" and "temporary custody" mean the same as those terms are defined in
2369 Section 62A-4a-101.

2370 (b) "Relative" means the same as that term is defined in Section [~~78A-6-307~~] 80-3-102.

2371 Section 35. Section **62A-2-120** is amended to read:

2372 **62A-2-120. Background check -- Direct access to children or vulnerable adults.**

2373 (1) As used in this section:

2374 (a) (i) "Applicant" means:

2375 (A) the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-2-101;

2376 (B) an individual who is associated with a licensee and has or will likely have direct
2377 access to a child or a vulnerable adult;

2378 (C) an individual who provides respite care to a foster parent or an adoptive parent on
2379 more than one occasion;

2380 (D) a department contractor;

2381 (E) a guardian submitting an application on behalf of an individual, other than the child
2382 or vulnerable adult who is receiving the service, if the individual is 12 years [~~of age~~] old or
2383 older and resides in a home, that is licensed or certified by the office, with the child or

2384 vulnerable adult who is receiving services; or

2385 (F) a guardian submitting an application on behalf of an individual, other than the child
2386 or vulnerable adult who is receiving the service, if the individual is 12 years [~~of age~~] old or
2387 older and is a person described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)(A), (B), (C), or (D).

2388 (ii) "Applicant" does not mean an individual, including an adult, who is in the custody
2389 of the Division of Child and Family Services or the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

2390 (b) "Application" means a background screening application to the office.

2391 (c) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification within the Department of
2392 Public Safety, created in Section [53-10-201](#).

2393 (d) "Incidental care" means occasional care, not in excess of five hours per week and
2394 never overnight, for a foster child.

2395 (e) "Personal identifying information" means:

2396 (i) current name, former names, nicknames, and aliases;

2397 (ii) date of birth;

2398 (iii) physical address and email address;

2399 (iv) telephone number;

2400 (v) driver license or other government-issued identification;

2401 (vi) social security number;

2402 (vii) only for applicants who are 18 years [~~of age~~] old or older, fingerprints, in a form
2403 specified by the office; and

2404 (viii) other information specified by the office by rule made in accordance with Title
2405 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

2406 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (13), an applicant or a representative shall
2407 submit the following to the office:

2408 (i) personal identifying information;

2409 (ii) a fee established by the office under Section [63J-1-504](#); and

2410 (iii) a disclosure form, specified by the office, for consent for:

2411 (A) an initial background check upon submission of the information described under
2412 this Subsection (2)(a);

2413 (B) ongoing monitoring of fingerprints and registries until no longer associated with a
2414 licensee for 90 days;

2415 (C) a background check when the office determines that reasonable cause exists; and

2416 (D) retention of personal identifying information, including fingerprints, for

2417 monitoring and notification as described in Subsections (3)(d) and (4).

2418 (b) In addition to the requirements described in Subsection (2)(a), if an applicant

2419 resided outside of the United States and its territories during the five years immediately

2420 preceding the day on which the information described in Subsection (2)(a) is submitted to the

2421 office, the office may require the applicant to submit documentation establishing whether the

2422 applicant was convicted of a crime during the time that the applicant resided outside of the

2423 United States or its territories.

2424 (3) The office:

2425 (a) shall perform the following duties as part of a background check of an applicant:

2426 (i) check state and regional criminal background databases for the applicant's criminal

2427 history by:

2428 (A) submitting personal identifying information to the bureau for a search; or

2429 (B) using the applicant's personal identifying information to search state and regional

2430 criminal background databases as authorized under Section [53-10-108](#);

2431 (ii) submit the applicant's personal identifying information and fingerprints to the

2432 bureau for a criminal history search of applicable national criminal background databases;

2433 (iii) search the Department of Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services'

2434 Licensing Information System described in Section [62A-4a-1006](#);

2435 (iv) search the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services'

2436 vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation database described in Section [62A-3-311.1](#);

2437 (v) search the juvenile court records for substantiated findings of severe child abuse or

2438 neglect described in Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-6-404](#); and

2439 (vi) search the juvenile court arrest, adjudication, and disposition records, as provided

2440 under Section [78A-6-209](#);

2441 (b) shall conduct a background check of an applicant for an initial background check

2442 upon submission of the information described under Subsection (2)(a);

2443 (c) may conduct all or portions of a background check of an applicant, as provided by

2444 rule, made by the office in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

2445 Rulemaking Act:

2446 (i) for an annual renewal; or
2447 (ii) when the office determines that reasonable cause exists;
2448 (d) may submit an applicant's personal identifying information, including fingerprints,
2449 to the bureau for checking, retaining, and monitoring of state and national criminal background
2450 databases and for notifying the office of new criminal activity associated with the applicant;
2451 (e) shall track the status of an approved applicant under this section to ensure that an
2452 approved applicant is not required to duplicate the submission of the applicant's fingerprints if
2453 the applicant applies for:
2454 (i) more than one license;
2455 (ii) direct access to a child or a vulnerable adult in more than one human services
2456 program; or
2457 (iii) direct access to a child or a vulnerable adult under a contract with the department;
2458 (f) shall track the status of each license and each individual with direct access to a child
2459 or a vulnerable adult and notify the bureau within 90 days after the day on which the license
2460 expires or the individual's direct access to a child or a vulnerable adult ceases;
2461 (g) shall adopt measures to strictly limit access to personal identifying information
2462 solely to the individuals responsible for processing and entering the applications for
2463 background checks and to protect the security of the personal identifying information the office
2464 reviews under this Subsection (3);
2465 (h) as necessary to comply with the federal requirement to check a state's child abuse
2466 and neglect registry regarding any individual working in a congregate care setting that serves
2467 children, shall:
2468 (i) search the Department of Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services'
2469 Licensing Information System described in Section [62A-4a-1006](#); and
2470 (ii) require the child abuse and neglect registry be checked in each state where an
2471 applicant resided at any time during the five years immediately preceding the day on which the
2472 applicant submits the information described in Subsection (2)(a) to the office; and
2473 (i) shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
2474 Rulemaking Act, to implement the provisions of this Subsection (3) relating to background
2475 checks.
2476 (4) (a) With the personal identifying information the office submits to the bureau under

2477 Subsection (3), the bureau shall check against state and regional criminal background databases
2478 for the applicant's criminal history.

2479 (b) With the personal identifying information and fingerprints the office submits to the
2480 bureau under Subsection (3), the bureau shall check against national criminal background
2481 databases for the applicant's criminal history.

2482 (c) Upon direction from the office, and with the personal identifying information and
2483 fingerprints the office submits to the bureau under Subsection (3)(d), the bureau shall:

2484 (i) maintain a separate file of the fingerprints for search by future submissions to the
2485 local and regional criminal records databases, including latent prints; and

2486 (ii) monitor state and regional criminal background databases and identify criminal
2487 activity associated with the applicant.

2488 (d) The bureau is authorized to submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
2489 Investigation Next Generation Identification System, to be retained in the Federal Bureau of
2490 Investigation Next Generation Identification System for the purpose of:

2491 (i) being searched by future submissions to the national criminal records databases,
2492 including the Federal Bureau of Investigation Next Generation Identification System and latent
2493 prints; and

2494 (ii) monitoring national criminal background databases and identifying criminal
2495 activity associated with the applicant.

2496 (e) The Bureau shall notify and release to the office all information of criminal activity
2497 associated with the applicant.

2498 (f) Upon notice from the office that a license has expired or an individual's direct
2499 access to a child or a vulnerable adult has ceased for 90 days, the bureau shall:

2500 (i) discard and destroy any retained fingerprints; and

2501 (ii) notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation when the license has expired or an
2502 individual's direct access to a child or a vulnerable adult has ceased, so that the Federal Bureau
2503 of Investigation will discard and destroy the retained fingerprints from the Federal Bureau of
2504 Investigation Next Generation Identification System.

2505 (5) (a) After conducting the background check described in Subsections (3) and (4), the
2506 office shall deny an application to an applicant who, within three years before the day on which
2507 the applicant submits information to the office under Subsection (2) for a background check,

2508 has been convicted of any of the following, regardless of whether the offense is a felony, a
2509 misdemeanor, or an infraction:

2510 (i) an offense identified as domestic violence, lewdness, voyeurism, battery, cruelty to
2511 animals, or bestiality;

2512 (ii) a violation of any pornography law, including sexual exploitation of a minor;

2513 (iii) prostitution;

2514 (iv) an offense included in:

2515 (A) Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person;

2516 (B) Section 76-5b-201, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; or

2517 (C) Title 76, Chapter 7, Offenses Against the Family;

2518 (v) aggravated arson, as described in Section 76-6-103;

2519 (vi) aggravated burglary, as described in Section 76-6-203;

2520 (vii) aggravated robbery, as described in Section 76-6-302;

2521 (viii) identity fraud crime, as described in Section 76-6-1102; or

2522 (ix) a felony or misdemeanor offense committed outside of the state that, if committed

2523 in the state, would constitute a violation of an offense described in Subsections (5)(a)(i)

2524 through (viii).

2525 (b) If the office denies an application to an applicant based on a conviction described in

2526 Subsection (5)(a), the applicant is not entitled to a comprehensive review described in

2527 Subsection (6).

2528 (c) If the applicant will be working in a program serving only adults whose only

2529 impairment is a mental health diagnosis, including that of a serious mental health disorder,

2530 with or without co-occurring substance use disorder, the denial provisions of Subsection (5)(a)

2531 do not apply, and the office shall conduct a comprehensive review as described in Subsection

2532 (6).

2533 (6) (a) The office shall conduct a comprehensive review of an applicant's background

2534 check if the applicant:

2535 (i) has an open court case or a conviction for any felony offense, not described in

2536 Subsection (5)(a), with a date of conviction that is no more than 10 years before the date on

2537 which the applicant submits the application;

2538 (ii) has an open court case or a conviction for a misdemeanor offense, not described in

2539 Subsection (5)(a), and designated by the office, by rule, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter
2540 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, if the conviction is within three years before the day
2541 on which the applicant submits information to the office under Subsection (2) for a background
2542 check;

2543 (iii) has a conviction for any offense described in Subsection (5)(a) that occurred more
2544 than three years before the day on which the applicant submitted information under Subsection
2545 (2)(a);

2546 (iv) is currently subject to a plea in abeyance or diversion agreement for any offense
2547 described in Subsection (5)(a);

2548 (v) has a listing in the Department of Human Services, Division of Child and Family
2549 Services' Licensing Information System described in Section [62A-4a-1006](#);

2550 (vi) has a listing in the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult
2551 Services' vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation database described in Section
2552 [62A-3-311.1](#);

2553 (vii) has a record in the juvenile court of a substantiated finding of severe child abuse
2554 or neglect described in Section [[78A-6-323](#)] [80-3-404](#);

2555 (viii) has a record of an adjudication in juvenile court for an act that, if committed by
2556 an adult, would be a felony or misdemeanor, if the applicant is:

2557 (A) under 28 years [~~of age~~] old; or

2558 (B) 28 years [~~of age~~] old or older and has been convicted of, has pleaded no contest to,
2559 or is currently subject to a plea in abeyance or diversion agreement for a felony or a
2560 misdemeanor offense described in Subsection (5)(a);

2561 (ix) has a pending charge for an offense described in Subsection (5)(a); or

2562 (x) is an applicant described in Subsection (5)(c).

2563 (b) The comprehensive review described in Subsection (6)(a) shall include an
2564 examination of:

2565 (i) the date of the offense or incident;

2566 (ii) the nature and seriousness of the offense or incident;

2567 (iii) the circumstances under which the offense or incident occurred;

2568 (iv) the age of the perpetrator when the offense or incident occurred;

2569 (v) whether the offense or incident was an isolated or repeated incident;

2570 (vi) whether the offense or incident directly relates to abuse of a child or vulnerable
2571 adult, including:

- 2572 (A) actual or threatened, nonaccidental physical, mental, or financial harm;
- 2573 (B) sexual abuse;
- 2574 (C) sexual exploitation; or
- 2575 (D) negligent treatment;

2576 (vii) any evidence provided by the applicant of rehabilitation, counseling, psychiatric
2577 treatment received, or additional academic or vocational schooling completed;

2578 (viii) the applicant's risk of harm to clientele in the program or in the capacity for
2579 which the applicant is applying; and

2580 (ix) any other pertinent information presented to or publicly available to the committee
2581 members.

2582 (c) At the conclusion of the comprehensive review described in Subsection (6)(a), the
2583 office shall deny an application to an applicant if the office finds that approval would likely
2584 create a risk of harm to a child or a vulnerable adult.

2585 (d) At the conclusion of the comprehensive review described in Subsection (6)(a), the
2586 office may not deny an application to an applicant solely because the applicant was convicted
2587 of an offense that occurred 10 or more years before the day on which the applicant submitted
2588 the information required under Subsection (2)(a) if:

- 2589 (i) the applicant has not committed another misdemeanor or felony offense after the
2590 day on which the conviction occurred; and
- 2591 (ii) the applicant has never been convicted of an offense described in Subsection
2592 (14)(c).

2593 (e) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
2594 office may make rules, consistent with this chapter, to establish procedures for the
2595 comprehensive review described in this Subsection (6).

2596 (7) Subject to Subsection (10), the office shall approve an application to an applicant
2597 who is not denied under Subsection (5), (6), or (13).

2598 (8) (a) The office may conditionally approve an application of an applicant, for a
2599 maximum of 60 days after the day on which the office sends written notice to the applicant
2600 under Subsection (12), without requiring that the applicant be directly supervised, if the office:

2601 (i) is awaiting the results of the criminal history search of national criminal background
2602 databases; and

2603 (ii) would otherwise approve an application of the applicant under Subsection (7).

2604 (b) The office may conditionally approve an application of an applicant, for a
2605 maximum of one year after the day on which the office sends written notice to the applicant
2606 under Subsection (12), without requiring that the applicant be directly supervised if the office:

2607 (i) is awaiting the results of an out-of-state registry for providers other than foster and
2608 adoptive parents; and

2609 (ii) would otherwise approve an application of the applicant under Subsection (7).

2610 (c) Upon receiving the results of the criminal history search of a national criminal
2611 background database, the office shall approve or deny the application of the applicant in
2612 accordance with Subsections (5) through (7).

2613 (9) A licensee or department contractor may not permit an individual to have direct
2614 access to a child or a vulnerable adult unless, subject to Subsection (10):

2615 (a) the individual is associated with the licensee or department contractor and:

2616 (i) the individual's application is approved by the office under this section;

2617 (ii) the individual's application is conditionally approved by the office under
2618 Subsection (8); or

2619 (iii) (A) the individual has submitted the background check information described in
2620 Subsection (2) to the office;

2621 (B) the office has not determined whether to approve the applicant's application; and

2622 (C) the individual is directly supervised by an individual who has a current background
2623 screening approval issued by the office under this section and is associated with the licensee or
2624 department contractor;

2625 (b) (i) the individual is associated with the licensee or department contractor;

2626 (ii) the individual has a current background screening approval issued by the office
2627 under this section;

2628 (iii) one of the following circumstances, that the office has not yet reviewed under
2629 Subsection (6), applies to the individual:

2630 (A) the individual was charged with an offense described in Subsection (5)(a);

2631 (B) the individual is listed in the Licensing Information System, described in Section

2632 [62A-4a-1006](#);

2633 (C) the individual is listed in the vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation
2634 database, described in Section [62A-3-311.1](#);

2635 (D) the individual has a record in the juvenile court of a substantiated finding of severe
2636 child abuse or neglect, described in Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#); or

2637 (E) the individual has a record of an adjudication in juvenile court for an act that, if
2638 committed by an adult, would be a felony or a misdemeanor as described in Subsection (5)(a)
2639 or (6); and

2640 (iv) the individual is directly supervised by an individual who:

2641 (A) has a current background screening approval issued by the office under this
2642 section; and

2643 (B) is associated with the licensee or department contractor;

2644 (c) the individual:

2645 (i) is not associated with the licensee or department contractor; and

2646 (ii) is directly supervised by an individual who:

2647 (A) has a current background screening approval issued by the office under this
2648 section; and

2649 (B) is associated with the licensee or department contractor;

2650 (d) the individual is the parent or guardian of the child, or the guardian of the
2651 vulnerable adult;

2652 (e) the individual is approved by the parent or guardian of the child, or the guardian of
2653 the vulnerable adult, to have direct access to the child or the vulnerable adult;

2654 (f) the individual is only permitted to have direct access to a vulnerable adult who
2655 voluntarily invites the individual to visit; or

2656 (g) the individual only provides incidental care for a foster child on behalf of a foster
2657 parent who has used reasonable and prudent judgment to select the individual to provide the
2658 incidental care for the foster child.

2659 (10) An individual may not have direct access to a child or a vulnerable adult if the
2660 individual is prohibited by court order from having that access.

2661 (11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual for whom the
2662 office denies an application may not have direct access to a child or vulnerable adult unless the

2663 office approves a subsequent application by the individual.

2664 (12) (a) Within 30 days after the day on which the office receives the background
2665 check information for an applicant, the office shall give notice of the clearance status to:

2666 (i) the applicant, and the licensee or department contractor, of the office's decision
2667 regarding the background check and findings; and

2668 (ii) the applicant of any convictions and potentially disqualifying charges and
2669 adjudications found in the search.

2670 (b) With the notice described in Subsection (12)(a), the office shall also give the
2671 applicant the details of any comprehensive review conducted under Subsection (6).

2672 (c) If the notice under Subsection (12)(a) states that the applicant's application is
2673 denied, the notice shall further advise the applicant that the applicant may, under Subsection
2674 [62A-2-111\(2\)](#), request a hearing in the department's Office of Administrative Hearings, to
2675 challenge the office's decision.

2676 (d) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
2677 office shall make rules, consistent with this chapter:

2678 (i) defining procedures for the challenge of the office's background check decision
2679 described in Subsection (12)(c); and

2680 (ii) expediting the process for renewal of a license under the requirements of this
2681 section and other applicable sections.

2682 (13) An individual or a department contractor who provides services in an adults only
2683 substance use disorder program, as defined by rule, is exempt from this section. This
2684 exemption does not extend to a program director or a member, as defined by Section
2685 [62A-2-108](#), of the program.

2686 (14) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (14)(b), in addition to the other requirements
2687 of this section, if the background check of an applicant is being conducted for the purpose of
2688 giving clearance status to an applicant seeking a position in a congregate care facility, an
2689 applicant for a one-time adoption, an applicant seeking to provide a prospective foster home, or
2690 an applicant seeking to provide a prospective adoptive home, the office shall:

2691 (i) check the child abuse and neglect registry in each state where each applicant resided
2692 in the five years immediately preceding the day on which the applicant applied to be a foster
2693 parent or adoptive parent, to determine whether the prospective foster parent or prospective

2694 adoptive parent is listed in the registry as having a substantiated or supported finding of child
2695 abuse or neglect; and

2696 (ii) check the child abuse and neglect registry in each state where each adult living in
2697 the home of the applicant described in Subsection (14)(a)(i) resided in the five years
2698 immediately preceding the day on which the applicant applied to be a foster parent or adoptive
2699 parent, to determine whether the adult is listed in the registry as having a substantiated or
2700 supported finding of child abuse or neglect.

2701 (b) The requirements described in Subsection (14)(a) do not apply to the extent that:

2702 (i) federal law or rule permits otherwise; or

2703 (ii) the requirements would prohibit the Division of Child and Family Services or a
2704 court from placing a child with:

2705 (A) a noncustodial parent under Section [62A-4a-209](#), [~~78A-6-307~~, or ~~78A-6-307.5~~]
2706 [80-3-302](#), or [80-3-303](#); or

2707 (B) a relative, other than a noncustodial parent, under Section [62A-4a-209](#),
2708 [~~78A-6-307~~, or ~~78A-6-307.5~~] [80-3-302](#), or [80-3-303](#), pending completion of the background
2709 check described in Subsection (5).

2710 (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (5) through (9), the office shall deny a clearance to an
2711 applicant seeking a position in a congregate care facility, an applicant for a one-time adoption,
2712 an applicant to become a prospective foster parent, or an applicant to become a prospective
2713 adoptive parent if the applicant has been convicted of:

2714 (i) a felony involving conduct that constitutes any of the following:

2715 (A) child abuse, as described in Section [76-5-109](#);

2716 (B) commission of domestic violence in the presence of a child, as described in Section
2717 [76-5-109.1](#);

2718 (C) abuse or neglect of a child with a disability, as described in Section [76-5-110](#);

2719 (D) endangerment of a child or vulnerable adult, as described in Section [76-5-112.5](#);

2720 (E) aggravated murder, as described in Section [76-5-202](#);

2721 (F) murder, as described in Section [76-5-203](#);

2722 (G) manslaughter, as described in Section [76-5-205](#);

2723 (H) child abuse homicide, as described in Section [76-5-208](#);

2724 (I) homicide by assault, as described in Section [76-5-209](#);

- 2725 (J) kidnapping, as described in Section 76-5-301;
- 2726 (K) child kidnapping, as described in Section 76-5-301.1;
- 2727 (L) aggravated kidnapping, as described in Section 76-5-302;
- 2728 (M) human trafficking of a child, as described in Section 76-5-308.5;
- 2729 (N) an offense described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses;
- 2730 (O) sexual exploitation of a minor, as described in Section 76-5b-201;
- 2731 (P) aggravated arson, as described in Section 76-6-103;
- 2732 (Q) aggravated burglary, as described in Section 76-6-203;
- 2733 (R) aggravated robbery, as described in Section 76-6-302; or
- 2734 (S) domestic violence, as described in Section 77-36-1; or
- 2735 (ii) an offense committed outside the state that, if committed in the state, would
- 2736 constitute a violation of an offense described in Subsection (14)(c)(i).
- 2737 (d) Notwithstanding Subsections (5) through (9), the office shall deny a license or
- 2738 license renewal to a prospective foster parent or a prospective adoptive parent if, within the five
- 2739 years immediately preceding the day on which the individual's application or license would
- 2740 otherwise be approved, the applicant was convicted of a felony involving conduct that
- 2741 constitutes a violation of any of the following:
- 2742 (i) aggravated assault, as described in Section 76-5-103;
- 2743 (ii) aggravated assault by a prisoner, as described in Section 76-5-103.5;
- 2744 (iii) mayhem, as described in Section 76-5-105;
- 2745 (iv) an offense described in Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act;
- 2746 (v) an offense described in Title 58, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;
- 2747 (vi) an offense described in Title 58, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances
- 2748 Act;
- 2749 (vii) an offense described in Title 58, Chapter 37c, Utah Controlled Substance
- 2750 Precursor Act; or
- 2751 (viii) an offense described in Title 58, Chapter 37d, Clandestine Drug Lab Act.
- 2752 (e) In addition to the circumstances described in Subsection (6)(a), the office shall
- 2753 conduct the comprehensive review of an applicant's background check pursuant to this section
- 2754 if the registry check described in Subsection (14)(a) indicates that the individual is listed in a
- 2755 child abuse and neglect registry of another state as having a substantiated or supported finding

2756 of a severe type of child abuse or neglect as defined in Section [62A-4a-1002](#).

2757 Section 36. Section **62A-2-121** is amended to read:

2758 **62A-2-121. Access to abuse and neglect information.**

2759 (1) [~~For purposes of this section~~] As used in this section:

2760 (a) "Direct service worker" means the same as that term is defined in Section
2761 [62A-5-101](#).

2762 (b) "Personal care attendant" means the same as that term is defined in Section
2763 [62A-3-101](#).

2764 (2) With respect to a licensee, a direct service worker, or a personal care attendant, the
2765 department may access only the Licensing Information System of the Division of Child and
2766 Family Services created by Section [62A-4a-1006](#) and juvenile court records under Subsection
2767 [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#)(6), for the purpose of:

2768 (a) (i) determining whether a person associated with a licensee, with direct access to
2769 children:

2770 (A) is listed in the Licensing Information System; or

2771 (B) has a substantiated finding by a juvenile court of a severe type of child abuse or
2772 neglect under Subsections [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#)(1) and (2); and

2773 (ii) informing a licensee that a person associated with the licensee:

2774 (A) is listed in the Licensing Information System; or

2775 (B) has a substantiated finding by a juvenile court of a severe type of child abuse or
2776 neglect under Subsections [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#)(1) and (2);

2777 (b) (i) determining whether a direct service worker:

2778 (A) is listed in the Licensing Information System; or

2779 (B) has a substantiated finding by a juvenile court of a severe type of child abuse or
2780 neglect under Subsections [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#)(1) and (2); and

2781 (ii) informing a direct service worker or the direct service worker's employer that the
2782 direct service worker:

2783 (A) is listed in the Licensing Information System; or

2784 (B) has a substantiated finding by a juvenile court of a severe type of child abuse or
2785 neglect under Subsections [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#)(1) and (2); or

2786 (c) (i) determining whether a personal care attendant:

- 2787 (A) is listed in the Licensing Information System; or
- 2788 (B) has a substantiated finding by a juvenile court of a severe type of child abuse or
2789 neglect under Subsections [~~78A-6-323~~] 80-3-404(1) and (2); and
- 2790 (ii) informing a person described in Subsections 62A-3-101(9)(a)(i) through (iv) that a
2791 personal care attendant:
- 2792 (A) is listed in the Licensing Information System; or
- 2793 (B) has a substantiated finding by a juvenile court of a severe type of child abuse or
2794 neglect under Subsections [~~78A-6-323~~] 80-3-404(1) and (2).
- 2795 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), the department may access the Division of Child
2796 and Family Services' Management Information System under Section 62A-4a-1003:
- 2797 (a) for the purpose of licensing and monitoring foster parents;
- 2798 (b) for the purposes described in Subsection 62A-4a-1003(1)(d); and
- 2799 (c) for the purpose described in Section 62A-1-118.
- 2800 (4) The department shall receive and process personal identifying information under
2801 Subsection 62A-2-120(1) for the purposes described in Subsection (2).
- 2802 (5) The department shall adopt rules under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
2803 Rulemaking Act, consistent with this chapter, defining the circumstances under which a person
2804 may have direct access or provide services to children when:
- 2805 (a) the person is listed in the Licensing Information System of the Division of Child
2806 and Family Services created by Section 62A-4a-1006; or
- 2807 (b) juvenile court records show that a court made a substantiated finding under Section
2808 [~~78A-6-323~~] 80-3-404, that the person committed a severe type of child abuse or neglect.
- 2809 Section 37. Section **62A-4a-102** is amended to read:
- 2810 **62A-4a-102. Rulemaking responsibilities of division.**
- 2811 (1) The Division of Child and Family Services, created in Section 62A-4a-103, is
2812 responsible for establishing division rules under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
2813 Rulemaking Act, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and [~~Title 78A, Chapter~~
2814 ~~6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings,
2815 regarding abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings, and domestic violence services. The
2816 division is responsible to see that the legislative purposes for the division are carried out.
- 2817 (2) The division shall:

- 2818 (a) approve fee schedules for programs within the division;
 - 2819 (b) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
 - 2820 establish rules to ensure that private citizens, consumers, foster parents, private contract
 - 2821 providers, allied state and local agencies, and others are provided with an opportunity to
 - 2822 comment and provide input regarding any new rule or proposed revision of an existing rule;
 - 2823 and
 - 2824 (c) provide a mechanism for:
 - 2825 (i) systematic and regular review of existing rules, including an annual review of all
 - 2826 division rules to ensure that rules comply with the Utah Code; and
 - 2827 (ii) consideration of rule changes proposed by the persons and agencies described in
 - 2828 Subsection (2)(b).
 - 2829 (3) (a) The division shall establish rules for the determination of eligibility for services
 - 2830 offered by the division in accordance with this chapter.
 - 2831 (b) The division may, by rule, establish eligibility standards for consumers.
 - 2832 (4) The division shall adopt and maintain rules regarding placement for adoption or
 - 2833 foster care that are consistent with, and no more restrictive than, applicable statutory
 - 2834 provisions.
- 2835 Section 38. Section **62A-4a-103** is amended to read:
- 2836 **62A-4a-103. Division -- Creation -- Purpose.**
- 2837 (1) (a) There is created the Division of Child and Family Services within the
 - 2838 department, under the administration and general supervision of the executive director.
 - 2839 (b) The division is the child, youth, and family services authority of the state and has
 - 2840 all functions, powers, duties, rights, and responsibilities created in accordance with this
 - 2841 chapter, except those assumed by the department.
 - 2842 (2) (a) The primary purpose of the division is to provide child welfare services.
 - 2843 (b) The division shall, when possible and appropriate, provide in-home services for the
 - 2844 preservation of families in an effort to protect the child from the trauma of separation from the
 - 2845 child's family, protect the integrity of the family, and the constitutional rights of parents. In
 - 2846 keeping with its ultimate goal and purpose of protecting children, however, when a child's
 - 2847 welfare is endangered or reasonable efforts to maintain or reunify a child with the child's family
 - 2848 have failed, the division shall act in a timely fashion in accordance with the requirements of

2849 this chapter and [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings~~]
2850 Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, to provide the child with a
2851 stable, permanent environment.

2852 (3) The division shall also provide domestic violence services in accordance with
2853 federal law.

2854 Section 39. Section **62A-4a-105** is amended to read:

2855 **62A-4a-105. Division responsibilities.**

2856 (1) The division shall:

2857 (a) administer services to minors and families, including:

2858 (i) child welfare services;

2859 (ii) domestic violence services; and

2860 (iii) all other responsibilities that the Legislature or the executive director may assign to
2861 the division;

2862 (b) provide the following services:

2863 (i) financial and other assistance to an individual adopting a child with special needs

2864 under Part 9, Adoption Assistance, not to exceed the amount the division would provide for the
2865 child as a legal ward of the state;

2866 (ii) non-custodial and in-home services, including:

2867 (A) services designed to prevent family break-up; and

2868 (B) family preservation services;

2869 (iii) reunification services to families whose children are in substitute care in

2870 accordance with the requirements of this chapter and [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court~~

2871 ~~Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings;

2872 (iv) protective supervision of a family, upon court order, in an effort to eliminate abuse
2873 or neglect of a child in that family;

2874 (v) shelter care in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and [~~Title 78A,~~

2875 ~~Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency

2876 Proceedings;

2877 (vi) domestic violence services, in accordance with the requirements of federal law;

2878 (vii) protective services to victims of domestic violence, as defined in Section 77-36-1,

2879 and their children, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6,~~

2880 Part] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings;
2881 (viii) substitute care for dependent, abused, and neglected children;
2882 (ix) services for minors who are victims of human trafficking or human smuggling as
2883 described in Sections 76-5-308 through 76-5-310 or who have engaged in prostitution or sexual
2884 solicitation as defined in Sections 76-10-1302 and 76-10-1313; and
2885 (x) training for staff and providers involved in the administration and delivery of
2886 services offered by the division in accordance with this chapter;
2887 (c) establish standards for all:
2888 (i) contract providers of out-of-home care for minors and families;
2889 (ii) facilities that provide substitute care for dependent, abused, and neglected children
2890 placed in the custody of the division; and
2891 (iii) direct or contract providers of domestic violence services described in Subsection
2892 (1)(b)(vi);
2893 (d) have authority to:
2894 (i) contract with a private, nonprofit organization to recruit and train foster care
2895 families and child welfare volunteers in accordance with Section 62A-4a-107.5; and
2896 (ii) approve facilities that meet the standards established under Subsection (1)(c) to
2897 provide substitute care for dependent, abused, and neglected children placed in the custody of
2898 the division;
2899 (e) cooperate with the federal government in the administration of child welfare and
2900 domestic violence programs and other human service activities assigned by the department;
2901 (f) if there is a privacy agreement with an Indian tribe to protect the confidentiality of
2902 division records to the same extent that the division is required to protect division records,
2903 cooperate with and share all appropriate information in the division's possession regarding an
2904 Indian child, the Indian child's parent or guardian, or a proposed placement for the Indian child
2905 with the Indian tribe that is affiliated with the Indian child;
2906 (g) in accordance with Subsection (2)(a), promote and enforce state and federal laws
2907 enacted for the protection of abused, neglected, and dependent children, in accordance with the
2908 requirements of this chapter, unless administration is expressly vested in another division or
2909 department of the state;
2910 (h) cooperate with the Workforce Development Division within the Department of

2911 Workforce Services in meeting the social and economic needs of an individual who is eligible
2912 for public assistance;

2913 (i) compile relevant information, statistics, and reports on child and family service
2914 matters in the state;

2915 (j) prepare and submit to the department, the governor, and the Legislature reports of
2916 the operation and administration of the division in accordance with the requirements of
2917 Sections [62A-4a-117](#) and [62A-4a-118](#);

2918 (k) within appropriations from the Legislature, provide or contract for a variety of
2919 domestic violence services and treatment methods;

2920 (l) ensure regular, periodic publication, including electronic publication, regarding the
2921 number of children in the custody of the division who:

2922 (i) have a permanency goal of adoption; or

2923 (ii) have a final plan of termination of parental rights, pursuant to Section [~~78A-6-314~~]
2924 [80-3-409](#), and promote adoption of those children;

2925 (m) subject to Subsection (2)(b), refer an individual receiving services from the
2926 division to the local substance abuse authority or other private or public resource for a
2927 court-ordered drug screening test;

2928 (n) report before November 30, 2020, and every third year thereafter, to the Social
2929 Services Appropriations Subcommittee regarding:

2930 (i) the daily reimbursement rate that is provided to licensed foster parents based on
2931 level of care;

2932 (ii) the amount of money spent on daily reimbursements for licensed foster parents in
2933 the state during the previous fiscal year; and

2934 (iii) any recommended changes to the division's budget to support the daily
2935 reimbursement rates described in Subsection (1)(n)(i); and

2936 (o) perform other duties and functions required by law.

2937 (2) (a) In carrying out the requirements of Subsection (1)(g), the division shall:

2938 (i) cooperate with the juvenile courts, the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, and
2939 with all public and private licensed child welfare agencies and institutions to develop and
2940 administer a broad range of services and support;

2941 (ii) take the initiative in all matters involving the protection of abused or neglected

2942 children, if adequate provisions have not been made or are not likely to be made; and
2943 (iii) make expenditures necessary for the care and protection of the children described
2944 in this Subsection (2)(a), within the division's budget.

2945 (b) When an individual is referred to a local substance abuse authority or other private
2946 or public resource for court-ordered drug screening under Subsection (1)(m), the court shall
2947 order the individual to pay all costs of the tests unless:

2948 (i) the cost of the drug screening is specifically funded or provided for by other federal
2949 or state programs;

2950 (ii) the individual is a participant in a drug court; or

2951 (iii) the court finds that the individual is impecunious.

2952 (3) Except to the extent provided by rule, the division is not responsible for
2953 investigating domestic violence in the presence of a child, as described in Section 76-5-109.1.

2954 (4) The division may not require a parent who has a child in the custody of the division
2955 to pay for some or all of the cost of any drug testing the parent is required to undergo.

2956 Section 40. Section 62A-4a-113 is amended to read:

2957 **62A-4a-113. Division's enforcement authority -- Responsibility of attorney**
2958 **general to represent division.**

2959 (1) The division shall take legal action that is necessary to enforce the provisions of
2960 this chapter.

2961 (2) (a) Subject to Section 67-5-17 and the attorney general's prosecutorial discretion in
2962 civil enforcement actions, the attorney general shall enforce all provisions of this chapter, in
2963 addition to the requirements of [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act of 1996;~~] Title 80,
2964 Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Chapter 4, Termination and
2965 Restoration of Parental Rights, relating to protection, custody, and parental rights termination
2966 for abused, neglected, or dependent minors.

2967 (b) The attorney general may contract with the local county attorney to enforce the
2968 provisions of this chapter and [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act of 1996~~] Title 80,
2969 Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Chapter 4, Termination and
2970 Restoration of Parental Rights.

2971 (c) It is the responsibility of the attorney general's office to:

2972 (i) advise the division regarding decisions to remove a minor from the minor's home;

2973 (ii) represent the division in all court and administrative proceedings related to abuse,
2974 neglect, and dependency including, but not limited to, shelter hearings, dispositional hearings,
2975 dispositional review hearings, periodic review hearings, and petitions for termination of
2976 parental rights; and

2977 (iii) be available to and advise caseworkers on an ongoing basis.

2978 (d) (i) The attorney general shall designate no less than 16 full-time attorneys to advise
2979 and represent the division in abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings, including petitions
2980 for termination of parental rights.

2981 (ii) The attorneys described in Subsection (2)(d)(i) shall devote their full time and
2982 attention to the representation described in Subsection (2)(d)(i) and, insofar as it is practicable,
2983 shall be housed in or near various offices of the division statewide.

2984 (3) (a) The attorney general's office shall represent the division with regard to actions
2985 involving minors who have not been adjudicated as abused or neglected, but who are otherwise
2986 committed to the custody of the division by the juvenile court, and who are placed in custody
2987 of the division primarily on the basis of delinquent behavior or a status offense.

2988 (b) Nothing in this section may be construed to affect the responsibility of the county
2989 attorney or district attorney to represent the state in the matters described in Subsection (3)(a)
2990 in accordance with [~~Section 78A-6-115~~] [Sections 80-3-104 and 80-4-106](#).

2991 Section 41. Section **62A-4a-114** is amended to read:

2992 **62A-4a-114. Financial reimbursement by parent or legal guardian.**

2993 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the division shall seek reimbursement of
2994 funds it has expended on behalf of a child in the protective custody, temporary custody, or
2995 custody of the division, from the child's parents or legal guardians in accordance with an order
2996 for child support under Section [~~78A-6-1106~~] [78A-6-356](#).

2997 (2) A parent or any other obligated person is not responsible for support for periods of
2998 time that a child is removed upon a finding by the juvenile court that there were insufficient
2999 grounds for that removal and that child is returned to the home of the parent, parents, or legal
3000 guardians based upon that finding.

3001 (3) In the event that the juvenile court finds that there were insufficient grounds for the
3002 initial removal, but that the child is to remain in the custody of the state, the juvenile court shall
3003 order that the parents or any other obligated persons are responsible for support from the point

3004 at which it became improper to return the child to the home of the child's parent, parents, or
3005 legal guardians.

3006 (4) The attorney general shall represent the division in any legal action taken to enforce
3007 this section.

3008 (5) (a) A parent or any other obligated person is not responsible for support if:

3009 (i) the parent or other obligated person's only source of income is a government-issued
3010 disability benefit; and

3011 (ii) the benefit described in Subsection (5)(a)(i) is issued because of the parent or other
3012 person's disability, and not the child's disability.

3013 (b) A person who seeks to be excused from providing support under Subsection (5)(a)
3014 shall provide the division and the Office of Recovery Services with evidence that the person
3015 meets the requirements of Subsection (5)(a).

3016 Section 42. Section **62A-4a-118** is amended to read:

3017 **62A-4a-118. Annual review of child welfare referrals and cases by executive**
3018 **director -- Accountability to the Legislature -- Review by legislative auditor general.**

3019 (1) The division shall use principles of quality management systems, including
3020 statistical measures of processes of service, and the routine reporting of performance data to
3021 employees.

3022 (2) (a) In addition to development of quantifiable outcome measures and performance
3023 measures in accordance with Section [62A-4a-117](#), the executive director, or the executive
3024 director's designee, shall annually review a randomly selected sample of child welfare referrals
3025 to and cases handled by the division. The purpose of that review shall be to assess whether the
3026 division is adequately protecting children and providing appropriate services to families, in
3027 accordance with the provisions of Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family Services, and [~~Title~~
3028 ~~78A, Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Part 5, Termination~~
3029 ~~of Parental Rights Act]~~ Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and
3030 Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights. The review shall focus directly on
3031 the outcome of cases to children and families, and not simply on procedural compliance with
3032 specified criteria.

3033 (b) The executive director shall report on the executive director's review to the
3034 legislative auditor general and the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel.

3035 (c) Information obtained as a result of the review shall be provided to caseworkers,
3036 supervisors, and division personnel involved in the respective cases, for purposes of education,
3037 training, and performance evaluation.

3038 (3) The executive director's review and report to the legislative auditor general and the
3039 Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel shall include:

3040 (a) the criteria used by the executive director, or the executive director's designee, in
3041 making the evaluation;

3042 (b) findings regarding whether state statutes, division rule, legislative policy, and
3043 division policy were followed in each sample case;

3044 (c) findings regarding whether, in each sample case, referrals, removals, or cases were
3045 appropriately handled by the division and its employees, and whether children were adequately
3046 and appropriately protected and appropriate services provided to families, in accordance with
3047 the provisions of Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family Services, [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part~~
3048 ~~3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights~~
3049 ~~Act]~~ Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Chapter 4,
3050 Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights, and division rule;

3051 (d) an assessment of the division's intake procedures and decisions, including an
3052 assessment of the appropriateness of decisions not to accept referrals; and

3053 (e) an assessment of the appropriateness of the division's assignment of priority.

3054 (4) (a) In addition to the executive director's review under Subsection (2), the
3055 legislative auditor general shall audit, subject to the prioritization of the Legislative Audit
3056 Subcommittee, a sample of child welfare referrals to and cases handled by the division and
3057 report the findings to the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel.

3058 (b) An audit under Subsection (4)(a) may be initiated by:

3059 (i) the Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Management Committee;

3060 (ii) the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel; or

3061 (iii) the legislative auditor general, based on the results of the executive director's
3062 review under Subsection (2).

3063 (c) With regard to the sample of referrals, removals, and cases, the Legislative Auditor
3064 General's report may include:

3065 (i) findings regarding whether state statutes, division rule, legislative policy, and

3066 division policy were followed by the division and its employees;

3067 (ii) a determination regarding whether referrals, removals, and cases were appropriately
3068 handled by the division and its employees, and whether children were adequately and
3069 appropriately protected and appropriate services provided for families, in accordance with the
3070 provisions of Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family Services, [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3,~~
3071 ~~Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act]~~
3072 Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Chapter 4, Termination
3073 and Restoration of Parental Rights, and division rule;

3074 (iii) an assessment of the division's intake procedures and decisions, including an
3075 assessment of the appropriateness of decisions not to accept referrals;

3076 (iv) an assessment of the appropriateness of the division's assignment of priority;

3077 (v) a determination regarding whether the department's review process is effecting
3078 beneficial change within the division and accomplishing the mission established by the
3079 Legislature and the department for that review process; and

3080 (vi) findings regarding any other issues identified by the auditor or others under this
3081 Subsection (4).

3082 Section 43. Section **62A-4a-201** is amended to read:

3083 **62A-4a-201. Rights of parents -- Children's rights -- Interest and responsibility of**
3084 **state.**

3085 (1) (a) Under both the United States Constitution and the constitution of this state, a
3086 parent possesses a fundamental liberty interest in the care, custody, and management of the
3087 parent's children. A fundamentally fair process must be provided to parents if the state moves
3088 to challenge or interfere with parental rights. A governmental entity must support any actions
3089 or allegations made in opposition to the rights and desires of a parent regarding the parent's
3090 children by sufficient evidence to satisfy a parent's constitutional entitlement to heightened
3091 protection against government interference with the parent's fundamental rights and liberty
3092 interests and, concomitantly, the right of the child to be reared by the child's natural parent.

3093 (b) The fundamental liberty interest of a parent concerning the care, custody, and
3094 management of the parent's children is recognized, protected, and does not cease to exist
3095 simply because a parent may fail to be a model parent or because the parent's child is placed in
3096 the temporary custody of the state. At all times, a parent retains a vital interest in preventing the

3097 irretrievable destruction of family life. Prior to an adjudication of unfitness, government action
3098 in relation to parents and their children may not exceed the least restrictive means or
3099 alternatives available to accomplish a compelling state interest. Until the state proves parental
3100 unfitness, and the child suffers, or is substantially likely to suffer, serious detriment as a result,
3101 the child and the child's parents share a vital interest in preventing erroneous termination of
3102 their natural relationship and the state cannot presume that a child and the child's parents are
3103 adversaries.

3104 (c) It is in the best interest and welfare of a child to be raised under the care and
3105 supervision of the child's natural parents. A child's need for a normal family life in a permanent
3106 home, and for positive, nurturing family relationships is usually best met by the child's natural
3107 parents. Additionally, the integrity of the family unit and the right of parents to conceive and
3108 raise their children are constitutionally protected. The right of a fit, competent parent to raise
3109 the parent's child without undue government interference is a fundamental liberty interest that
3110 has long been protected by the laws and Constitution and is a fundamental public policy of this
3111 state.

3112 (d) The state recognizes that:

3113 (i) a parent has the right, obligation, responsibility, and authority to raise, manage,
3114 train, educate, provide and care for, and reasonably discipline the parent's children; and

3115 (ii) the state's role is secondary and supportive to the primary role of a parent.

3116 (e) It is the public policy of this state that parents retain the fundamental right and duty
3117 to exercise primary control over the care, supervision, upbringing, and education of their
3118 children.

3119 (f) Subsections (2) through (7) shall be interpreted and applied consistent with this
3120 Subsection (1).

3121 (2) It is also the public policy of this state that children have the right to protection
3122 from abuse and neglect, and that the state retains a compelling interest in investigating,
3123 prosecuting, and punishing abuse and neglect[, as defined in this chapter, and in Title 78A,
3124 Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act]. Therefore, the state, as *parens patriae*, has an interest in and
3125 responsibility to protect children whose parents abuse them or do not adequately provide for
3126 their welfare. There may be circumstances where a parent's conduct or condition is a substantial
3127 departure from the norm and the parent is unable or unwilling to render safe and proper

3128 parental care and protection. Under those circumstances, the state may take action for the
3129 welfare and protection of the parent's children.

3130 (3) When the division intervenes on behalf of an abused, neglected, or dependent child,
3131 it shall take into account the child's need for protection from immediate harm and the extent to
3132 which the child's extended family may provide needed protection. Throughout its involvement,
3133 the division shall utilize the least intrusive and least restrictive means available to protect a
3134 child, in an effort to ensure that children are brought up in stable, permanent families, rather
3135 than in temporary foster placements under the supervision of the state.

3136 (4) When circumstances within the family pose a threat to the child's immediate safety
3137 or welfare, the division may seek custody of the child for a planned, temporary period and
3138 place the child in a safe environment, subject to the requirements of this section and in
3139 accordance with the requirements of [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and~~
3140 ~~Dependency Proceedings~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings,
3141 and:

- 3142 (a) when safe and appropriate, return the child to the child's parent; or
- 3143 (b) as a last resort, pursue another permanency plan.

3144 (5) In determining and making "reasonable efforts" with regard to a child, pursuant to
3145 the provisions of Section [62A-4a-203](#), both the division's and the court's paramount concern
3146 shall be the child's health, safety, and welfare. The desires of a parent for the parent's child, and
3147 the constitutionally protected rights of a parent, as described in this section, shall be given full
3148 and serious consideration by the division and the court.

3149 (6) In cases where actual sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, abandonment, severe abuse,
3150 or severe neglect are established, the state has no duty to make "reasonable efforts" or to, in any
3151 other way, attempt to maintain a child in the child's home, provide reunification services, or to
3152 attempt to rehabilitate the offending parent or parents. This Subsection (6) does not exempt the
3153 division from providing court-ordered services.

3154 (7) (a) In accordance with Subsection (1), the division shall strive to achieve
3155 appropriate permanency for children who are abused, neglected, or dependent. The division
3156 shall provide in-home services, where appropriate and safe, in an effort to help a parent to
3157 correct the behavior that resulted in abuse, neglect, or dependency of the parent's child. The
3158 division may pursue a foster placement only if in-home services fail or are otherwise

3159 insufficient or inappropriate, kinship placement is not safe or appropriate, or in-home services
 3160 and kinship placement fail and cannot be corrected. The division shall also seek qualified
 3161 extended family support or a kinship placement to maintain a sense of security and stability for
 3162 the child.

3163 (b) If the use or continuation of "reasonable efforts," as described in Subsections (5)
 3164 and (6), is determined to be inconsistent with the permanency plan for a child, then measures
 3165 shall be taken, in a timely manner, to place the child in accordance with the permanency plan,
 3166 and to complete whatever steps are necessary to finalize the permanent placement of the child.

3167 (c) Subject to the parental rights recognized and protected under this section, if,
 3168 because of a parent's conduct or condition, the parent is determined to be unfit or incompetent
 3169 based on the grounds for termination of parental rights described in [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part~~
 3170 ~~5, Termination of Parental Rights Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency
 3171 Proceedings, the continuing welfare and best interest of the child is of paramount importance,
 3172 and shall be protected in determining whether that parent's rights should be terminated.

3173 (8) The state's right to direct or intervene in the provision of medical or mental health
 3174 care for a child is subject to [~~Subsections 78A-6-105(4)(b)(i) through (iii) and 78A-6-117(2)~~
 3175 ~~and Section 78A-6-301.5.~~] Subsection 80-1-102(51)(b)(i) through (iii) and Sections 80-3-109
 3176 and 80-3-304.

3177 Section 44. Section **62A-4a-202.3** is amended to read:

3178 **62A-4a-202.3. Investigation -- Supported or unsupported reports -- Child in**
 3179 **protective custody.**

3180 (1) When a child is taken into protective custody in accordance with Section
 3181 62A-4a-202.1[~~, 78A-6-106, or 78A-6-302,~~] or 80-3-204 or when the division takes any other
 3182 action that would require a shelter hearing under Subsection [~~78A-6-306~~] 80-3-301(1), the
 3183 division shall immediately initiate an investigation of the:

3184 (a) circumstances of the child; and

3185 (b) grounds upon which the decision to place the child into protective custody was
 3186 made.

3187 (2) The division's investigation shall conform to reasonable professional standards, and
 3188 shall include:

3189 (a) a search for and review of any records of past reports of abuse or neglect involving:

- 3190 (i) the same child;
- 3191 (ii) any sibling or other child residing in the same household as the child; and
- 3192 (iii) the alleged perpetrator;
- 3193 (b) with regard to a child who is five years [~~of age~~] old or older, a personal interview
- 3194 with the child:
 - 3195 (i) outside of the presence of the alleged perpetrator; and
 - 3196 (ii) conducted in accordance with the requirements of Subsection (7);
 - 3197 (c) if a parent or guardian can be located, an interview with at least one of the child's
 - 3198 parents or guardian;
 - 3199 (d) an interview with the person who reported the abuse, unless the report was made
 - 3200 anonymously;
 - 3201 (e) where possible and appropriate, interviews with other third parties who have had
 - 3202 direct contact with the child, including:
 - 3203 (i) school personnel; and
 - 3204 (ii) the child's health care provider;
 - 3205 (f) an unscheduled visit to the child's home, unless:
 - 3206 (i) there is a reasonable basis to believe that the reported abuse was committed by a
 - 3207 person who:
 - 3208 (A) is not the child's parent; and
 - 3209 (B) does not:
 - 3210 (I) live in the child's home; or
 - 3211 (II) otherwise have access to the child in the child's home; or
 - 3212 (ii) an unscheduled visit is not necessary to obtain evidence for the investigation; and
 - 3213 (g) if appropriate and indicated in any case alleging physical injury, sexual abuse, or
 - 3214 failure to meet the child's medical needs, a medical examination, obtained no later than 24
 - 3215 hours after the child is placed in protective custody.
 - 3216 (3) The division may rely on a written report of a prior interview rather than conducting
 - 3217 an additional interview, if:
 - 3218 (a) law enforcement:
 - 3219 (i) previously conducted a timely and thorough investigation regarding the alleged
 - 3220 abuse, neglect, or dependency; and

- 3221 (ii) produced a written report;
- 3222 (b) the investigation described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) included one or more of the
3223 interviews required by Subsection (2); and
- 3224 (c) the division finds that an additional interview is not in the best interest of the child.
- 3225 (4) (a) The division's determination of whether a report is supported or unsupported
3226 may be based on the child's statements alone.
- 3227 (b) Inability to identify or locate the perpetrator may not be used by the division as a
3228 basis for:
- 3229 (i) determining that a report is unsupported; or
- 3230 (ii) closing the case.
- 3231 (c) The division may not determine a case to be unsupported or identify a case as
3232 unsupported solely because the perpetrator was an out-of-home perpetrator.
- 3233 (d) Decisions regarding whether a report is supported, unsupported, or without merit
3234 shall be based on the facts of the case at the time the report was made.
- 3235 (5) The division should maintain protective custody of the child if it finds that one or
3236 more of the following conditions exist:
- 3237 (a) the child does not have a natural parent, guardian, or responsible relative who is
3238 able and willing to provide safe and appropriate care for the child;
- 3239 (b) (i) shelter of the child is a matter of necessity for the protection of the child; and
3240 (ii) there are no reasonable means by which the child can be protected in:
- 3241 (A) the child's home; or
- 3242 (B) the home of a responsible relative;
- 3243 (c) there is substantial evidence that the parent or guardian is likely to flee the
3244 jurisdiction of the court; or
- 3245 (d) the child has left a previously court ordered placement.
- 3246 (6) (a) Within 24 hours after receipt of a child into protective custody, excluding
3247 weekends and holidays, the division shall:
- 3248 (i) convene a child protection team to review the circumstances regarding removal of
3249 the child from the child's home or school; and
- 3250 (ii) prepare the testimony and evidence that will be required of the division at the
3251 shelter hearing, in accordance with Section ~~[78A-6-306]~~ [80-3-301](#).

3252 (b) The child protection team may include members of a child protection unit.
3253 (c) At the 24-hour meeting, the division shall have available for review and
3254 consideration the complete child protective services and foster care history of the child and the
3255 child's parents and siblings.

3256 (7) (a) After receipt of a child into protective custody and prior to the adjudication
3257 hearing, all investigative interviews with the child that are initiated by the division shall be:
3258 (i) except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), audio or video taped; and
3259 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (7)(c), conducted with a support person of the
3260 child's choice present.

3261 (b) (i) Subject to Subsection (7)(b)(ii), an interview described in Subsection (7)(a) may
3262 be conducted without being taped if the child:
3263 (A) is at least nine years old;
3264 (B) refuses to have the interview audio taped; and
3265 (C) refuses to have the interview video taped.

3266 (ii) If, pursuant to Subsection (7)(b)(i), an interview is conducted without being taped,
3267 the child's refusal shall be documented, as follows:
3268 (A) the interviewer shall attempt to get the child's refusal on tape, including the reasons
3269 for the refusal; or
3270 (B) if the child does not allow the refusal, or the reasons for the refusal, to be taped, the
3271 interviewer shall:
3272 (I) state on the tape that the child is present, but has refused to have the interview,
3273 refusal, or the reasons for the refusal taped; or
3274 (II) if complying with Subsection (7)(b)(ii)(B)(I) will result in the child, who would
3275 otherwise consent to be interviewed, to refuse to be interviewed, the interviewer shall
3276 document, in writing, that the child refused to allow the interview to be taped and the reasons
3277 for that refusal.

3278 (iii) The division shall track the number of interviews under this Subsection (7) that are
3279 not taped, and the number of refusals that are not taped, for each interviewer, in order to
3280 determine whether a particular interviewer has a higher incidence of refusals, or taped refusals,
3281 than other interviewers.

3282 (c) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (7)(a)(ii), the support person who is present for an

3283 interview of a child may not be an alleged perpetrator.

3284 (ii) Subsection (7)(a)(ii) does not apply if the child refuses to have a support person
3285 present during the interview.

3286 (iii) If a child described in Subsection (7)(c)(ii) refuses to have a support person
3287 present in the interview, the interviewer shall document, in writing, the refusal and the reasons
3288 for the refusal.

3289 (iv) The division shall track the number of interviews under this Subsection (7) where a
3290 child refuses to have a support person present for each interviewer, in order to determine
3291 whether a particular interviewer has a higher incidence of refusals than other interviewers.

3292 (8) The division shall cooperate with law enforcement investigations and with a child
3293 protection unit, if applicable, regarding the alleged perpetrator.

3294 (9) The division may not close an investigation solely on the grounds that the division
3295 investigator is unable to locate the child until all reasonable efforts have been made to locate
3296 the child and family members including:

3297 (a) visiting the home at times other than normal work hours;

3298 (b) contacting local schools;

3299 (c) contacting local, county, and state law enforcement agencies; and

3300 (d) checking public assistance records.

3301 Section 45. Section **62A-4a-202.4** is amended to read:

3302 **62A-4a-202.4. Access to criminal background information.**

3303 (1) For purposes of background screening and investigation of abuse or neglect under
3304 this chapter and [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings;~~]
3305 Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, the division shall have
3306 direct access to criminal background information maintained pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 10,
3307 Part 2, Bureau of Criminal Identification.

3308 (2) The division and the Office of Guardian Ad Litem are authorized to request the
3309 Department of Public Safety to conduct a complete Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal
3310 background check through the national criminal history system (NCIC).

3311 Section 46. Section **62A-4a-202.8** is amended to read:

3312 **62A-4a-202.8. Child protection team meeting -- Timing.**

3313 (1) Subject to Subsection (2), if the division files a petition under Section [~~78A-6-304~~]

3314 [80-3-201](#), the division shall convene a child protection team meeting to:

3315 (a) review the circumstances of the filing of the petition; and

3316 (b) develop or review implementation of a safety plan to protect the child from further
3317 abuse, neglect, or dependency.

3318 (2) The child protection team meeting required under Subsection (1) shall be held
3319 within the shorter of:

3320 (a) 14 days of the day on which the petition is filed under Section [~~78A-6-304~~]

3321 [80-3-201](#) if the conditions of Subsection (2)(b) or (c) are not met;

3322 (b) 24 hours of the filing of the petition under Section [~~78A-6-304~~] [80-3-201](#),
3323 excluding weekends and holidays, if the child who is the subject of the petition will likely be
3324 taken into protective custody unless there is an expedited hearing and services ordered under
3325 the protective supervision of the court; or

3326 (c) 24 hours after receipt of a child into protective custody, excluding weekends and
3327 holidays, if the child is taken into protective custody as provided in Section [62A-4a-202.3](#).

3328 (3) The child protection team may include members of a child protection unit.

3329 (4) At its meeting the child protection team shall review the complete child protective
3330 services and foster care history of the child and the child's parents and siblings.

3331 Section 47. Section **62A-4a-203** is amended to read:

3332 **62A-4a-203. Removal of a child from home -- Reasonable efforts to maintain**
3333 **child in home -- Exception -- Reasonable efforts for reunification.**

3334 (1) Because removal of a child from the child's home affects protected, constitutional
3335 rights of the parent and has a dramatic, long-term impact on a child, the division shall:

3336 (a) when possible and appropriate, without danger to the child's welfare, make
3337 reasonable efforts to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of a child from the child's home
3338 prior to placement in substitute care;

3339 (b) determine whether there is substantial cause to believe that a child has been or is in
3340 danger of abuse or neglect, in accordance with the guidelines described in [~~Title 78A, Chapter~~
3341 ~~6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, prior to~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse,
3342 Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, before removing the child from the child's home; and

3343 (c) when it is possible and appropriate, and in accordance with the limitations and
3344 requirements of Sections [~~78A-6-312 and 78A-6-314~~] [80-3-406](#) and [80-3-409](#), make reasonable

3345 efforts to make it possible for a child in substitute care to return to the child's home.

3346 (2) (a) In determining the reasonableness of efforts needed to maintain a child in the
3347 child's home or to return a child to the child's home, in accordance with Subsection (1)(a) or
3348 (c), the child's health, safety, and welfare shall be the paramount concern.

3349 (b) The division shall consider whether the efforts described in Subsections (1) and (2)
3350 are likely to prevent abuse or continued neglect of the child.

3351 (3) When removal and placement in substitute care is necessary to protect a child, the
3352 efforts described in Subsections (1) and (2):

3353 (a) are not reasonable or appropriate; and

3354 (b) should not be utilized.

3355 (4) Subject to Subsection (5), in cases where sexual abuse, sexual exploitation,
3356 abandonment, severe abuse, or severe neglect are involved, the state has no duty to make
3357 reasonable efforts to, in any way, attempt to:

3358 (a) maintain a child in the child's home;

3359 (b) provide reunification services; or

3360 (c) rehabilitate the offending parent or parents.

3361 (5) Nothing in Subsection (4) exempts the division from providing court ordered
3362 services.

3363 Section 48. Section **62A-4a-205** is amended to read:

3364 **62A-4a-205. Child and family plan -- Parent-time and relative visitation.**

3365 (1) No more than 45 days after a child enters the temporary custody of the division, the
3366 child's child and family plan shall be finalized.

3367 (2) (a) The division may use an interdisciplinary team approach in developing each
3368 child and family plan.

3369 (b) The interdisciplinary team described in Subsection (2)(a) may include
3370 representatives from the following fields:

3371 (i) mental health;

3372 (ii) education; and

3373 (iii) if appropriate, law enforcement.

3374 (3) (a) The division shall involve all of the following in the development of a child's
3375 child and family plan:

- 3376 (i) both of the child's natural parents, unless the whereabouts of a parent are unknown;
- 3377 (ii) the child;
- 3378 (iii) the child's foster parents; and
- 3379 (iv) if appropriate, the child's stepparent.

3380 (b) Subsection (3)(a) does not prohibit any other party not listed in Subsection (3)(a) or
3381 a party's counsel from being involved in the development of a child's child and family plan if
3382 the party or counsel's participation is otherwise permitted by law.

3383 (c) In relation to all information considered by the division in developing a child and
3384 family plan, additional weight and attention shall be given to the input of the child's natural and
3385 foster parents upon their involvement pursuant to Subsections (3)(a)(i) and (iii).

3386 (d) (i) The division shall make a substantial effort to develop a child and family plan
3387 with which the child's parents agree.

3388 (ii) If a parent does not agree with a child and family plan:

3389 (A) the division shall strive to resolve the disagreement between the division and the
3390 parent; and

3391 (B) if the disagreement is not resolved, the division shall inform the court of the
3392 disagreement.

3393 (4) A copy of the child and family plan shall, immediately upon completion, or as soon
3394 as reasonably possible thereafter, be provided to the:

- 3395 (a) guardian ad litem;
- 3396 (b) child's natural parents; and
- 3397 (c) child's foster parents.

3398 (5) Each child and family plan shall:

3399 (a) specifically provide for the safety of the child, in accordance with federal law; and

3400 (b) clearly define what actions or precautions will, or may be, necessary to provide for
3401 the health, safety, protection, and welfare of the child.

3402 (6) The child and family plan shall set forth, with specificity, at least the following:

3403 (a) the reason the child entered into the custody of the division;

3404 (b) documentation of the:

3405 (i) reasonable efforts made to prevent placement of the child in the custody of the
3406 division; or

- 3407 (ii) emergency situation that existed and that prevented the reasonable efforts described
3408 in Subsection (6)(b)(i), from being made;
- 3409 (c) the primary permanency plan for the child and the reason for selection of that plan;
- 3410 (d) the concurrent permanency plan for the child and the reason for the selection of that
3411 plan;
- 3412 (e) if the plan is for the child to return to the child's family:
- 3413 (i) specifically what the parents must do in order to enable the child to be returned
3414 home;
- 3415 (ii) specifically how the requirements described in Subsection (6)(e)(i) may be
3416 accomplished; and
- 3417 (iii) how the requirements described in Subsection (6)(e)(i) will be measured;
- 3418 (f) the specific services needed to reduce the problems that necessitated placing the
3419 child in the division's custody;
- 3420 (g) the name of the person who will provide for and be responsible for case
3421 management;
- 3422 (h) subject to Subsection (10), a parent-time schedule between the natural parent and
3423 the child;
- 3424 (i) subject to Subsection (7), the health and mental health care to be provided to
3425 address any known or diagnosed mental health needs of the child;
- 3426 (j) if residential treatment rather than a foster home is the proposed placement, a
3427 requirement for a specialized assessment of the child's health needs including an assessment of
3428 mental illness and behavior and conduct disorders;
- 3429 (k) social summaries that include case history information pertinent to case planning;
3430 and
- 3431 (l) subject to Subsection (12), a sibling visitation schedule.
- 3432 (7) (a) Subject to Subsection (7)(b), in addition to the information required under
3433 Subsection (6)(i), the plan shall include a specialized assessment of the medical and mental
3434 health needs of a child, if the child:
- 3435 (i) is placed in residential treatment; and
- 3436 (ii) has medical or mental health issues that need to be addressed.
- 3437 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (7)(a), a parent shall retain the right to seek a separate

3438 medical or mental health diagnosis of the parent's child from a licensed practitioner of the
3439 parent's choice.

3440 (8) (a) Each child and family plan shall be specific to each child and the child's family,
3441 rather than general.

3442 (b) The division shall train its workers to develop child and family plans that comply
3443 with:

3444 (i) federal mandates; and

3445 (ii) the specific needs of the particular child and the child's family.

3446 (c) All child and family plans and expectations shall be individualized and contain
3447 specific time frames.

3448 (d) Subject to Subsection (8)(h), child and family plans shall address problems that:

3449 (i) keep a child in placement; and

3450 (ii) keep a child from achieving permanence in the child's life.

3451 (e) Each child and family plan shall be designed to minimize disruption to the normal
3452 activities of the child's family, including employment and school.

3453 (f) In particular, the time, place, and amount of services, hearings, and other
3454 requirements ordered by the court in the child and family plan shall be designed, as much as
3455 practicable, to help the child's parents maintain or obtain employment.

3456 (g) The child's natural parents, foster parents, and where appropriate, stepparents, shall
3457 be kept informed of and supported to participate in important meetings and procedures related
3458 to the child's placement.

3459 (h) For purposes of Subsection (8)(d), a child and family plan may only include
3460 requirements that:

3461 (i) address findings made by the court; or

3462 (ii) (A) are requested or consented to by a parent or guardian of the child; and

3463 (B) are agreed to by the division and the guardian ad litem.

3464 (9) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (9)(b), with regard to a child who is three
3465 years ~~[of age]~~ old or younger, if the plan is not to return the child home, the primary
3466 permanency plan for that child shall be adoption.

3467 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (9)(a), if the division documents to the court that there
3468 is a compelling reason that adoption, reunification, guardianship, and a placement described in

3469 Subsection [~~78A-6-306~~] 80-3-301(6)(e) are not in the child's best interest, the court may order
3470 another planned permanent living arrangement in accordance with federal law.

3471 (10) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(b), parent-time may only be denied by a
3472 court order issued [~~pursuant to Subsections 78A-6-312(3), (6), and (7)~~] in accordance with
3473 Subsection 80-3-406(9).

3474 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (10)(a), the person designated by the division or a
3475 court to supervise a parent-time session may deny parent-time for that session if the supervising
3476 person determines that, based on the parent's condition, it is necessary to deny parent-time in
3477 order to:

3478 (i) protect the physical safety of the child;

3479 (ii) protect the life of the child; or

3480 (iii) consistent with Subsection (10)(c), prevent the child from being traumatized by
3481 contact with the parent.

3482 (c) In determining whether the condition of the parent described in Subsection (10)(b)
3483 will traumatize a child, the person supervising the parent-time session shall consider the impact
3484 that the parent's condition will have on the child in light of:

3485 (i) the child's fear of the parent; and

3486 (ii) the nature of the alleged abuse or neglect.

3487 (11) The division shall consider visitation with their grandparents for children in state
3488 custody if the division determines visitation to be in the best interest of the child and:

3489 (a) there are no safety concerns regarding the behavior or criminal background of the
3490 grandparents;

3491 (b) allowing visitation would not compete with or undermine the reunification plan;

3492 (c) there is a substantial relationship between the grandparents and children; and

3493 (d) the visitation will not unduly burden the foster parents.

3494 (12) The child and family plan shall incorporate reasonable efforts to:

3495 (a) provide sibling visitation when:

3496 (i) siblings are separated due to foster care or adoptive placement;

3497 (ii) visitation is in the best interest of the child for whom the plan is developed; and

3498 (iii) the division has consent for sibling visitation from the legal guardian of the

3499 sibling; and

3500 (b) obtain consent for sibling visitation from the sibling's legal guardian when the
3501 criteria of Subsections (12)(a)(i) and (ii) are met.

3502 Section 49. Section **62A-4a-205.5** is amended to read:

3503 **62A-4a-205.5. Prohibition of discrimination based on race, color, or ethnicity.**

3504 (1) As used in this section, "adoptable children" means children:

3505 (a) who are in the custody of the division; and

3506 (b) (i) who have permanency goals of adoption; or

3507 (ii) for whom a final plan for pursuing termination of parental rights has been approved
3508 in accordance with Section [~~78A-6-314~~] [80-3-409](#).

3509 (2) Except as required under the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. Secs. 1901-1963,
3510 the division may not base its decision for placement of adoptable children on the race, color,
3511 ethnicity, or national origin of either the child or the prospective adoptive parents.

3512 (3) The basis of a decision for placement of an adoptable child shall be the best interest
3513 of the child.

3514 Section 50. Section **62A-4a-205.6** is amended to read:

3515 **62A-4a-205.6. Adoptive placement time frame -- Contracting with agencies.**

3516 (1) With regard to a child who has a primary permanency plan of adoption or for whom
3517 a final plan for pursuing termination of parental rights has been approved in accordance with
3518 Section [~~78A-6-314~~] [80-3-409](#), the division shall make intensive efforts to place the child in an
3519 adoptive home within 30 days of the earlier of:

3520 (a) approval of the final plan; or

3521 (b) establishment of the primary permanency plan.

3522 (2) If within the time periods described in Subsection (1) the division is unable to
3523 locate a suitable adoptive home, it shall contract with licensed child-placing agencies to search
3524 for an appropriate adoptive home for the child, and to place the child for adoption. The division
3525 shall comply with the requirements of Section [62A-4a-607](#) and contract with a variety of child
3526 placing agencies licensed under [~~Title 62A, Chapter 4a,~~] Part 6, Child Placing. In accordance
3527 with federal law, the division shall develop plans for the effective use of cross-jurisdictional
3528 resources to facilitate timely adoptive or permanent placements for waiting children.

3529 (3) The division shall ensure that children who are adopted and were previously in its
3530 custody, continue to receive the medical and mental health coverage that they are entitled to

3531 under state and federal law.

3532 (4) The division may not consider a prospective adoptive parent's willingness or
3533 unwillingness to enter a postadoption contact agreement under Section [78B-6-146](#) as a
3534 condition of placing a child with the prospective adoptive parent.

3535 Section 51. Section **62A-4a-206** is amended to read:

3536 **62A-4a-206. Process for removal of a child from foster family -- Procedural due**
3537 **process.**

3538 (1) (a) The Legislature finds that, except with regard to a child's natural parent or legal
3539 guardian, a foster family has a very limited but recognized interest in its familial relationship
3540 with a foster child who has been in the care and custody of that family. In making
3541 determinations regarding removal of a child from a foster home, the division may not dismiss
3542 the foster family as a mere collection of unrelated individuals.

3543 (b) The Legislature finds that children in the temporary custody and custody of the
3544 division are experiencing multiple changes in foster care placements with little or no
3545 documentation, and that numerous studies of child growth and development emphasize the
3546 importance of stability in foster care living arrangements.

3547 (c) For the reasons described in Subsections (1)(a) and (b), the division shall provide
3548 procedural due process for a foster family prior to removal of a foster child from their home,
3549 regardless of the length of time the child has been in that home, unless removal is for the
3550 purpose of:

3551 (i) returning the child to the child's natural parent or legal guardian;

3552 (ii) immediately placing the child in an approved adoptive home;

3553 (iii) placing the child with a relative, as defined in [~~Subsection 78A-6-307(1)~~] Section
3554 [80-3-102](#), who obtained custody or asserted an interest in the child within the preference period
3555 described in Subsection [~~78A-6-307(18)(a)~~] [80-3-302\(8\)](#); or

3556 (iv) placing an Indian child in accordance with [~~preplacement~~] placement preferences
3557 and other requirements described in the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1915.

3558 (2) (a) The division shall maintain and utilize due process procedures for removal of a
3559 foster child from a foster home, in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Title
3560 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

3561 (b) Those procedures shall include requirements for:

3562 (i) personal communication with, and a written explanation of the reasons for the
3563 removal to, the foster parents prior to removal of the child; and
3564 (ii) an opportunity for foster parents to present their information and concerns to the
3565 division and to:

3566 (A) request a review, to be held before removal of the child, by a third party neutral
3567 fact finder; or
3568 (B) if the child has been placed with the foster parents for a period of at least two years,
3569 request a review, to be held before removal of the child, by:

3570 (I) the juvenile court judge currently assigned to the child's case; or
3571 (II) if the juvenile court judge currently assigned to the child's case is not available,
3572 another juvenile court judge.

3573 (c) If the division determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the child is
3574 in danger or that there is a substantial threat of danger to the health or welfare of the child, it
3575 shall place the child in emergency foster care during the pendency of the procedures described
3576 in this subsection, instead of making another foster care placement.

3577 (3) If the division removes a child from a foster home based upon the child's statement
3578 alone, the division shall initiate and expedite the processes described in Subsection (2). The
3579 division may take no formal action with regard to that foster parent's license until after those
3580 processes, in addition to any other procedure or hearing required by law, have been completed.

3581 (4) When a complaint is made to the division by a foster child against a foster parent,
3582 the division shall, within 30 business days, provide the foster parent with information regarding
3583 the specific nature of the complaint, the time and place of the alleged incident, and who was
3584 alleged to have been involved.

3585 (5) Whenever the division places a child in a foster home, it shall provide the foster
3586 parents with:

3587 (a) notification of the requirements of this section;
3588 (b) a written description of the procedures enacted by the division pursuant to
3589 Subsection (2) and how to access those processes; and
3590 (c) written notification of the foster parents' ability to petition the juvenile court
3591 directly for review of a decision to remove a foster child who has been in their custody for 12
3592 months or longer, in accordance with the limitations and requirements of Section [78A-6-318]

3593 [80-3-502](#).

3594 (6) The requirements of this section do not apply to the removal of a child based on a
3595 foster parent's request for that removal.

3596 (7) It is unlawful for a person, with the intent to avoid compliance with the
3597 requirements of this section, to:

3598 (a) take action, or encourage another to take action, against the license of a foster
3599 parent; or

3600 (b) remove a child from a foster home before the child has been placed with the foster
3601 parents for two years.

3602 (8) The division may not remove a foster child from a foster parent who is a relative, as
3603 defined in [~~Subsection 78A-6-307(1)~~] [Section 80-3-102](#), of the child on the basis of the age or
3604 health of the foster parent without determining by:

3605 (a) clear and convincing evidence that the foster parent is incapable of caring for the
3606 foster child, if the alternative foster parent would not be another relative of the child; or

3607 (b) a preponderance of the evidence that the foster parent is incapable of caring for the
3608 foster child, if the alternative foster parent would be another relative of the child.

3609 Section 52. Section **62A-4a-206.5** is amended to read:

3610 **62A-4a-206.5. Child missing from state custody.**

3611 (1) When the division receives information that a child in the custody of the division is
3612 missing, has been abducted, or has run away, the division shall:

3613 (a) within 24 hours after the time when the division has reason to believe that the
3614 information is accurate, notify the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; and

3615 (b) pursue a warrant under Subsection [~~78A-6-106(6)~~] [62A-4a-202.1\(8\)](#).

3616 (2) When the division locates a child described in Subsection (1), the division shall:

3617 (a) determine the primary factors that caused or contributed to the child's absence from
3618 care;

3619 (b) determine the child's experiences while absent from care, including screening the
3620 child to determine if the child is a sex trafficking victim;

3621 (c) to the extent possible, select a placement for the child that accommodates the child's
3622 needs and takes into consideration the factors and experiences described in Subsections (2)(a)
3623 and (b); and

3624 (d) follow the requirements in Section [~~78A-6-307.5~~] 80-3-303 for determining an
3625 ongoing placement of the child.

3626 Section 53. Section **62A-4a-207** is amended to read:

3627 **62A-4a-207. Legislative Oversight Panel -- Responsibilities.**

3628 (1) (a) There is created the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel composed of the
3629 following members:

3630 (i) two members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority
3631 party, appointed by the president of the Senate; and

3632 (ii) three members of the House of Representatives, two from the majority party and
3633 one from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

3634 (b) Members of the panel shall serve for two-year terms, or until their successors are
3635 appointed.

3636 (c) A vacancy exists whenever a member ceases to be a member of the Legislature, or
3637 when a member resigns from the panel. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority,
3638 and the replacement shall fill the unexpired term.

3639 (2) The president of the Senate shall designate one of the senators appointed to the
3640 panel under Subsection (1) as the Senate chair of the panel. The speaker of the House of
3641 Representatives shall designate one of the representatives appointed to the panel under
3642 Subsection (1) as the House chair of the panel.

3643 (3) The panel shall follow the interim committee rules established by the Legislature.

3644 (4) The panel shall:

3645 (a) examine and observe the process and execution of laws governing the child welfare
3646 system by the executive branch and the judicial branch;

3647 (b) upon request, receive testimony from the public, the juvenile court, and from all
3648 state agencies involved with the child welfare system, including the division, other offices and
3649 agencies within the department, the attorney general's office, the Office of Guardian Ad Litem,
3650 and school districts;

3651 (c) before October 1 of each year, receive a report from the judicial branch identifying
3652 the cases not in compliance with the time limits established in the following sections, and the
3653 reasons for noncompliance:

3654 (i) Subsection [~~78A-6-306(1)(a)~~] 80-3-301(1), regarding shelter hearings;

- 3655 (ii) Section [~~78A-6-309~~] [80-3-401](#), regarding pretrial and adjudication hearings;
- 3656 (iii) Section [~~78A-6-312~~] [80-3-406](#), regarding dispositional hearings and reunification
3657 services; and
- 3658 (iv) Section [~~78A-6-314~~] [80-3-409](#), regarding permanency hearings and petitions for
3659 termination;
- 3660 (d) receive recommendations from, and make recommendations to the governor, the
3661 Legislature, the attorney general, the division, the Office of Guardian Ad Litem, the juvenile
3662 court, and the public;
- 3663 (e) (i) receive reports from the executive branch and the judicial branch on budgetary
3664 issues impacting the child welfare system; and
- 3665 (ii) recommend, as the panel considers advisable, budgetary proposals to the Social
3666 Services Appropriations Subcommittee and the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice
3667 Appropriations Subcommittee, which recommendation should be made before December 1 of
3668 each year;
- 3669 (f) study and recommend proposed changes to laws governing the child welfare
3670 system;
- 3671 (g) study actions the state can take to preserve, unify, and strengthen the child's family
3672 ties whenever possible in the child's best interest, including recognizing the constitutional
3673 rights and claims of parents whenever those family ties are severed or infringed;
- 3674 (h) perform such other duties related to the oversight of the child welfare system as the
3675 panel considers appropriate; and
- 3676 (i) annually report the panel's findings and recommendations to the president of the
3677 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the Health and Human Services Interim
3678 Committee, and the Judiciary Interim Committee.
- 3679 (5) (a) The panel has authority to review and discuss individual cases.
- 3680 (b) When an individual case is discussed, the panel's meeting may be closed pursuant
3681 to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
- 3682 (c) When discussing an individual case, the panel shall make reasonable efforts to
3683 identify and consider the concerns of all parties to the case.
- 3684 (6) (a) The panel has authority to make recommendations to the Legislature, the
3685 governor, the Board of Juvenile Court Judges, the division, and any other statutorily created

3686 entity related to the policies and procedures of the child welfare system. The panel does not
3687 have authority to make recommendations to the court, the division, or any other public or
3688 private entity regarding the disposition of any individual case.

3689 (b) The panel may hold public hearings, as it considers advisable, in various locations
3690 within the state in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to appear and present
3691 their views regarding the child welfare system in this state.

3692 (7) (a) All records of the panel regarding individual cases shall be classified private,
3693 and may be disclosed only in accordance with federal law and the provisions of Title 63G,
3694 Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

3695 (b) The panel shall have access to all of the division's records, including those
3696 regarding individual cases. In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records
3697 Access and Management Act, all documents and information received by the panel shall
3698 maintain the same classification that was designated by the division.

3699 (8) In order to accomplish its oversight functions, the panel has:

3700 (a) all powers granted to legislative interim committees in Section 36-12-11; and

3701 (b) legislative subpoena powers under Title 36, Chapter 14, Legislative Subpoena
3702 Powers.

3703 (9) Compensation and expenses of a member of the panel who is a legislator are
3704 governed by Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and
3705 Expenses.

3706 (10) (a) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff
3707 support to the panel.

3708 (b) The panel is authorized to employ additional professional assistance and other staff
3709 members as it considers necessary and appropriate.

3710 Section 54. Section 62A-4a-209 is amended to read:

3711 **62A-4a-209. Emergency placement.**

3712 (1) As used in this section:

3713 (a) "Friend" means the same as that term is defined in [~~Subsection 78A-6-307(1)~~]

3714 Section 80-3-102.

3715 (b) "Nonrelative" means an individual, other than a noncustodial parent or a relative.

3716 (c) "Relative" means the same as that term is defined in [~~Subsection 78A-6-307(1)~~]

3717 Section 80-3-102.

3718 (2) The division may use an emergency placement under Subsection

3719 62A-4a-202.1~~[(4)(b)(ii)]~~(7)(b) when:

3720 (a) the case worker has made the determination that:

3721 (i) the child's home is unsafe;

3722 (ii) removal is necessary under the provisions of Section 62A-4a-202.1; and

3723 (iii) the child's custodial parent or guardian will agree to not remove the child from the

3724 home of the individual that serves as the placement and not have any contact with the child

3725 until after the shelter hearing required by Section ~~[78A-6-306]~~ 80-3-301;

3726 (b) an individual, with preference being given in accordance with Subsection (4), can

3727 be identified who has the ability and is willing to provide care for the child who would

3728 otherwise be placed in shelter care, including:

3729 (i) taking the child to medical, mental health, dental, and educational appointments at

3730 the request of the division; and

3731 (ii) making the child available to division services and the guardian ad litem; and

3732 (c) the individual described in Subsection (2)(b) agrees to care for the child on an

3733 emergency basis under the following conditions:

3734 (i) the individual meets the criteria for an emergency placement under Subsection (3);

3735 (ii) the individual agrees to not allow the custodial parent or guardian to have any

3736 contact with the child until after the shelter hearing unless authorized by the division in writing;

3737 (iii) the individual agrees to contact law enforcement and the division if the custodial

3738 parent or guardian attempts to make unauthorized contact with the child;

3739 (iv) the individual agrees to allow the division and the child's guardian ad litem to have

3740 access to the child;

3741 (v) the individual has been informed and understands that the division may continue to

3742 search for other possible placements for long-term care, if needed;

3743 (vi) the individual is willing to assist the custodial parent or guardian in reunification

3744 efforts at the request of the division, and to follow all court orders; and

3745 (vii) the child is comfortable with the individual.

3746 (3) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (5), before the division places a child in

3747 an emergency placement, the division:

3748 (a) may request the name of a reference and may contact the reference to determine the
3749 answer to the following questions:

3750 (i) would the individual identified as a reference place a child in the home of the
3751 emergency placement; and

3752 (ii) are there any other relatives or friends to consider as a possible emergency or
3753 long-term placement for the child;

3754 (b) shall have the custodial parent or guardian sign an emergency placement agreement
3755 form during the investigation;

3756 (c) (i) if the emergency placement will be with a relative, shall comply with the
3757 background check provisions described in Subsection (7); or

3758 (ii) if the emergency placement will be with an individual other than a noncustodial
3759 parent or a relative, shall comply with the background check provisions described in
3760 Subsection (8) for adults living in the household where the child will be placed;

3761 (d) shall complete a limited home inspection of the home where the emergency
3762 placement is made; and

3763 (e) shall have the emergency placement approved by a family service specialist.

3764 (4) (a) The following order of preference shall be applied when determining the
3765 individual with whom a child will be placed in an emergency placement described in this
3766 section, provided that the individual is willing, and has the ability, to care for the child:

3767 (i) a noncustodial parent of the child in accordance with Section ~~[78A-6-307]~~
3768 [80-3-302](#);

3769 (ii) a relative;

3770 (iii) subject to Subsection (4)(b), a friend designated by the custodial parent, guardian,
3771 or the child, if the child is of sufficient maturity to articulate the child's wishes in relation to a
3772 placement;

3773 (iv) a former foster placement designated by the division;

3774 (v) a foster placement, that is not a former foster placement, designated by the division;
3775 and

3776 (vi) a shelter facility designated by the division.

3777 (b) In determining whether a friend is a willing and appropriate temporary emergency
3778 placement for a child, the division:

3779 (i) subject to Subsections (4)(b)(ii) through (iv), shall consider the child's preferences
3780 or level of comfort with the friend;

3781 (ii) is required to consider no more than one friend designated by each parent or legal
3782 guardian of the child and one friend designated by the child, if the child is of sufficient maturity
3783 to articulate the child's wishes in relation to a placement;

3784 (iii) may limit the number of designated friends to two, one of whom shall be a friend
3785 designated by the child, if the child is of sufficient maturity to articulate the child's wishes in
3786 relation to a placement; and

3787 (iv) shall give preference to a friend designated by the child, if:

3788 (A) the child is of sufficient maturity to articulate the child's wishes; and

3789 (B) the division's basis for removing the child under Section [62A-4a-202.1](#) is sexual
3790 abuse of the child.

3791 (5) (a) The division may, pending the outcome of the investigation described in
3792 Subsections (5)(b) and (c), place a child in emergency placement with the child's noncustodial
3793 parent if, based on a limited investigation, prior to making the emergency placement, the
3794 division:

3795 (i) determines that the noncustodial parent has regular, unsupervised visitation with the
3796 child that is not prohibited by law or court order;

3797 (ii) determines that there is not reason to believe that the child's health or safety will be
3798 endangered during the emergency placement; and

3799 (iii) has the custodial parent or guardian sign an emergency placement agreement.

3800 (b) Either before or after making an emergency placement with the noncustodial parent
3801 of the child, the division may conduct the investigation described in Subsection (3)(a) in
3802 relation to the noncustodial parent.

3803 (c) Before, or within one day, excluding weekends and holidays, after a child is placed
3804 in an emergency placement with the noncustodial parent of the child, the division shall conduct
3805 a limited:

3806 (i) background check of the noncustodial parent, pursuant to Subsection (7); and

3807 (ii) inspection of the home where the emergency placement is made.

3808 (6) After an emergency placement, the division caseworker must:

3809 (a) respond to the emergency placement's calls within one hour if the custodial parents

3810 or guardians attempt to make unauthorized contact with the child or attempt to remove the
3811 child;

3812 (b) complete all removal paperwork, including the notice provided to the custodial
3813 parents and guardians under Section [~~78A-6-306~~] [80-3-301](#);

3814 (c) contact the attorney general to schedule a shelter hearing;

3815 (d) complete the placement procedures required in Section [~~78A-6-307~~] [80-3-302](#); and

3816 (e) continue to search for other relatives as a possible long-term placement, if needed.

3817 (7) (a) The background check described in Subsection (3)(c)(i) shall include

3818 completion of:

3819 (i) a name-based, Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification background check; and

3820 (ii) a search of the Management Information System described in Section

3821 [62A-4a-1003](#).

3822 (b) The division shall determine whether an individual passes the background check
3823 described in this Subsection (7) pursuant to the provisions of Subsection [62A-2-120](#)(14).

3824 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (7)(b), the division may not place a child with an
3825 individual who is prohibited by court order from having access to that child.

3826 (8) (a) The background check described in Subsection (3)(c)(ii) shall include

3827 completion of:

3828 (i) a name-based, Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification background check;

3829 (ii) a federal name-based criminal background check; and

3830 (iii) a search of the Management Information System described in Section

3831 [62A-4a-1003](#).

3832 (b) The division shall determine whether an individual passes the background checks
3833 described in this Subsection (8) pursuant to the provisions of Section [62A-2-120](#).

3834 (c) If the division denies placement of a child as a result of a name-based criminal
3835 background check described in Subsection (8)(a), and the individual contests that denial, the
3836 individual shall submit a complete set of fingerprints with written permission to the Utah
3837 Bureau of Criminal Identification for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
3838 fingerprint-based criminal background check.

3839 (d) (i) Within 15 calendar days of the name-based background checks, the division
3840 shall require an individual to provide a complete set of fingerprints with written permission to

3841 the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification for submission to the Federal Bureau of
3842 Investigation for a fingerprint-based criminal background check.

3843 (ii) If an individual fails to provide the fingerprints and written permission described in
3844 Subsection (8)(d)(i), the child shall immediately be removed from the home.

3845 Section 55. Section **62A-4a-409** is amended to read:

3846 **62A-4a-409. Investigation by division -- Temporary protective custody --**
3847 **Preremoval interviews of children.**

3848 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), the division shall conduct a thorough
3849 preremoval investigation upon receiving either an oral or written report of alleged abuse or
3850 neglect, or an oral or written report under Subsection [62A-4a-404](#)(2), when there is reasonable
3851 cause to suspect that a situation of abuse, neglect, or the circumstances described under
3852 Subsection [62A-4a-404](#)(2) exist.

3853 (b) The primary purpose of the investigation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be
3854 protection of the child.

3855 (c) The division is not required to conduct an investigation under Subsection (1)(a) if
3856 the division determines the person responsible for the child's care:

3857 (i) is not the alleged perpetrator; and

3858 (ii) is willing and able to ensure the alleged perpetrator does not have access to the
3859 child.

3860 (2) The preremoval investigation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall include the same
3861 investigative requirements described in Section [62A-4a-202.3](#).

3862 (3) The division shall make a written report of its investigation that shall include a
3863 determination regarding whether the alleged abuse or neglect is supported, unsupported, or
3864 without merit.

3865 (4) (a) The division shall use an interdisciplinary approach when appropriate in dealing
3866 with reports made under this part.

3867 (b) The division shall convene a child protection team to assist the division in the
3868 division's protective, diagnostic, assessment, treatment, and coordination services.

3869 (c) The division may include members of a child protection unit in the division's
3870 protective, diagnostic, assessment, treatment, and coordination services.

3871 (d) A representative of the division shall serve as the team's coordinator and chair.

3872 Members of the team shall serve at the coordinator's invitation. Whenever possible, the team
3873 shall include representatives of:

3874 (i) health, mental health, education, and law enforcement agencies;

3875 (ii) the child;

3876 (iii) parent and family support groups unless the parent is alleged to be the perpetrator;

3877 and

3878 (iv) other appropriate agencies or individuals.

3879 (5) If a report of neglect is based upon or includes an allegation of educational neglect,
3880 the division shall immediately consult with school authorities to verify the child's status in
3881 accordance with Sections [53G-6-201](#) through [53G-6-206](#).

3882 (6) When the division completes the division's initial investigation under this part, the
3883 division shall give notice of that completion to the person who made the initial report.

3884 (7) Division workers or other child protection team members have authority to enter
3885 upon public or private premises, using appropriate legal processes, to investigate reports of
3886 alleged abuse or neglect, upon notice to parents of their rights under the Child Abuse
3887 Prevention and Treatment Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5106, or any successor thereof.

3888 (8) With regard to any interview of a child prior to removal of that child from the
3889 child's home:

3890 (a) except as provided in Subsection (8)(b) or (c), the division shall inform a parent of
3891 the child prior to the interview of:

3892 (i) the specific allegations concerning the child; and

3893 (ii) the time and place of the interview;

3894 (b) if a child's parent or stepparent, or a parent's paramour has been identified as the
3895 alleged perpetrator, the division is not required to comply with Subsection (8)(a);

3896 (c) if the perpetrator is unknown, or if the perpetrator's relationship to the child's family
3897 is unknown, the division may conduct a minimal interview or conversation, not to exceed 15
3898 minutes, with the child prior to complying with Subsection (8)(a);

3899 (d) in all cases described in Subsection (8)(b) or (c), a parent of the child shall be
3900 notified as soon as practicable after the child has been interviewed, but in no case later than 24
3901 hours after the interview has taken place;

3902 (e) a child's parents shall be notified of the time and place of all subsequent interviews

3903 with the child; and

3904 (f) the child shall be allowed to have a support person of the child's choice present,

3905 who:

3906 (i) may include:

3907 (A) a school teacher;

3908 (B) an administrator;

3909 (C) a guidance counselor;

3910 (D) a child care provider;

3911 (E) a family member;

3912 (F) a family advocate; or

3913 (G) a member of the clergy; and

3914 (ii) may not be an individual who is alleged to be, or potentially may be, the

3915 perpetrator.

3916 (9) In accordance with the procedures and requirements of Sections [62A-4a-202.1](#)

3917 through [62A-4a-202.3](#), a division worker or child protection team member may take a child

3918 into protective custody and deliver the child to a law enforcement officer, or place the child in

3919 an emergency shelter facility approved by the juvenile court, at the earliest opportunity

3920 subsequent to the child's removal from the child's original environment. Control and

3921 jurisdiction over the child is determined by the provisions of [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile~~

3922 ~~Court Act~~] Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court, and Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code, and as

3923 otherwise provided by law.

3924 (10) With regard to cases in which law enforcement has or is conducting an

3925 investigation of alleged abuse or neglect of a child:

3926 (a) the division shall coordinate with law enforcement to ensure that there is an

3927 adequate safety plan to protect the child from further abuse or neglect; and

3928 (b) the division is not required to duplicate an aspect of the investigation that, in the

3929 division's determination, has been satisfactorily completed by law enforcement.

3930 (11) With regard to a mutual case in which a child protection unit was involved in the

3931 investigation of alleged abuse or neglect of a child, the division shall consult with the child

3932 protection unit before closing the case.

3933 Section 56. Section **62A-4a-412** is amended to read:

3934 **62A-4a-412. Reports, information, and referrals confidential.**

3935 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, reports made under this part, as well
3936 as any other information in the possession of the division obtained as the result of a report are
3937 private, protected, or controlled records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records
3938 Access and Management Act, and may only be made available to:

3939 (a) a police or law enforcement agency investigating a report of known or suspected
3940 abuse or neglect, including members of a child protection unit;

3941 (b) a physician who reasonably believes that a child may be the subject of abuse or
3942 neglect;

3943 (c) an agency that has responsibility or authority to care for, treat, or supervise a minor
3944 who is the subject of a report;

3945 (d) a contract provider that has a written contract with the division to render services to
3946 a minor who is the subject of a report;

3947 (e) except as provided in Subsection [63G-2-202](#)(10), a subject of the report, the natural
3948 parents of the child, and the guardian ad litem;

3949 (f) a court, upon a finding that access to the records may be necessary for the
3950 determination of an issue before the court, provided that in a divorce, custody, or related
3951 proceeding between private parties, the record alone is:

3952 (i) limited to objective or undisputed facts that were verified at the time of the
3953 investigation; and

3954 (ii) devoid of conclusions drawn by the division or any of the division's workers on the
3955 ultimate issue of whether or not a person's acts or omissions constituted any level of abuse or
3956 neglect of another person;

3957 (g) an office of the public prosecutor or its deputies in performing an official duty;

3958 (h) a person authorized by a Children's Justice Center, for the purposes described in
3959 Section [67-5b-102](#);

3960 (i) a person engaged in bona fide research, when approved by the director of the
3961 division, if the information does not include names and addresses;

3962 (j) the State Board of Education, acting on behalf of itself or on behalf of a local
3963 education agency, as defined in Section [63J-5-102](#), for the purpose of evaluating whether an
3964 individual should be permitted to obtain or retain a license as an educator or serve as an

3965 employee or volunteer in a school, limited to information with substantiated or supported
3966 findings involving an alleged sexual offense, an alleged felony or class A misdemeanor drug
3967 offense, or any alleged offense against the person under Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against
3968 the Person, and with the understanding that the office must provide the subject of a report
3969 received under Subsection (1)(k) with an opportunity to respond to the report before making a
3970 decision concerning licensure or employment;

3971 (k) any person identified in the report as a perpetrator or possible perpetrator of abuse
3972 or neglect, after being advised of the screening prohibition in Subsection (2);

3973 (l) except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-202(10), a person filing a petition for a
3974 child protective order on behalf of a child who is the subject of the report;

3975 (m) a licensed child-placing agency or person who is performing a preplacement
3976 adoptive evaluation in accordance with the requirements of Sections 78B-6-128 and
3977 78B-6-130;

3978 (n) an Indian tribe to:

3979 (i) certify or license a foster home;

3980 (ii) render services to a subject of a report; or

3981 (iii) investigate an allegation of abuse, neglect, or dependency; or

3982 (o) the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, the Department of Health, or a
3983 local substance abuse authority, described in Section 17-43-201, for the purpose of providing
3984 substance abuse treatment to a pregnant woman, or the services described in Subsection
3985 62A-15-103(2)(o).

3986 (2) (a) A person, unless listed in Subsection (1), may not request another person to
3987 obtain or release a report or any other information in the possession of the division obtained as
3988 a result of the report that is available under Subsection (1)(k) to screen for potential
3989 perpetrators of abuse or neglect.

3990 (b) A person who requests information knowing that the request is a violation of
3991 Subsection (2)(a) is subject to the criminal penalty in Subsection (4).

3992 (3) (a) Except as provided in Section 62A-4a-1007 and Subsection (3)(b), the division
3993 and law enforcement officials shall ensure the anonymity of the person or persons making the
3994 initial report and any others involved in its subsequent investigation.

3995 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, excluding Section [78A-6-317]

3996 [80-3-107](#), but including this chapter and Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access
3997 and Management Act, when the division makes a report or other information in the division's
3998 possession available under Subsection (1)(e) to a subject of the report or a parent of a child, the
3999 division shall remove from the report or other information only the names, addresses, and
4000 telephone numbers of individuals or specific information that could:

4001 (i) identify the referent;

4002 (ii) impede a criminal investigation; or

4003 (iii) endanger a person's safety.

4004 (4) Any person who [~~wilfully~~] willfully permits, or aides and abets the release of data
4005 or information obtained as a result of this part, in the possession of the division or contained on
4006 any part of the Management Information System, in violation of this part or Sections
4007 [62A-4a-1003](#) through [62A-4a-1007](#), is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

4008 (5) The physician-patient privilege is not a ground for excluding evidence regarding a
4009 child's injuries or the cause of those injuries, in any proceeding resulting from a report made in
4010 good faith pursuant to this part.

4011 (6) A child-placing agency or person who receives a report in connection with a
4012 preplacement adoptive evaluation pursuant to Sections [78B-6-128](#) and [78B-6-130](#):

4013 (a) may provide this report to the person who is the subject of the report; and

4014 (b) may provide this report to a person who is performing a preplacement adoptive
4015 evaluation in accordance with the requirement of Sections [78B-6-128](#) and [78B-6-130](#), or to a
4016 licensed child-placing agency or to an attorney seeking to facilitate an adoption.

4017 Section 57. Section [62A-4a-607](#) is amended to read:

4018 **[62A-4a-607. Promotion of adoption -- Agency notice to potential adoptive](#)**
4019 **parents.**

4020 (1) (a) The division and all child-placing agencies licensed under this part shall
4021 promote adoption when that is a possible and appropriate alternative for a child. Specifically, in
4022 accordance with Section [62A-4a-205.6](#), the division shall actively promote the adoption of all
4023 children in its custody who have a final plan for termination of parental rights pursuant to
4024 Section [~~78A-6-314~~] [80-3-409](#) or a primary permanency plan of adoption.

4025 (b) Beginning May 1, 2000, the division may not place a child for adoption, either
4026 temporarily or permanently, with any individual or individuals who do not qualify for adoptive

4027 placement pursuant to the requirements of Sections 78B-6-117, 78B-6-102, and 78B-6-137.

4028 (2) The division shall obtain or conduct research of prior adoptive families to
4029 determine what families may do to be successful with their adoptive children and shall make
4030 this research available to potential adoptive parents.

4031 (3) (a) A child-placing agency licensed under this part shall inform each potential
4032 adoptive parent with whom it is working that:

4033 (i) children in the custody of the state are available for adoption;

4034 (ii) Medicaid coverage for medical, dental, and mental health services may be available
4035 for these children;

4036 (iii) tax benefits, including the tax credit provided for in Section 59-10-1104, and
4037 financial assistance may be available to defray the costs of adopting these children;

4038 (iv) training and ongoing support may be available to the adoptive parents of these
4039 children; and

4040 (v) information about individual children may be obtained by contacting the division's
4041 offices or its Internet site as explained by the child-placing agency.

4042 (b) A child-placing agency shall:

4043 (i) provide the notice required by Subsection (3)(a) at the earliest possible opportunity;
4044 and

4045 (ii) simultaneously distribute a copy of the pamphlet prepared by the division in
4046 accordance with Subsection (3)(d).

4047 (c) As a condition of licensure, the child-placing agency shall certify to the Office of
4048 Licensing at the time of license renewal that it has complied with the provisions of this section.

4049 (d) Before July 1, 2000, the division shall:

4050 (i) prepare a pamphlet that explains the information that is required by Subsection
4051 (3)(a); and

4052 (ii) regularly distribute copies of the pamphlet described in Subsection (3)(d)(i) to
4053 child-placing agencies.

4054 (e) The division shall respond to any inquiry made as a result of the notice provided in
4055 Subsection (3)(a).

4056 Section 58. Section 62A-4a-711 is amended to read:

4057 **62A-4a-711. Penalty.**

4058 An individual or entity that knowingly engages in an unregulated custody transfer, as
4059 defined in Section ~~[78A-6-105]~~ 80-1-102, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

4060 Section 59. Section **62A-4a-802** is amended to read:

4061 **62A-4a-802. Safe relinquishment of a newborn child.**

4062 (1) (a) A parent or a parent's designee may safely relinquish a newborn child at a
4063 hospital in accordance with the provisions of this part and retain complete anonymity, so long
4064 as the newborn child has not been subject to abuse or neglect.

4065 (b) Safe relinquishment of a newborn child who has not otherwise been subject to
4066 abuse or neglect shall not, in and of itself, constitute neglect ~~[as defined in Section 78A-6-105]~~,
4067 and the newborn child shall not be considered a neglected child, as defined in Section
4068 ~~[78A-6-105]~~ 80-1-102, so long as the relinquishment is carried out in substantial compliance
4069 with the provisions of this part.

4070 (2) (a) Personnel employed by a hospital shall accept a newborn child who is
4071 relinquished pursuant to the provisions of this part, and may presume that the individual
4072 relinquishing is the newborn child's parent or the parent's designee.

4073 (b) The person receiving the newborn child may request information regarding the
4074 parent and newborn child's medical histories, and identifying information regarding the
4075 nonrelinquishing parent of the newborn child.

4076 (c) If the newborn child's parent or the parent's designee provides the person receiving
4077 the newborn child with any of the information described in Subsection (2)(b) or any other
4078 personal items, the person shall provide the information or personal items to the division.

4079 (d) Personnel employed by the hospital shall:

4080 (i) provide any necessary medical care to the newborn child;

4081 (ii) notify the division of receipt of the newborn child as soon as possible, but no later
4082 than 24 hours after receipt of the newborn child; and

4083 (iii) prepare a birth certificate or foundling birth certificate if parentage is unknown for
4084 the newborn child and file the certificate with the Office of Vital Records and Statistics within
4085 the Department of Health.

4086 (e) A hospital and personnel employed by a hospital are immune from any civil or
4087 criminal liability arising from accepting a newborn child if the personnel employed by the
4088 hospital substantially comply with the provisions of this part and medical treatment is

4089 administered according to standard medical practice.

4090 (3) The division shall assume care and custody of the newborn child immediately upon
4091 notice from the hospital.

4092 (4) So long as the division determines there is no abuse or neglect of the newborn
4093 child, neither the newborn child nor the child's parents are subject to:

4094 (a) the provisions of Part 2, Child Welfare Services;

4095 (b) the investigation provisions contained in Section [62A-4a-409](#); or

4096 (c) the provisions of [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect,
4097 and Dependency Proceedings.

4098 (5) (a) Unless identifying information relating to the nonrelinquishing parent of the
4099 newborn child has been provided, the division shall:

4100 (i) work with local law enforcement and the Bureau of Criminal Identification within
4101 the Department of Public Safety in an effort to ensure that the newborn child has not been
4102 identified as a missing child;

4103 (ii) immediately place or contract for placement of the newborn child in a potential
4104 adoptive home and, within 10 days after the day on which the child is received, file a petition
4105 for termination of parental rights in accordance with [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination~~
4106 ~~of Parental Rights Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights;

4107 (iii) direct the Office of Vital Records and Statistics within the Department of Health to
4108 conduct a search for:

4109 (A) a birth certificate for the newborn child; and

4110 (B) unmarried biological fathers in the registry maintained by the Office of Vital
4111 Records and Statistics in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part 4, Registry; and

4112 (iv) provide notice to each potential father identified on the registry described in
4113 Subsection (5)(a)(iii) in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 15, Part 4, Registry.

4114 (b) (i) If no individual has affirmatively identified himself or herself within two weeks
4115 after the day on which notice under Subsection (5)(a)(iv) is complete and established paternity
4116 by scientific testing within as expeditious a time frame as practicable, a hearing on the petition
4117 for termination of parental rights shall be scheduled and notice provided in accordance with
4118 [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 4,
4119 Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights.

4120 (ii) If a nonrelinquishing parent is not identified, relinquishment of a newborn child
4121 pursuant to the provisions of this part shall be considered grounds for termination of parental
4122 rights of both the relinquishing and nonrelinquishing parents under Section [~~78A-6-507~~]
4123 [80-4-301](#).

4124 (6) If at any time prior to the adoption, a court finds it is in the best interest of the
4125 newborn child, the court shall deny the petition for termination of parental rights.

4126 (7) The division shall provide for, or contract with a licensed child-placing agency to
4127 provide for expeditious adoption of the newborn child.

4128 (8) So long as the individual relinquishing a newborn child is the newborn child's
4129 parent or designee, and there is no abuse or neglect, safe relinquishment of a newborn child in
4130 substantial compliance with the provisions of this part is an affirmative defense to any potential
4131 criminal liability for abandonment or neglect relating to that relinquishment.

4132 Section 60. Section **62A-4a-1005** is amended to read:

4133 **62A-4a-1005. Supported finding of a severe type of child abuse or neglect --**
4134 **Notation in Licensing Information System -- Juvenile court petition or notice to alleged**
4135 **perpetrator -- Rights of alleged perpetrator -- Juvenile court finding.**

4136 (1) If the division makes a supported finding that a person committed a severe type of
4137 child abuse or neglect, the division shall:

4138 (a) serve notice of the finding on the alleged perpetrator;

4139 (b) enter the following information into the Licensing Information System created in
4140 Section [62A-4a-1006](#):

4141 (i) the name and other identifying information of the perpetrator with the supported
4142 finding, without identifying the person as a perpetrator or alleged perpetrator; and

4143 (ii) a notation to the effect that an investigation regarding the person is pending; and

4144 (c) if the division considers it advisable, file a petition for substantiation within one
4145 year of the supported finding.

4146 (2) The notice referred to in Subsection (1)(a):

4147 (a) shall state that:

4148 (i) the division has conducted an investigation regarding alleged abuse or neglect;

4149 (ii) the division has made a supported finding that the alleged perpetrator described in
4150 Subsection (1) committed a severe type of child abuse or neglect;

- 4151 (iii) facts gathered by the division support the supported finding;
- 4152 (iv) as a result of the supported finding, the alleged perpetrator's name and other
4153 identifying information have been listed in the Licensing Information System in accordance
4154 with Subsection (1)(b);
- 4155 (v) the alleged perpetrator may be disqualified from adopting a child, receiving state
4156 funds as a child care provider, or being licensed by:
- 4157 (A) the department;
- 4158 (B) a human services licensee;
- 4159 (C) a child care provider or program; or
- 4160 (D) a covered health care facility;
- 4161 (vi) the alleged perpetrator has the rights described in Subsection (3); and
- 4162 (vii) failure to take either action described in Subsection (3)(a) within one year after
4163 service of the notice will result in the action described in Subsection (3)(b);
- 4164 (b) shall include a general statement of the nature of the findings; and
- 4165 (c) may not include:
- 4166 (i) the name of a victim or witness; or
- 4167 (ii) any privacy information related to the victim or a witness.
- 4168 (3) (a) Upon receipt of the notice described in Subsection (2), the alleged perpetrator
4169 has the right to:
- 4170 (i) file a written request asking the division to review the findings made under
4171 Subsection (1);
- 4172 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (3)(c), immediately petition the juvenile court
4173 under Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#); or
- 4174 (iii) sign a written consent to:
- 4175 (A) the supported finding made under Subsection (1); and
- 4176 (B) entry into the Licensing Information System of:
- 4177 (I) the alleged perpetrator's name; and
- 4178 (II) other information regarding the supported finding made under Subsection (1).
- 4179 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), the alleged perpetrator's name and the
4180 information described in Subsection (1)(b) shall remain in the Licensing Information System:
- 4181 (i) if the alleged perpetrator fails to take the action described in Subsection (3)(a)

4182 within one year after service of the notice described in Subsections (1)(a) and (2);

4183 (ii) during the time that the division awaits a response from the alleged perpetrator

4184 pursuant to Subsection (3)(a); and

4185 (iii) until a court determines that the severe type of child abuse or neglect upon which

4186 the Licensing Information System entry was based is unsubstantiated or without merit.

4187 (c) The alleged perpetrator has no right to petition the juvenile court under Subsection

4188 (3)(a)(ii) if the court previously held a hearing on the same alleged incident of abuse or neglect

4189 pursuant to the filing of a petition under Section [~~78A-6-304~~] [80-3-201](#) by some other party.

4190 (d) Consent under Subsection (3)(a)(iii) by a child shall be given by the child's parent
4191 or guardian.

4192 (e) Regardless of whether an appeal on the matter is pending:

4193 (i) the division shall remove an alleged perpetrator's name and the information
4194 described in Subsection (1)(b) from the Licensing Information System if the severe type of
4195 child abuse or neglect upon which the Licensing Information System entry was based:

4196 (A) is found to be unsubstantiated or without merit by the juvenile court under Section
4197 [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#); or

4198 (B) is found to be substantiated, but is subsequently reversed on appeal; and

4199 (ii) the division shall place back on the Licensing Information System an alleged
4200 perpetrator's name and information that is removed from the Licensing Information System
4201 under Subsection (3)(e)(i) if the court action that was the basis for removing the alleged
4202 perpetrator's name and information is subsequently reversed on appeal.

4203 (4) Upon the filing of a petition under Subsection (1)(c), the juvenile court shall make a

4204 finding of substantiated, unsubstantiated, or without merit as provided in Subsections

4205 [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#)(1) and (2).

4206 (5) Service of the notice described in Subsections (1)(a) and (2):

4207 (a) shall be personal service in accordance with Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4;

4208 and

4209 (b) does not preclude civil or criminal action against the alleged perpetrator.

4210 Section 61. Section **62A-4a-1006** is amended to read:

4211 **62A-4a-1006. Licensing Information System -- Contents -- Juvenile court finding**

4212 **-- Protected record -- Access -- Criminal penalty.**

4213 (1) (a) The division shall maintain a sub-part of the Management Information System
4214 established pursuant to Section [62A-4a-1003](#), to be known as the Licensing Information
4215 System, to be used:

4216 (i) for licensing purposes; or

4217 (ii) as otherwise specifically provided for by law.

4218 (b) The Licensing Information System shall include only the following information:

4219 (i) the information described in Subsections [62A-4a-1005](#)(1)(b) and (3)(b);

4220 (ii) consented-to supported findings by alleged perpetrators under Subsection

4221 [62A-4a-1005](#)(3)(a)(iii); and

4222 (iii) the information in the licensing part of the division's Management Information

4223 System as of May 6, 2002.

4224 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the department's access to information in the
4225 Management Information System for the licensure and monitoring of foster parents is governed
4226 by Sections [62A-4a-1003](#) and [62A-2-121](#).

4227 (3) Subject to Subsection [62A-4a-1005](#)(3)(e), upon receipt of a finding from the
4228 juvenile court under Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#), the division shall:

4229 (a) promptly amend the Licensing Information System; and

4230 (b) enter the information in the Management Information System.

4231 (4) (a) Information contained in the Licensing Information System is classified as a
4232 protected record under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management
4233 Act.

4234 (b) Notwithstanding the disclosure provisions of Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government
4235 Records Access and Management Act, the information contained in the Licensing Information
4236 System may only be used or disclosed as specifically provided in this chapter and Section
4237 [62A-2-121](#).

4238 (c) The information described in Subsection (4)(b) is accessible only to:

4239 (i) the Office of Licensing within the department:

4240 (A) for licensing purposes; or

4241 (B) as otherwise specifically provided for by law;

4242 (ii) the division to:

4243 (A) screen an individual at the request of the Office of Guardian Ad Litem:

4244 (I) at the time that individual seeks a paid or voluntary position with the Office of
4245 Guardian Ad Litem; and

4246 (II) on an annual basis, throughout the time that the individual remains with the Office
4247 of Guardian Ad Litem; and

4248 (B) respond to a request for information from a person whose name is listed in the
4249 Licensing Information System;

4250 (iii) persons designated by the Department of Health and approved by the Department
4251 of Human Services, only for the following purposes:

4252 (A) licensing a child care program or provider;

4253 (B) determining whether an individual associated with a child care facility, program, or
4254 provider, who is exempt from being licensed or certified by the Department of Health under
4255 Title 26, Chapter 39, Utah Child Care Licensing Act, has a supported finding of a severe type
4256 of child abuse or neglect; or

4257 (C) determining whether an individual who is seeking an emergency medical services
4258 license has a supported finding of a severe type of child abuse or neglect;

4259 (iv) persons designated by the Department of Workforce Services and approved by the
4260 Department of Human Services for the purpose of qualifying child care providers under Section
4261 [35A-3-310.5](#); and

4262 (v) the department, as specifically provided in this chapter.

4263 (5) The persons designated by the Department of Health under Subsection (4)(c)(iii)
4264 and the persons designated by the Department of Workforce Services under Subsection
4265 (4)(c)(iv) shall adopt measures to:

4266 (a) protect the security of the Licensing Information System; and

4267 (b) strictly limit access to the Licensing Information System to those persons
4268 designated by statute.

4269 (6) All persons designated by statute as having access to information contained in the
4270 Licensing Information System shall be approved by the Department of Human Services and
4271 receive training from the department with respect to:

4272 (a) accessing the Licensing Information System;

4273 (b) maintaining strict security; and

4274 (c) the criminal provisions of Sections [62A-4a-412](#) and [63G-2-801](#) pertaining to the

4275 improper release of information.

4276 (7) (a) A person, except those authorized by this chapter, may not request another
4277 person to obtain or release any other information in the Licensing Information System to screen
4278 for potential perpetrators of abuse or neglect.

4279 (b) A person who requests information knowing that the request is a violation of this
4280 Subsection (7) is subject to the criminal penalty described in Sections [62A-4a-412](#) and
4281 [63G-2-801](#).

4282 Section 62. Section [62A-4a-1009](#) is amended to read:

4283 **62A-4a-1009. Notice and opportunity to challenge supported finding in**
4284 **Management Information System -- Right of judicial review.**

4285 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), the division shall send a notice of agency
4286 action to a person with respect to whom the division makes a supported finding. In addition, if
4287 the alleged perpetrator is under the age of 18, the division shall:

4288 (i) make reasonable efforts to identify the alleged perpetrator's parent or guardian; and

4289 (ii) send a notice to each parent or guardian identified under Subsection (1)(a)(i) that
4290 lives at a different address, unless there is good cause, as defined by rule, for not sending a
4291 notice to a parent or guardian.

4292 (b) Nothing in this section may be construed as affecting:

4293 (i) the manner in which the division conducts an investigation; or

4294 (ii) the use or effect, in any other setting, of a supported finding by the division at the
4295 completion of an investigation for any purpose other than for notification under Subsection (1)
4296 (a).

4297 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person who has been served with notice under
4298 Subsection [62A-4a-1005](#)(1)(a).

4299 (3) The notice described in Subsection (1) shall state:

4300 (a) that the division has conducted an investigation regarding alleged abuse, neglect, or
4301 dependency;

4302 (b) that the division has made a supported finding of abuse, neglect, or dependency;

4303 (c) that facts gathered by the division support the supported finding;

4304 (d) that the person has the right to request:

4305 (i) a copy of the report; and

4306 (ii) an opportunity to challenge the supported finding by the division; and
4307 (e) that failure to request an opportunity to challenge the supported finding within 30
4308 days of receiving the notice will result in an unappealable supported finding of abuse, neglect,
4309 or dependency unless the person can show good cause for why compliance within the 30-day
4310 requirement was virtually impossible or unreasonably burdensome.

4311 (4) (a) A person may make a request to challenge a supported finding within 30 days of
4312 a notice being received under this section.

4313 (b) Upon receipt of a request under Subsection (4)(a), the Office of Administrative
4314 Hearings shall hold an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Title 63G, Chapter 4,
4315 Administrative Procedures Act.

4316 (5) (a) In an adjudicative proceeding held pursuant to this section, the division shall
4317 have the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that abuse, neglect, or
4318 dependency occurred and that the alleged perpetrator was substantially responsible for the
4319 abuse or neglect that occurred.

4320 (b) Any party shall have the right of judicial review of final agency action, in
4321 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.

4322 (c) Proceedings for judicial review of a final agency action under this section shall be
4323 closed to the public.

4324 (d) The Judicial Council shall make rules that ensure the confidentiality of the
4325 proceedings described in Subsection (5)(c) and the records related to the proceedings.

4326 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an alleged perpetrator who, after
4327 receiving notice, fails to challenge a supported finding in accordance with this section:

4328 (a) may not further challenge the finding; and

4329 (b) shall have no right to:

4330 (i) agency review of the finding;

4331 (ii) an adjudicative hearing on the finding; or

4332 (iii) judicial review of the finding.

4333 (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), an alleged perpetrator may not make a
4334 request under Subsection (4) to challenge a supported finding if a court of competent
4335 jurisdiction entered a finding, in a proceeding in which the alleged perpetrator was a party, that
4336 the alleged perpetrator is substantially responsible for the abuse, neglect, or dependency which

4337 was also the subject of the supported finding.

4338 (b) Subsection (7)(a) does not apply to pleas in abeyance or diversion agreements.

4339 (c) An adjudicative proceeding under Subsection (5) may be stayed during the time a
4340 judicial action on the same matter is pending.

4341 (8) Pursuant to Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#), an adjudicative proceeding on a
4342 supported finding of a type of abuse or neglect that does not constitute a severe type of child
4343 abuse or neglect may be joined in the juvenile court with an adjudicative proceeding on a
4344 supported finding of a severe type of child abuse or neglect.

4345 Section 63. Section **62A-4a-1010** is amended to read:

4346 **62A-4a-1010. Notice and opportunity for court hearing for persons listed in**
4347 **Licensing Information System.**

4348 (1) Persons whose names were listed on the Licensing Information System as of May 6,
4349 2002 and who have not been the subject of a court determination with respect to the alleged
4350 incident of abuse or neglect may at any time:

4351 (a) request review by the division of their case and removal of their name from the
4352 Licensing Information System pursuant to Subsection (3); or

4353 (b) file a petition for an evidentiary hearing and a request for a finding of
4354 unsubstantiated or without merit.

4355 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an individual who has been the subject of any of
4356 the following court determinations with respect to the alleged incident of abuse or neglect:

4357 (a) conviction;

4358 (b) adjudication under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act of 1996~~] Section
4359 [80-3-402](#) or [80-6-701](#);

4360 (c) plea of guilty;

4361 (d) plea of guilty with a mental illness; or

4362 (e) no contest.

4363 (3) If an alleged perpetrator listed on the Licensing Information System prior to May 6,
4364 2002, requests removal of the alleged perpetrator's name from the Licensing Information
4365 System, the division shall, within 30 days:

4366 (a) (i) review the case to determine whether the incident of alleged abuse or neglect
4367 qualifies as:

4368 (A) a severe type of child abuse or neglect;
4369 (B) chronic abuse; or
4370 (C) chronic neglect; and
4371 (ii) if the alleged abuse or neglect does not qualify as a type of abuse or neglect
4372 described in Subsections (3)(a)(i)(A) through (C), remove the alleged perpetrator's name from
4373 the Licensing Information System; or

4374 (b) determine whether to file a petition for substantiation.

4375 (4) If the division decides to file a petition, that petition must be filed no more than 14
4376 days after the decision.

4377 (5) The juvenile court shall act on the petition as provided in Subsection [~~78A-6-323~~]
4378 [80-3-404](#)(3).

4379 (6) If a person whose name appears on the Licensing Information System prior to May
4380 6, 2002 files a petition pursuant to Section [~~78A-6-323~~] [80-3-404](#) during the time that an
4381 alleged perpetrator's application for clearance to work with children or vulnerable adults is
4382 pending, the court shall hear the matter on an expedited basis.

4383 Section 64. Section **62A-11-304.2** is amended to read:

4384 **62A-11-304.2. Issuance or modification of administrative order -- Compliance**
4385 **with court order -- Authority of office -- Stipulated agreements -- Notification**
4386 **requirements.**

4387 (1) Through an adjudicative proceeding the office may issue or modify an
4388 administrative order that:

4389 (a) determines paternity;

4390 (b) determines whether an obligor owes support;

4391 (c) determines temporary orders of child support upon clear and convincing evidence
4392 of paternity in the form of genetic test results or other evidence;

4393 (d) requires an obligor to pay a specific or determinable amount of present and future
4394 support;

4395 (e) determines the amount of past-due support;

4396 (f) orders an obligor who owes past-due support and is obligated to support a child
4397 receiving public assistance to participate in appropriate work activities if the obligor is
4398 unemployed and is not otherwise incapacitated;

- 4399 (g) imposes a penalty authorized under this chapter;
- 4400 (h) determines an issue that may be specifically contested under this chapter by a party
4401 who timely files a written request for an adjudicative proceeding with the office; and
- 4402 (i) renews an administrative judgment.
- 4403 (2) (a) An abstract of a final administrative order issued under this section or a notice
4404 of judgment-lien under Section [62A-11-312.5](#) may be filed with the clerk of any district court.
- 4405 (b) Upon a filing under Subsection (2)(a), the clerk of the court shall:
- 4406 (i) docket the abstract or notice in the judgment docket of the court and note the time of
4407 receipt on the abstract or notice and in the judgment docket; and
- 4408 (ii) at the request of the office, place a copy of the abstract or notice in the file of a
4409 child support action involving the same parties.
- 4410 (3) If a judicial order has been issued, the office may not issue an order under
4411 Subsection (1) that is not based on the judicial order, except:
- 4412 (a) the office may establish a new obligation in those cases in which the juvenile court
4413 has ordered the parties to meet with the office to determine the support pursuant to Section
4414 [\[78A-6-H06\] 78A-6-356](#); or
- 4415 (b) the office may issue an order of current support in accordance with the child support
4416 guidelines if the conditions of Subsection [78B-14-207\(2\)\(c\)](#) are met.
- 4417 (4) The office may proceed under this section in the name of this state, another state
4418 under Section [62A-11-305](#), any department of this state, the office, or the obligee.
- 4419 (5) The office may accept voluntary acknowledgment of a support obligation and enter
4420 into stipulated agreements providing for the issuance of an administrative order under this part.
- 4421 (6) The office may act in the name of the obligee in endorsing and cashing any drafts,
4422 checks, money orders, or other negotiable instruments received by the office for support.
- 4423 (7) The obligor shall, after a notice of agency action has been served on the obligor in
4424 accordance with Section [63G-4-201](#), keep the office informed of:
- 4425 (a) the obligor's current address;
- 4426 (b) the name and address of current payors of income;
- 4427 (c) availability of or access to health insurance coverage; and
- 4428 (d) applicable health insurance policy information.
- 4429 Section 65. Section [62A-15-204](#) is amended to read:

4430 **62A-15-204. Court order to attend substance abuse school -- Assessments.**

4431 (1) In addition to any other disposition ordered by the juvenile court [pursuant to
4432 ~~Section 78A-6-117~~] under Section 80-3-405 or 80-6-701, the court may order a juvenile and his
4433 parents or legal guardians to attend a teen substance abuse school, and order payment of an
4434 assessment in addition to any other fine imposed.

4435 (2) All assessments collected shall be forwarded to the county treasurer of the county
4436 where the juvenile resides, to be used exclusively for the operation of a teen substance abuse
4437 program.

4438 Section 66. Section **62A-15-626** is amended to read:

4439 **62A-15-626. Release from commitment.**

4440 (1) (a) Subject to Subsection (1)(b), a local mental health authority or the mental health
4441 authority's designee shall release from commitment any individual who, in the opinion of the
4442 local mental health authority or the mental health authority's designee, has recovered or no
4443 longer meets the criteria specified in Section 62A-15-631.

4444 (b) A local mental health authority's inability to locate a committed individual may not
4445 be the basis for the individual's release, unless the court orders the release of the individual
4446 after a hearing.

4447 (2) A local mental health authority or the mental health authority's designee may
4448 release from commitment any patient whose commitment is determined to be no longer
4449 advisable except as provided by [~~Section 78A-6-120~~] Section 62A-15-705, but an effort shall
4450 be made to assure that any further supportive services required to meet the patient's needs upon
4451 release will be provided.

4452 (3) When a patient has been committed to a local mental health authority by judicial
4453 process, the local mental health authority shall follow the procedures described in Sections
4454 62A-15-636 and 62A-15-637.

4455 Section 67. Section **62A-15-703** is amended to read:

4456 **62A-15-703. Residential and inpatient settings -- Commitment proceeding --**
4457 **Child in physical custody of local mental health authority.**

4458 (1) A child may receive services from a local mental health authority in an inpatient or
4459 residential setting only after a commitment proceeding, for the purpose of transferring physical
4460 custody, has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of this section.

4461 (2) That commitment proceeding shall be initiated by a petition for commitment, and
4462 shall be a careful, diagnostic inquiry, conducted by a neutral and detached fact finder, pursuant
4463 to the procedures and requirements of this section. If the findings described in Subsection (4)
4464 exist, the proceeding shall result in the transfer of physical custody to the appropriate local
4465 mental health authority, and the child may be placed in an inpatient or residential setting.

4466 (3) The neutral and detached fact finder who conducts the inquiry:

4467 (a) shall be a designated examiner, as defined in Section 62A-15-602; and

4468 (b) may not profit, financially or otherwise, from the commitment or physical
4469 placement of the child in that setting.

4470 (4) Upon determination by a fact finder that the following circumstances clearly exist,
4471 the fact finder may order that the child be committed to the physical custody of a local mental
4472 health authority:

4473 (a) the child has a mental illness, as defined in Section 62A-15-602;

4474 (b) the child demonstrates a reasonable fear of the risk of substantial danger to self or
4475 others;

4476 (c) the child will benefit from care and treatment by the local mental health authority;
4477 and

4478 (d) there is no appropriate less-restrictive alternative.

4479 (5) (a) The commitment proceeding before the neutral and detached fact finder shall be
4480 conducted in as informal manner as possible and in a physical setting that is not likely to have a
4481 harmful effect on the child.

4482 (b) The child, the child's parent or legal guardian, the petitioner, and a representative of
4483 the appropriate local mental health authority:

4484 (i) shall receive informal notice of the date and time of the proceeding; and

4485 (ii) may appear and address the petition for commitment.

4486 (c) The neutral and detached fact finder may, in the fact finder's discretion, receive the
4487 testimony of any other person.

4488 (d) The fact finder may allow a child to waive the child's right to be present at the
4489 commitment proceeding, for good cause shown. If that right is waived, the purpose of the
4490 waiver shall be made a matter of record at the proceeding.

4491 (e) At the time of the commitment proceeding, the appropriate local mental health

4492 authority, its designee, or the psychiatrist who has been in charge of the child's care prior to the
4493 commitment proceeding, shall provide the neutral and detached fact finder with the following
4494 information, as it relates to the period of current admission:

4495 (i) the petition for commitment;

4496 (ii) the admission notes;

4497 (iii) the child's diagnosis;

4498 (iv) physicians' orders;

4499 (v) progress notes;

4500 (vi) nursing notes; and

4501 (vii) medication records.

4502 (f) The information described in Subsection (5)(e) shall also be provided to the child's
4503 parent or legal guardian upon written request.

4504 (g) (i) The neutral and detached fact finder's decision of commitment shall state the
4505 duration of the commitment. Any commitment to the physical custody of a local mental health
4506 authority may not exceed 180 days. Prior to expiration of the commitment, and if further
4507 commitment is sought, a hearing shall be conducted in the same manner as the initial
4508 commitment proceeding, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

4509 (ii) At the conclusion of the hearing and subsequently in writing, when a decision for
4510 commitment is made, the neutral and detached fact finder shall inform the child and the child's
4511 parent or legal guardian of that decision and of the reasons for ordering commitment.

4512 (iii) The neutral and detached fact finder shall state in writing the basis of the decision,
4513 with specific reference to each of the criteria described in Subsection (4), as a matter of record.

4514 (6) A child may be temporarily committed for a maximum of 72 hours, excluding
4515 Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, to the physical custody of a local mental health
4516 authority in accordance with the procedures described in Section [62A-15-629](#) and upon
4517 satisfaction of the risk factors described in Subsection (4). A child who is temporarily
4518 committed shall be released at the expiration of the 72 hours unless the procedures and findings
4519 required by this section for the commitment of a child are satisfied.

4520 (7) A local mental health authority shall have physical custody of each child committed
4521 to it under this section. The parent or legal guardian of a child committed to the physical
4522 custody of a local mental health authority under this section, retains legal custody of the child,

4523 unless legal custody has been otherwise modified by a court of competent jurisdiction. In cases
4524 when the Division of Child and Family Services or the Division of Juvenile Justice Services
4525 has legal custody of a child, that division shall retain legal custody for purposes of this part.

4526 (8) The cost of caring for and maintaining a child in the physical custody of a local
4527 mental health authority shall be assessed to and paid by the child's parents, according to their
4528 ability to pay. For purposes of this section, the Division of Child and Family Services or the
4529 Division of Juvenile Justice Services shall be financially responsible, in addition to the child's
4530 parents, if the child is in the legal custody of either of those divisions at the time the child is
4531 committed to the physical custody of a local mental health authority under this section, unless
4532 Medicaid regulation or contract provisions specify otherwise. The Office of Recovery Services
4533 shall assist those divisions in collecting the costs assessed pursuant to this section.

4534 (9) Whenever application is made for commitment of a minor to a local mental health
4535 authority under any provision of this section by a person other than the child's parent or
4536 guardian, the local mental health authority or its designee shall notify the child's parent or
4537 guardian. The parents shall be provided sufficient time to prepare and appear at any scheduled
4538 proceeding.

4539 (10) (a) Each child committed pursuant to this section is entitled to an appeal within 30
4540 days after any order for commitment. The appeal may be brought on the child's own petition or
4541 on petition of the child's parent or legal guardian, to the juvenile court in the district where the
4542 child resides or is currently physically located. With regard to a child in the custody of the
4543 Division of Child and Family Services or the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, the attorney
4544 general's office shall handle the appeal, otherwise the appropriate county attorney's office is
4545 responsible for appeals brought pursuant to this Subsection (10)(a).

4546 (b) Upon receipt of the petition for appeal, the court shall appoint a designated
4547 examiner previously unrelated to the case, to conduct an examination of the child in accordance
4548 with the criteria described in Subsection (4), and file a written report with the court. The court
4549 shall then conduct an appeal hearing to determine whether the findings described in Subsection
4550 (4) exist by clear and convincing evidence.

4551 (c) Prior to the time of the appeal hearing, the appropriate local mental health authority,
4552 its designee, or the mental health professional who has been in charge of the child's care prior
4553 to commitment, shall provide the court and the designated examiner for the appeal hearing with

4554 the following information, as it relates to the period of current admission:

4555 (i) the original petition for commitment;

4556 (ii) admission notes;

4557 (iii) diagnosis;

4558 (iv) physicians' orders;

4559 (v) progress notes;

4560 (vi) nursing notes; and

4561 (vii) medication records.

4562 (d) Both the neutral and detached fact finder and the designated examiner appointed for
4563 the appeal hearing shall be provided with an opportunity to review the most current information
4564 described in Subsection (10)(c) prior to the appeal hearing.

4565 (e) The child, the child's parent or legal guardian, the person who submitted the
4566 original petition for commitment, and a representative of the appropriate local mental health
4567 authority shall be notified by the court of the date and time of the appeal hearing. Those
4568 persons shall be afforded an opportunity to appear at the hearing. In reaching its decision, the
4569 court shall review the record and findings of the neutral and detached fact finder, the report of
4570 the designated examiner appointed pursuant to Subsection (10)(b), and may, in its discretion,
4571 allow or require the testimony of the neutral and detached fact finder, the designated examiner,
4572 the child, the child's parent or legal guardian, the person who brought the initial petition for
4573 commitment, or any other person whose testimony the court deems relevant. The court may
4574 allow the child to waive the right to appear at the appeal hearing, for good cause shown. If that
4575 waiver is granted, the purpose shall be made a part of the court's record.

4576 (11) Each local mental health authority has an affirmative duty to conduct periodic
4577 evaluations of the mental health and treatment progress of every child committed to its physical
4578 custody under this section, and to release any child who has sufficiently improved so that the
4579 criteria justifying commitment no longer exist.

4580 (12) (a) A local mental health authority or its designee, in conjunction with the child's
4581 current treating mental health professional may release an improved child to a less restrictive
4582 environment, as they determine appropriate. Whenever the local mental health authority or its
4583 designee, and the child's current treating mental health professional, determine that the
4584 conditions justifying commitment no longer exist, the child shall be discharged and released to

4585 the child's parent or legal guardian. With regard to a child who is in the physical custody of the
4586 State Hospital, the treating psychiatrist or clinical director of the State Hospital shall be the
4587 child's current treating mental health professional.

4588 (b) A local mental health authority or its designee, in conjunction with the child's
4589 current treating mental health professional, is authorized to issue a written order for the
4590 immediate placement of a child not previously released from an order of commitment into a
4591 more restrictive environment, if the local authority or its designee and the child's current
4592 treating mental health professional has reason to believe that the less restrictive environment in
4593 which the child has been placed is exacerbating the child's mental illness, or increasing the risk
4594 of harm to self or others.

4595 (c) The written order described in Subsection (12)(b) shall include the reasons for
4596 placement in a more restrictive environment and shall authorize any peace officer to take the
4597 child into physical custody and transport the child to a facility designated by the appropriate
4598 local mental health authority in conjunction with the child's current treating mental health
4599 professional. Prior to admission to the more restrictive environment, copies of the order shall
4600 be personally delivered to the child, the child's parent or legal guardian, the administrator of the
4601 more restrictive environment, or the administrator's designee, and the child's former treatment
4602 provider or facility.

4603 (d) If the child has been in a less restrictive environment for more than 30 days and is
4604 aggrieved by the change to a more restrictive environment, the child or the child's
4605 representative may request a review within 30 days of the change, by a neutral and detached
4606 fact finder as described in Subsection (3). The fact finder shall determine whether:

4607 (i) the less restrictive environment in which the child has been placed is exacerbating
4608 the child's mental illness or increasing the risk of harm to self or others; or

4609 (ii) the less restrictive environment in which the child has been placed is not
4610 exacerbating the child's mental illness or increasing the risk of harm to self or others, in which
4611 case the fact finder shall designate that the child remain in the less restrictive environment.

4612 (e) Nothing in this section prevents a local mental health authority or its designee, in
4613 conjunction with the child's current mental health professional, from discharging a child from
4614 commitment or from placing a child in an environment that is less restrictive than that
4615 designated by the neutral and detached fact finder.

4616 (13) Each local mental health authority or its designee, in conjunction with the child's
4617 current treating mental health professional shall discharge any child who, in the opinion of that
4618 local authority, or its designee, and the child's current treating mental health professional, no
4619 longer meets the criteria specified in Subsection (4), except as provided by Section
4620 ~~[78A-6-120]~~ [62A-15-705](#). The local authority and the mental health professional shall assure
4621 that any further supportive services required to meet the child's needs upon release will be
4622 provided.

4623 (14) Even though a child has been committed to the physical custody of a local mental
4624 health authority under this section, the child is still entitled to additional due process
4625 proceedings, in accordance with Section [62A-15-704](#), before any treatment that may affect a
4626 constitutionally protected liberty or privacy interest is administered. Those treatments include,
4627 but are not limited to, antipsychotic medication, electroshock therapy, and psychosurgery.

4628 Section 68. Section **63G-4-402** is amended to read:

4629 **63G-4-402. Judicial review -- Informal adjudicative proceedings.**

4630 (1) (a) The district courts have jurisdiction to review by trial de novo all final agency
4631 actions resulting from informal adjudicative proceedings, except that the juvenile courts have
4632 jurisdiction over all final agency actions relating to:

4633 (i) the removal or placement of children in state custody;

4634 (ii) the support of children under Subsection (1)(a)(i) as determined administratively
4635 under Section ~~[78A-6-1106]~~ [78A-6-356](#); and

4636 (iii) supported findings of abuse or neglect made by the Division of Child and Family
4637 Services.

4638 (b) Venue for judicial review of informal adjudicative proceedings shall be as provided
4639 in the statute governing the agency or, in the absence of such a venue provision, in the county
4640 where the petitioner resides or maintains the petitioner's principal place of business.

4641 (2) (a) The petition for judicial review of informal adjudicative proceedings shall be a
4642 complaint governed by the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure and shall include:

4643 (i) the name and mailing address of the party seeking judicial review;

4644 (ii) the name and mailing address of the respondent agency;

4645 (iii) the title and date of the final agency action to be reviewed, together with a copy,
4646 summary, or brief description of the agency action;

- 4647 (iv) identification of the persons who were parties in the informal adjudicative
4648 proceedings that led to the agency action;
- 4649 (v) a copy of the written agency order from the informal proceeding;
- 4650 (vi) facts demonstrating that the party seeking judicial review is entitled to obtain
4651 judicial review;
- 4652 (vii) a request for relief, specifying the type and extent of relief requested; and
4653 (viii) a statement of the reasons why the petitioner is entitled to relief.
- 4654 (b) All additional pleadings and proceedings in the district court are governed by the
4655 Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 4656 (3) (a) The court, without a jury, shall determine all questions of fact and law and any
4657 constitutional issue presented in the pleadings.
- 4658 (b) The Utah Rules of Evidence apply in judicial proceedings under this section.
4659 Section 69. Section **63M-7-208** is amended to read:
- 4660 **63M-7-208. Juvenile justice oversight -- Delegation -- Effective dates.**
- 4661 (1) The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice shall:
- 4662 (a) support implementation and expansion of evidence-based juvenile justice programs
4663 and practices, including assistance regarding implementation fidelity, quality assurance, and
4664 ongoing evaluation;
- 4665 (b) examine and make recommendations on the use of third-party entities or an
4666 intermediary organization to assist with implementation and to support the performance-based
4667 contracting system authorized in Subsection (1)(m);
- 4668 (c) oversee the development of performance measures to track juvenile justice reforms,
4669 and ensure early and ongoing stakeholder engagement in identifying the relevant performance
4670 measures;
- 4671 (d) evaluate currently collected data elements throughout the juvenile justice system
4672 and contract reporting requirements to streamline reporting, reduce redundancies, eliminate
4673 inefficiencies, and ensure a focus on recidivism reduction;
- 4674 (e) review averted costs from reductions in out-of-home placements for juvenile justice
4675 youth placed with the Division of Juvenile Justice Services and the Division of Child and
4676 Family Services, and make recommendations to prioritize the reinvestment and realignment of
4677 resources into community-based programs for youth living at home, including the following:

- 4678 (i) statewide expansion of:
- 4679 (A) juvenile receiving centers, as defined in Section 80-1-102;
- 4680 (B) mobile crisis outreach teams, as defined in Section ~~[78A-6-105]~~ 62A-15-102;
- 4681 (C) youth courts; and
- 4682 (D) victim-offender mediation;
- 4683 (ii) statewide implementation of nonresidential diagnostic assessment;
- 4684 (iii) statewide availability of evidence-based programs and practices including
- 4685 cognitive behavioral and family therapy programs for minors assessed by a validated risk and
- 4686 needs assessment as moderate or high risk;
- 4687 (iv) implementation and infrastructure to support the sustainability and fidelity of
- 4688 evidence-based juvenile justice programs, including resources for staffing, transportation, and
- 4689 flexible funds; and
- 4690 (v) early intervention programs such as family strengthening programs, family
- 4691 wraparound services, and proven truancy interventions;
- 4692 (f) assist the Administrative Office of the Courts in the development of a statewide
- 4693 sliding scale for the assessment of fines, fees, and restitution, based on the ability of the minor's
- 4694 family to pay;
- 4695 (g) analyze the alignment of resources and the roles and responsibilities of agencies,
- 4696 such as the operation of early intervention services, receiving centers, and diversion, and make
- 4697 recommendations to reallocate functions as appropriate, in accordance with Section
- 4698 ~~[62A-7-601]~~ 80-5-401;
- 4699 (h) ensure that data reporting is expanded and routinely review data in additional areas,
- 4700 including:
- 4701 (i) referral and disposition data by judicial district;
- 4702 (ii) data on the length of time minors spend in the juvenile justice system, including the
- 4703 total time spent under court jurisdiction, on community supervision, and in each out-of-home
- 4704 placement;
- 4705 (iii) recidivism data for ~~[diversion types pursuant to Section 78A-6-602 and disposition~~
- 4706 ~~types pursuant to Section 78A-6-117]~~ minors who are diverted to a nonjudicial adjustment
- 4707 under Section 80-6-304 and minors for whom dispositions are ordered under Section 80-6-701,
- 4708 including tracking minors into the adult corrections system;

4709 (iv) change in aggregate risk levels from the time minors receive services, are under
4710 supervision, and are in out-of-home placement; and

4711 (v) dosage of programming;

4712 (i) develop a reasonable timeline within which all programming delivered to minors in
4713 the juvenile justice system must be evidence-based or consist of practices that are rated as
4714 effective for reducing recidivism by a standardized program evaluation tool;

4715 (j) provide guidelines to be considered by the Administrative Office of the Courts and
4716 the Division of Juvenile Justice Services in developing tools considered by the Administrative
4717 Office of the Courts and the Division of Juvenile Justice Services in developing or selecting
4718 tools to be used for the evaluation of juvenile justice programs;

4719 (k) develop a timeline to support improvements to juvenile justice programs to achieve
4720 reductions in recidivism and review reports from relevant state agencies on progress toward
4721 reaching that timeline;

4722 (l) subject to Subsection (2), assist in the development of training for juvenile justice
4723 stakeholders, including educators, law enforcement officers, probation staff, judges, Division
4724 of Juvenile Justice Services staff, Division of Child and Family Services staff, and program
4725 providers;

4726 (m) subject to Subsection (3), assist in the development of a performance-based
4727 contracting system, which shall be developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts and
4728 the Division of Juvenile Justice Services for contracted services in the community and
4729 contracted out-of-home placement providers;

4730 (n) assist in the development of a validated detention risk assessment tool that shall be
4731 developed or adopted and validated by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Division
4732 of Juvenile Justice Services as provided in Section [~~78A-6-124~~] 80-5-203 on and after July 1,
4733 2018; and

4734 (o) annually issue and make public a report to the governor, president of the Senate,
4735 speaker of the House of Representatives, and chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court on the
4736 progress of the reforms and any additional areas in need of review.

4737 (2) Training described in Subsection (1)(l) should include instruction on
4738 evidence-based programs and principles of juvenile justice, such as risk, needs, responsivity,
4739 and fidelity, and shall be supplemented by the following topics:

- 4740 (a) adolescent development;
- 4741 (b) identifying and using local behavioral health resources;
- 4742 (c) implicit bias;
- 4743 (d) cultural competency;
- 4744 (e) graduated responses;
- 4745 (f) Utah juvenile justice system data and outcomes; and
- 4746 (g) gangs.
- 4747 (3) The system described in Subsection (1)(m) shall provide incentives for:
- 4748 (a) the use of evidence-based juvenile justice programs and practices rated as effective
- 4749 by the tools selected in accordance with Subsection (1)(j);
- 4750 (b) the use of three-month timelines for program completion; and
- 4751 (c) evidence-based programs and practices for minors living at home in rural areas.
- 4752 (4) The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice may delegate the duties imposed
- 4753 under this section to a subcommittee or board established by the Commission on Criminal and
- 4754 Juvenile Justice in accordance with Subsection [63M-7-204\(2\)](#).
- 4755 (5) Subsections (1)(a) through (c) take effect August 1, 2017. The remainder of this
- 4756 section takes effect July 1, 2018.
- 4757 Section 70. Section [67-25-201](#) is amended to read:
- 4758 **67-25-201. State agency work week.**
- 4759 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), and subject to Subsection (3):
- 4760 (a) a state agency with five or more employees shall, at least nine hours per day on
- 4761 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to provide a service required by statute to
- 4762 another entity of the state, a political subdivision, or the public:
- 4763 (i) in person;
- 4764 (ii) online; or
- 4765 (iii) by telephone; and
- 4766 (b) a state agency with fewer than five employees shall, at least eight hours per day on
- 4767 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, provide a service required by statute to
- 4768 another entity of the state, a political subdivision, or the public:
- 4769 (i) in person;
- 4770 (ii) online; or

4771 (iii) by telephone.

4772 (2) (a) Subsection (1) does not require a state agency to operate a physical location, or
4773 provide a service, on a holiday established under Section [63G-1-301](#).

4774 (b) Except for a legal holiday established under Section [63G-1-301](#), the following state
4775 agencies shall operate at least one physical location, and as many physical locations as
4776 necessary, at least nine hours per day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
4777 to provide a service required by statute to another entity of the state, a political subdivision, or
4778 the public:

4779 (i) the Department of Technology Services, created in Section [63F-1-103](#);

4780 (ii) the Division of Child and Family Services, created in Section [62A-4a-103](#); and

4781 (iii) the Office of Guardian Ad Litem, created in Section [~~78A-6-901~~] [78A-2-802](#).

4782 (3) A state agency shall make staff available, as necessary, to provide:

4783 (a) services incidental to a court or administrative proceeding, during the hours of
4784 operation of a court or administrative body, including:

4785 (i) testifying;

4786 (ii) the production of records or evidence; and

4787 (iii) other services normally available to a court or administrative body;

4788 (b) security services; and

4789 (c) emergency services.

4790 (4) This section does not limit the days or hours a state agency may operate.

4791 (5) To provide a service as required by Subsection (1), the chief administrative officer
4792 of a state agency may determine:

4793 (a) the number of physical locations, if any are required by this section, operating each
4794 day;

4795 (b) the daily hours of operation of a physical location;

4796 (c) the number of state agency employees who work per day; and

4797 (d) the hours a state agency employee works per day.

4798 (6) To provide a service as required by Subsection (2)(b), the chief administrative
4799 officer of a state agency, or a person otherwise designated by law, may determine:

4800 (a) the number of physical locations operating each day;

4801 (b) the daily hours of operation, as required by Subsection (2)(b), of each physical

4802 location;

4803 (c) the number of state agency employees who work per day; and

4804 (d) the hours a state agency employee works per day.

4805 (7) A state agency shall:

4806 (a) provide information, accessible from a conspicuous link on the home page of the
4807 state agency's website, on a method that a person may use to schedule an in-person meeting
4808 with a representative of the state agency; and

4809 (b) except as provided in Subsection (8), as soon as reasonably possible:

4810 (i) contact a person who makes a request for an in-person meeting; and

4811 (ii) when appropriate, schedule and hold an in-person meeting with the person that
4812 requests an in-person meeting.

4813 (8) A state agency is not required to comply with Subsection (7)(b) to the extent that
4814 the contact or meeting:

4815 (a) would constitute a conflict of interest;

4816 (b) would conflict or interfere with a procurement governed by Title 63G, Chapter 6a,
4817 Utah Procurement Code;

4818 (c) would violate an ethical requirement of the state agency or an employee of the state
4819 agency; or

4820 (d) would constitute a violation of law.

4821 Section 71. Section **75-5-209** is amended to read:

4822 **75-5-209. Powers and duties of guardian of minor -- Residual parental rights and**
4823 **duties -- Adoption of a ward.**

4824 (1) For purposes of this section, "residual parental rights and duties" is as defined in
4825 Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#).

4826 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(a), a guardian of a minor has the powers and
4827 responsibilities of a parent who has not been deprived of custody of the parent's unemancipated
4828 minor, including the powers and responsibilities described in Subsection (3).

4829 (3) A guardian of a minor:

4830 (a) must take reasonable care of the personal effects of the guardian's ward;

4831 (b) must commence protective proceedings if necessary to protect other property of the
4832 guardian's ward;

- 4833 (c) subject to Subsection (4)(b), may receive money payable for the support of the ward
4834 to the ward's parent, guardian, or custodian under the terms of a:
- 4835 (i) statutory benefit or insurance system;
 - 4836 (ii) private contract;
 - 4837 (iii) devise;
 - 4838 (iv) trust;
 - 4839 (v) conservatorship; or
 - 4840 (vi) custodianship;
- 4841 (d) subject to Subsection (4)(b), may receive money or property of the ward paid or
4842 delivered by virtue of Section [75-5-102](#);
- 4843 (e) except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), must exercise due care to conserve any
4844 excess money or property described in Subsection (3)(d) for the ward's future needs;
- 4845 (f) unless otherwise provided by statute, may institute proceedings to compel the
4846 performance by any person of a duty to:
- 4847 (i) support the ward; or
 - 4848 (ii) pay sums for the welfare of the ward;
 - 4849 (g) is empowered to:
 - 4850 (i) facilitate the ward's education, social, or other activities; and
 - 4851 (ii) subject to Subsection (4)(d), authorize medical or other professional care,
4852 treatment, or advice;
 - 4853 (h) may consent to the:
 - 4854 (i) marriage of the guardian's ward, if specifically authorized by a court to give this
4855 consent; or
 - 4856 (ii) adoption of the guardian's ward if the:
 - 4857 (A) guardian of the ward is specifically authorized by a court to give this consent; and
 - 4858 (B) parental rights of the ward's parents have been terminated; and
 - 4859 (i) must report the condition of the minor and of the minor's estate that has been subject
4860 to the guardian's possession or control:
 - 4861 (i) as ordered by court on petition of any person interested in the minor's welfare; or
 - 4862 (ii) as required by court rule.
- 4863 (4) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), a guardian of a minor is not:

- 4864 (i) legally obligated to provide from the guardian's own funds for the ward; and
4865 (ii) liable to third persons by reason of the guardian's relationship for acts of the ward.
- 4866 (b) Sums received under Subsection (3)(c) or (d):
4867 (i) may not be used for compensation for the services of a guardian, except as:
4868 (A) approved by court order; or
4869 (B) determined by a duly appointed conservator other than the guardian; and
4870 (ii) shall be applied to the ward's current needs for support, care, and education.
- 4871 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(e), if a conservator is appointed for the estate of the
4872 ward, the excess shall be paid over at least annually to the conservator.
- 4873 (d) A guardian of a minor is not, by reason of giving the authorization described in
4874 Subsection (3)(g)(ii), liable for injury to the minor resulting from the negligence or acts of third
4875 persons, unless it would have been illegal for a parent to have given the authorization.
- 4876 (5) A parent of a minor for whom a guardian is appointed retains residual parental
4877 rights and duties.
- 4878 (6) If a parent of a minor for whom a guardian is appointed consents to the adoption of
4879 the minor, the guardian is entitled to:
4880 (a) receive notice of the adoption proceeding pursuant to Section 78B-6-110;
4881 (b) intervene in the adoption; and
4882 (c) present evidence to the court relevant to the best interest of the child pursuant to
4883 Subsection 78B-6-110(11).
- 4884 (7) If a minor for whom a guardian is appointed is adopted subsequent to the
4885 appointment, the guardianship shall terminate when the adoption is finalized.
- 4886 Section 72. Section 76-3-406 is amended to read:
- 4887 **76-3-406. Crimes for which probation, suspension of sentence, lower category of**
4888 **offense, or hospitalization may not be granted.**
- 4889 (1) Notwithstanding Sections 76-3-201 and 77-18-1 and Title 77, Chapter 16a,
4890 Commitment and Treatment of Persons with a Mental Illness, except as provided in Section
4891 76-5-406.5, probation may not be granted, the execution or imposition of sentence may not be
4892 suspended, the court may not enter a judgment for a lower category of offense, and
4893 hospitalization may not be ordered, the effect of which would in any way shorten the prison
4894 sentence for an individual who commits a capital felony or a first degree felony involving:

- 4895 (a) Section [76-5-202](#), aggravated murder;
- 4896 (b) Section [76-5-203](#), murder;
- 4897 (c) Section [76-5-301.1](#), child kidnaping;
- 4898 (d) Section [76-5-302](#), aggravated kidnaping;
- 4899 (e) Section [76-5-402](#), rape, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection
- 4900 [76-5-402\(3\)\(b\)](#), [\(3\)\(c\)](#), or [\(4\)](#);
- 4901 (f) Section [76-5-402.1](#), rape of a child;
- 4902 (g) Section [76-5-402.2](#), object rape, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection
- 4903 [76-5-402.2\(1\)\(b\)](#), [\(1\)\(c\)](#), or [\(2\)](#);
- 4904 (h) Section [76-5-402.3](#), object rape of a child;
- 4905 (i) Section [76-5-403](#), forcible sodomy, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection
- 4906 [76-5-403\(3\)\(b\)](#), [\(3\)\(c\)](#), or [\(4\)](#);
- 4907 (j) Section [76-5-403.1](#), sodomy on a child;
- 4908 (k) Section [76-5-404](#), forcible sexual abuse, if the individual is sentenced under
- 4909 Subsection [76-5-404\(2\)\(b\)](#) or [\(3\)](#);
- 4910 (l) Subsections [76-5-404.1\(4\)](#) and [\(5\)](#), aggravated sexual abuse of a child;
- 4911 (m) Section [76-5-405](#), aggravated sexual assault; or
- 4912 (n) any attempt to commit a felony listed in Subsection [\(1\)\(f\)](#), [\(h\)](#), or [\(j\)](#).
- 4913 (2) Except for an offense before the district court in accordance with Section
- 4914 ~~[78A-6-703.2](#) or [78A-6-703.5](#)~~ [80-6-502](#) or [80-6-504](#), the provisions of this section do not
- 4915 apply if the sentencing court finds that the defendant:
- 4916 (a) was under 18 years old at the time of the offense; and
- 4917 (b) could have been adjudicated in the juvenile court but for the delayed reporting or
- 4918 delayed filing of the information.
- 4919 Section 73. Section **76-5-107.1** is amended to read:
- 4920 **76-5-107.1. Threats against schools.**
- 4921 (1) As used in this section, "school" means a preschool or a public or private
- 4922 elementary or secondary school.
- 4923 (2) An individual is guilty of making a threat against a school if the individual
- 4924 threatens in person or via electronic means, either with real intent or as an intentional hoax, to
- 4925 commit any offense involving bodily injury, death, or substantial property damage, and:

4926 (a) threatens the use of a firearm or weapon or hoax weapon of mass destruction, as
4927 defined in Section [76-10-401](#);

4928 (b) acts with intent to:

4929 (i) disrupt the regular schedule of the school or influence or affect the conduct of
4930 students, employees, or the general public at the school;

4931 (ii) prevent or interrupt the occupancy of the school or a portion of the school, or a
4932 facility or vehicle used by the school; or

4933 (iii) intimidate or coerce students or employees of the school; or

4934 (c) causes an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies to take
4935 action due to the risk to the school or general public.

4936 (3) (a) A violation of Subsection (2)(a), (b)(i), or (b)(iii) is a class A misdemeanor.

4937 (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(b)(ii) is a class B misdemeanor.

4938 (c) A violation of Subsection (2)(c) is a class C misdemeanor.

4939 (4) Counseling for the minor and the minor's family may be made available through
4940 state and local health department programs.

4941 (5) It is not a defense to this section that the individual did not attempt to carry out or
4942 was incapable of carrying out the threat.

4943 (6) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, a court shall order an individual
4944 convicted of a violation of this section to pay restitution to any federal, state, or local unit of
4945 government, or any private business, organization, individual, or entity for expenses and losses
4946 incurred in responding to the threat, unless the court states on the record the reasons why the
4947 reimbursement would be inappropriate. Restitution ordered in the case of a minor adjudicated
4948 for a violation of this section shall be determined in accordance with [~~Subsection~~
4949 ~~78A-6-117(2)(j)~~] Section 80-6-710.

4950 (7) A violation of this section shall be reported to the local law enforcement agency. If
4951 the individual alleged to have violated this section is a minor, the minor may be referred to the
4952 juvenile court.

4953 Section 74. Section **76-5-108** is amended to read:

4954 **76-5-108. Protective orders restraining abuse of another -- Violation.**

4955 (1) Any person who is the respondent or defendant subject to a protective order, child
4956 protective order, ex parte protective order, or ex parte child protective order issued under the

4957 following who intentionally or knowingly violates that order after having been properly served
4958 or having been present, in person or through court video conferencing, when the order was
4959 issued, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, except as a greater penalty may be provided in Title
4960 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act:

4961 (a) [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code;

4962 (b) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders;

4963 (c) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 8, Criminal Protective Orders; or

4964 (d) a foreign protection order enforceable under Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 3, Uniform
4965 Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

4966 (2) Violation of an order as described in Subsection (1) is a domestic violence offense
4967 under Section [77-36-1](#) and subject to increased penalties in accordance with Section [77-36-1.1](#).

4968 Section 75. Section **76-5-110** is amended to read:

4969 **76-5-110. Abuse or neglect of a child with a disability.**

4970 (1) As used in this section:

4971 (a) "Abuse" means:

4972 (i) inflicting physical injury, as that term is defined in Section [76-5-109](#);

4973 (ii) having the care or custody of a child with a disability, causing or permitting another
4974 to inflict physical injury, as that term is defined in Section [76-5-109](#); or

4975 (iii) unreasonable confinement.

4976 (b) "Caretaker" means:

4977 (i) any parent, legal guardian, or other person having under that person's care and
4978 custody a child with a disability; or

4979 (ii) any person, corporation, or public institution that has assumed by contract or court
4980 order the responsibility to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical, and other necessities to a
4981 child with a disability.

4982 (c) "Child with a disability" means any person under 18 years [~~of age~~] old who is
4983 impaired because of mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability, or other
4984 cause, to the extent that the person is unable to care for the person's own personal safety or to
4985 provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, and medical care.

4986 (d) "Neglect" means failure by a caretaker to provide care, nutrition, clothing, shelter,
4987 supervision, or medical care.

4988 (2) Any caretaker who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly abuses or neglects a child
4989 with a disability is guilty of a third degree felony.

4990 (3) (a) A parent or legal guardian who provides a child with treatment by spiritual
4991 means alone through prayer, in lieu of medical treatment, in accordance with the tenets and
4992 practices of an established church or religious denomination of which the parent or legal
4993 guardian is a member or adherent shall not, for that reason alone, be considered to be in
4994 violation under this section.

4995 (b) Subject to ~~[Subsection 78A-6-117(2)(m)]~~ Section 80-3-109, the exception under
4996 Subsection (3)(a) does not preclude a court from ordering medical services from a physician
4997 licensed to engage in the practice of medicine to be provided to the child where there is
4998 substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare if the treatment is not provided.

4999 (c) A caretaker of a child with a disability does not violate this section by selecting a
5000 treatment option for a medical condition of a child with a disability, if the treatment option is
5001 one that a reasonable caretaker would believe to be in the best interest of the child with a
5002 disability.

5003 Section 76. Section **76-5-401.3** is amended to read:

5004 **76-5-401.3. Unlawful adolescent sexual activity.**

5005 (1) As used in this section:

5006 (a) "Adolescent" means an individual in the transitional phase of human physical and
5007 psychological growth and development between childhood and adulthood who is 12 years old
5008 or older, but under 18 years old.

5009 (b) "Unlawful adolescent sexual activity" means sexual activity between adolescents
5010 under circumstances not amounting to:

- 5011 (i) rape, in violation of Section 76-5-402;
- 5012 (ii) rape of a child, in violation of Section 76-5-402.1;
- 5013 (iii) object rape, in violation of Section 76-5-402.2;
- 5014 (iv) object rape of a child, in violation of Section 76-5-402.3;
- 5015 (v) forcible sodomy, in violation of Section 76-5-403;
- 5016 (vi) sodomy on a child, in violation of Section 76-5-403.1;
- 5017 (vii) sexual abuse of a child, in violation of Section 76-5-404;
- 5018 (viii) aggravated sexual assault, in violation of Section 76-5-405; or

- 5019 (ix) incest, in violation of Section [76-7-102](#).
- 5020 (2) Unlawful adolescent sexual activity is punishable as a:
- 5021 (a) third degree felony if an adolescent who is 17 years old engages in unlawful
- 5022 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 12 or 13 years old;
- 5023 (b) third degree felony if an adolescent who is 16 years old engages in unlawful
- 5024 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 12 years old;
- 5025 (c) class A misdemeanor if an adolescent who is 16 years old engages in unlawful
- 5026 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 13 years old;
- 5027 (d) class A misdemeanor if an adolescent who is 14 or 15 years old engages in
- 5028 unlawful adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 12 years old;
- 5029 (e) class B misdemeanor if an adolescent who is 17 years old engages in unlawful
- 5030 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 14 years old;
- 5031 (f) class B misdemeanor if an adolescent who is 15 years old engages in unlawful
- 5032 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 13 years old;
- 5033 (g) class C misdemeanor if an adolescent who is 12 or 13 years old engages in unlawful
- 5034 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 12 or 13 years old; and
- 5035 (h) class C misdemeanor if an adolescent who is 14 years old engages in unlawful
- 5036 adolescent sexual activity with an adolescent who is 13 years old.
- 5037 (3) An offense under this section is not eligible for a nonjudicial adjustment under
- 5038 Section [\[78A-6-602\]](#) [80-6-304](#) or a referral to a youth court under Section [\[78A-6-1203\]](#)
- 5039 [80-6-902](#).
- 5040 (4) Except for an offense that is transferred to a district court by the juvenile court in
- 5041 accordance with Section [\[78A-6-703.5\]](#) [80-6-504](#), the district court may enter any sentence or
- 5042 combination of sentences that would have been available in juvenile court but for the delayed
- 5043 reporting or delayed filing of the information in the district court.
- 5044 (5) An offense under this section is not subject to registration under Subsection
- 5045 [77-41-102](#)(17).
- 5046 Section 77. Section **76-5-413** is amended to read:
- 5047 **76-5-413. Custodial sexual relations or misconduct with youth receiving state**
- 5048 **services -- Definitions -- Penalties -- Defenses.**
- 5049 (1) As used in this section:

- 5050 (a) "Actor" means:
- 5051 (i) an individual employed by the Department of Human Services, as created in Section
- 5052 [62A-1-102](#), or an employee of a private provider or contractor; or
- 5053 (ii) an individual employed by the juvenile court of the state, or an employee of a
- 5054 private provider or contractor.
- 5055 (b) "Department" means the Department of Human Services created in Section
- 5056 [62A-1-102](#).
- 5057 (c) "Juvenile court" means the juvenile court of the state created in Section [78A-6-102](#).
- 5058 (d) "Private provider or contractor" means any individual or entity that contracts with
- 5059 the:
- 5060 (i) department to provide services or functions that are part of the operation of the
- 5061 department; or
- 5062 (ii) juvenile court to provide services or functions that are part of the operation of the
- 5063 juvenile court.
- 5064 (e) "Youth receiving state services" means an individual:
- 5065 (i) younger than 18 years [~~of age~~] old, except as provided under Subsection (1)(e)(ii),
- 5066 who is:
- 5067 (A) in the custody of the department under [~~Subsection [78A-6-117\(2\)\(e\)](#)~~] Section
- 5068 [80-6-703](#); or
- 5069 (B) receiving services from any division of the department if any portion of the costs of
- 5070 these services is covered by public money; or
- 5071 (ii) younger than 21 years [~~of age who is~~] old:
- 5072 (A) who is in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, or the Division
- 5073 of Child and Family Services; or
- 5074 (B) whose case is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
- 5075 (2) (a) An actor commits custodial sexual relations with a youth receiving state services
- 5076 if the actor commits any of the acts under Subsection (3):
- 5077 (i) under circumstances not amounting to commission of, or an attempt to commit, an
- 5078 offense under Subsection (6); and
- 5079 (ii) (A) the actor knows that the individual is a youth receiving state services; or
- 5080 (B) a reasonable person in the actor's position should have known under the

5081 circumstances that the individual was a youth receiving state services.

5082 (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(a) is a third degree felony, but if the youth receiving
5083 state services is younger than 18 years [~~of age~~] old, a violation of Subsection (2)(a) is a second
5084 degree felony.

5085 (c) If the act committed under this Subsection (2) amounts to an offense subject to a
5086 greater penalty under another provision of state law than is provided under this Subsection (2),
5087 this Subsection (2) does not prohibit prosecution and sentencing for the more serious offense.

5088 (3) Acts referred to in Subsection (2)(a) are:

5089 (a) having sexual intercourse with a youth receiving state services;

5090 (b) engaging in any sexual act with a youth receiving state services involving the
5091 genitals of one individual and the mouth or anus of another individual, regardless of the sex of
5092 either participant; or

5093 (c) causing the penetration, however slight, of the genital or anal opening of a youth
5094 receiving state services by any foreign object, substance, instrument, or device, including a part
5095 of the human body, with the intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to any
5096 individual, regardless of the sex of any participant or with the intent to arouse or gratify the
5097 sexual desire of any individual, regardless of the sex of any participant.

5098 (4) (a) An actor commits custodial sexual misconduct with a youth receiving state
5099 services if the actor commits any of the acts under Subsection (5):

5100 (i) under circumstances not amounting to commission of, or an attempt to commit, an
5101 offense under Subsection (6); and

5102 (ii) (A) the actor knows that the individual is a youth receiving state services; or

5103 (B) a reasonable person in the actor's position should have known under the
5104 circumstances that the individual was a youth receiving state services.

5105 (b) A violation of Subsection (4)(a) is a class A misdemeanor, but if the youth
5106 receiving state services is younger than 18 years [~~of age~~] old, a violation of Subsection (4)(a) is
5107 a third degree felony.

5108 (c) If the act committed under this Subsection (4) amounts to an offense subject to a
5109 greater penalty under another provision of state law than is provided under this Subsection (4),
5110 this Subsection (4) does not prohibit prosecution and sentencing for the more serious offense.

5111 (5) Acts referred to in Subsection (4)(a) are the following acts when committed with

5112 the intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to any individual or with the intent to
5113 arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any individual, regardless of the sex of any participant:

5114 (a) touching the anus, buttocks, pubic area, or any part of the genitals of a youth
5115 receiving state services;

5116 (b) touching the breast of a female youth receiving state services; or

5117 (c) otherwise taking indecent liberties with a youth receiving state services.

5118 (6) The offenses referred to in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (4)(a)(i) are:

5119 (a) Section 76-5-401, unlawful sexual activity with a minor;

5120 (b) Section 76-5-402, rape;

5121 (c) Section 76-5-402.1, rape of a child;

5122 (d) Section 76-5-402.2, object rape;

5123 (e) Section 76-5-402.3, object rape of a child;

5124 (f) Section 76-5-403, forcible sodomy;

5125 (g) Section 76-5-403.1, sodomy on a child;

5126 (h) Section 76-5-404, forcible sexual abuse;

5127 (i) Section 76-5-404.1, sexual abuse of a child or aggravated sexual abuse of a child; or

5128 (j) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault.

5129 (7) (a) It is not a defense to the commission of the offense of custodial sexual relations
5130 with a youth receiving state services under Subsection (2) or custodial sexual misconduct with
5131 a youth receiving state services under Subsection (4), or an attempt to commit either of these
5132 offenses, if the youth receiving state services is younger than 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old, that the
5133 actor:

5134 (i) mistakenly believed the youth receiving state services to be 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old or
5135 older at the time of the alleged offense; or

5136 (ii) was unaware of the true age of the youth receiving state services.

5137 (b) Consent of the youth receiving state services is not a defense to any violation or
5138 attempted violation of Subsection (2) or (4).

5139 (8) It is a defense that the commission by the actor of an act under Subsection (2) or (4)
5140 is the result of compulsion, as the defense is described in Subsection 76-2-302(1).

5141 Section 78. Section 76-5b-201 is amended to read:

5142 **76-5b-201. Sexual exploitation of a minor -- Offenses.**

- 5143 (1) A person is guilty of sexual exploitation of a minor:
- 5144 (a) when the person:
- 5145 (i) knowingly produces, possesses, or possesses with intent to distribute child
- 5146 pornography; or
- 5147 (ii) intentionally distributes or views child pornography; or
- 5148 (b) if the person is a minor's parent or legal guardian and knowingly consents to or
- 5149 permits the minor to be sexually exploited as described in Subsection (1)(a).
- 5150 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), sexual exploitation of a minor is a
- 5151 second degree felony.
- 5152 (b) A violation of Subsection (1) for knowingly producing child pornography is a first
- 5153 degree felony if the person produces original child pornography depicting a first degree felony
- 5154 that involves:
- 5155 (i) the person or another person engaging in conduct with the minor that is a violation
- 5156 of:
- 5157 (A) Section [76-5-402.1](#), rape of a child;
- 5158 (B) Section [76-5-402.3](#), object rape of a child;
- 5159 (C) Section [76-5-403.1](#), sodomy on a child; or
- 5160 (D) Section [76-5-404.1](#), aggravated sexual abuse of a child; or
- 5161 (ii) the minor being physically abused, as defined in Section [\[78A-6-105\] 80-1-102](#).
- 5162 (3) It is a separate offense under this section:
- 5163 (a) for each minor depicted in the child pornography; and
- 5164 (b) for each time the same minor is depicted in different child pornography.
- 5165 (4) (a) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating this section that no minor
- 5166 was actually depicted in the visual depiction or used in producing or advertising the visual
- 5167 depiction.
- 5168 (b) For a charge of violating this section for knowingly possessing or intentionally
- 5169 viewing child pornography, it is an affirmative defense that:
- 5170 (i) the defendant:
- 5171 (A) did not solicit the child pornography from the minor depicted in the child
- 5172 pornography;
- 5173 (B) is not more than two years older than the minor depicted in the child pornography;

5174 and

5175 (C) upon request of a law enforcement agent or the minor depicted in the child
5176 pornography, removes from an electronic device or destroys the child pornography and all
5177 copies of the child pornography in the defendant's possession; and

5178 (ii) the child pornography does not depict an offense under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4,
5179 Sexual Offenses.

5180 (5) In proving a violation of this section in relation to an identifiable minor, proof of
5181 the actual identity of the identifiable minor is not required.

5182 (6) This section may not be construed to impose criminal or civil liability on:

5183 (a) an entity or an employee, director, officer, or agent of an entity when acting within
5184 the scope of employment, for the good faith performance of:

5185 (i) reporting or data preservation duties required under federal or state law; or

5186 (ii) implementing a policy of attempting to prevent the presence of child pornography
5187 on tangible or intangible property, or of detecting and reporting the presence of child
5188 pornography on the property;

5189 (b) a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of a criminal investigation;

5190 (c) an employee of a court who may be required to view child pornography during the
5191 course of and within the scope of the employee's employment;

5192 (d) a juror who may be required to view child pornography during the course of the
5193 individual's service as a juror;

5194 (e) an attorney or employee of an attorney who is required to view child pornography
5195 during the course of a judicial process and while acting within the scope of employment;

5196 (f) an employee of the Department of Human Services who is required to view child
5197 pornography within the scope of the employee's employment; or

5198 (g) an attorney who is required to view child pornography within the scope of the
5199 attorney's responsibility to represent the Department of Human Services, including the
5200 divisions and offices within the Department of Human Services.

5201 Section 79. Section **76-7-301** is amended to read:

5202 **76-7-301. Definitions.**

5203 As used in this part:

5204 (1) (a) "Abortion" means:

5205 (i) the intentional termination or attempted termination of human pregnancy after
5206 implantation of a fertilized ovum through a medical procedure carried out by a physician or
5207 through a substance used under the direction of a physician;

5208 (ii) the intentional killing or attempted killing of a live unborn child through a medical
5209 procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a
5210 physician; or

5211 (iii) the intentional causing or attempted causing of a miscarriage through a medical
5212 procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a
5213 physician.

5214 (b) "Abortion" does not include:

5215 (i) removal of a dead unborn child;

5216 (ii) removal of an ectopic pregnancy; or

5217 (iii) the killing or attempted killing of an unborn child without the consent of the
5218 pregnant woman, unless:

5219 (A) the killing or attempted killing is done through a medical procedure carried out by
5220 a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a physician; and

5221 (B) the physician is unable to obtain the consent due to a medical emergency.

5222 (2) "Abortion clinic" means the same as that term is defined in Section [26-21-2](#).

5223 (3) "Abuse" means the same as that term is defined in Section [\[78A-6-105\] 80-1-102](#).

5224 (4) "Department" means the Department of Health.

5225 (5) "Down syndrome" means a genetic condition associated with an extra chromosome
5226 21, in whole or in part, or an effective trisomy for chromosome 21.

5227 (6) "Gestational age" means the age of an unborn child as calculated from the first day
5228 of the last menstrual period of the pregnant woman.

5229 (7) "Hospital" means:

5230 (a) a general hospital licensed by the department according to Title 26, Chapter 21,
5231 Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act; and

5232 (b) a clinic or other medical facility to the extent that such clinic or other medical
5233 facility is certified by the department as providing equipment and personnel sufficient in
5234 quantity and quality to provide the same degree of safety to the pregnant woman and the
5235 unborn child as would be provided for the particular medical procedures undertaken by a

5236 general hospital licensed by the department.

5237 (8) "Information module" means the pregnancy termination information module
5238 prepared by the department.

5239 (9) "Medical emergency" means that condition which, on the basis of the physician's
5240 good faith clinical judgment, so threatens the life of a pregnant woman as to necessitate the
5241 immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death, or for which a delay will create serious
5242 risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function.

5243 (10) "Minor" means an individual who is:

5244 (a) under 18 years [~~of age~~] old;

5245 (b) unmarried; and

5246 (c) not emancipated.

5247 (11) (a) "Partial birth abortion" means an abortion in which the person performing the
5248 abortion:

5249 (i) deliberately and intentionally vaginally delivers a living fetus until, in the case of a
5250 head first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of
5251 breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother,
5252 for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered
5253 living fetus; and

5254 (ii) performs the overt act, other than completion of delivery, that kills the partially
5255 living fetus.

5256 (b) "Partial birth abortion" does not include the dilation and evacuation procedure
5257 involving dismemberment prior to removal, the suction curettage procedure, or the suction
5258 aspiration procedure for abortion.

5259 (12) "Physician" means:

5260 (a) a medical doctor licensed to practice medicine and surgery under Title 58, Chapter
5261 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

5262 (b) an osteopathic physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine under Title 58,
5263 Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or

5264 (c) a physician employed by the federal government who has qualifications similar to a
5265 person described in Subsection (12)(a) or (b).

5266 (13) (a) "Severe brain abnormality" means a malformation or defect that causes an

5267 individual to live in a mentally vegetative state.

5268 (b) "Severe brain abnormality" does not include:

5269 (i) Down syndrome;

5270 (ii) spina bifida;

5271 (iii) cerebral palsy; or

5272 (iv) any other malformation, defect, or condition that does not cause an individual to

5273 live in a mentally vegetative state.

5274 Section 80. Section **76-7a-101 (Contingently Effective)** is amended to read:

5275 **76-7a-101 (Contingently Effective). Definitions.**

5276 As used in this chapter:

5277 (1) (a) "Abortion" means:

5278 (i) the intentional termination or attempted termination of human pregnancy after
5279 implantation of a fertilized ovum through a medical procedure carried out by a physician or
5280 through a substance used under the direction of a physician;

5281 (ii) the intentional killing or attempted killing of a live unborn child through a medical
5282 procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a
5283 physician; or

5284 (iii) the intentional causing or attempted causing of a miscarriage through a medical
5285 procedure carried out by a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a
5286 physician.

5287 (b) "Abortion" does not include:

5288 (i) removal of a dead unborn child;

5289 (ii) removal of an ectopic pregnancy; or

5290 (iii) the killing or attempted killing of an unborn child without the consent of the
5291 pregnant woman, unless:

5292 (A) the killing or attempted killing is done through a medical procedure carried out by
5293 a physician or through a substance used under the direction of a physician; and

5294 (B) the physician is unable to obtain the consent due to a medical emergency.

5295 (2) "Abortion clinic" means a type I abortion clinic licensed by the state or a type II
5296 abortion clinic licensed by the state.

5297 (3) "Department" means the Department of Health.

5298 (4) "Down syndrome" means a genetic condition associated with an extra chromosome
5299 21, in whole or in part, or an effective trisomy for chromosome 21.

5300 (5) "Hospital" means:

5301 (a) a general hospital licensed by the department; or

5302 (b) a clinic or other medical facility to the extent the clinic or other medical facility is
5303 certified by the department as providing equipment and personnel sufficient in quantity and
5304 quality to provide the same degree of safety to a pregnant woman and an unborn child as would
5305 be provided for the particular medical procedure undertaken by a general hospital licensed by
5306 the department.

5307 (6) "Incest" means the same as that term is defined in [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile~~
5308 ~~Court Act~~] [Section 80-1-102](#).

5309 (7) "Medical emergency" means a condition which, on the basis of the physician's good
5310 faith clinical judgment, so threatens the life of a pregnant woman as to necessitate the
5311 immediate abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death, or for which a delay will create serious
5312 risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function.

5313 (8) "Physician" means:

5314 (a) a medical doctor licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the state;

5315 (b) an osteopathic physician licensed to practice osteopathic medicine in the state; or

5316 (c) a physician employed by the federal government who has qualifications similar to
5317 an individual described in Subsection (8)(a) or (b).

5318 (9) "Rape" means the same as that term is defined in Title 76, Utah Criminal Code.

5319 (10) (a) "Severe brain abnormality" means a malformation or defect that causes an
5320 individual to live in a mentally vegetative state.

5321 (b) "Severe brain abnormality" does not include:

5322 (i) Down syndrome;

5323 (ii) spina bifida;

5324 (iii) cerebral palsy; or

5325 (iv) any other malformation, defect, or condition that does not cause an individual to
5326 live in a mentally vegetative state.

5327 Section 81. Section **76-8-306** is amended to read:

5328 **76-8-306. Obstruction of justice in criminal investigations or proceedings --**

5329 **Elements -- Penalties -- Exceptions.**

5330 (1) An actor commits obstruction of justice if the actor, with intent to hinder, delay, or
5331 prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person
5332 regarding conduct that constitutes a criminal offense:

5333 (a) provides any person with a weapon;

5334 (b) prevents by force, intimidation, or deception, any person from performing any act
5335 that might aid in the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any
5336 person;

5337 (c) alters, destroys, conceals, or removes any item or other thing;

5338 (d) makes, presents, or uses any item or thing known by the actor to be false;

5339 (e) harbors or conceals a person;

5340 (f) provides a person with transportation, disguise, or other means of avoiding
5341 discovery or apprehension;

5342 (g) warns any person of impending discovery or apprehension;

5343 (h) warns any person of an order authorizing the interception of wire communications
5344 or of a pending application for an order authorizing the interception of wire communications;

5345 (i) conceals information that is not privileged and that concerns the offense, after a
5346 judge or magistrate has ordered the actor to provide the information; or

5347 (j) provides false information regarding a suspect, a witness, the conduct constituting
5348 an offense, or any other material aspect of the investigation.

5349 (2) (a) As used in this section, "conduct that constitutes a criminal offense" means
5350 conduct that would be punishable as a crime and is separate from a violation of this section,
5351 and includes:

5352 (i) any violation of a criminal statute or ordinance of this state, its political
5353 subdivisions, any other state, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States; and

5354 (ii) conduct committed by a juvenile which would be a crime if committed by an adult.

5355 (b) A violation of a criminal statute that is committed in another state, or any district,
5356 possession, or territory of the United States, is a:

5357 (i) capital felony if the penalty provided includes death or life imprisonment without
5358 parole;

5359 (ii) a first degree felony if the penalty provided includes life imprisonment with parole

5360 or a maximum term of imprisonment exceeding 15 years;

5361 (iii) a second degree felony if the penalty provided exceeds five years;

5362 (iv) a third degree felony if the penalty provided includes imprisonment for any period

5363 exceeding one year; and

5364 (v) a misdemeanor if the penalty provided includes imprisonment for any period of one

5365 year or less.

5366 (3) Obstruction of justice is:

5367 (a) a second degree felony if the conduct which constitutes an offense would be a

5368 capital felony or first degree felony;

5369 (b) a third degree felony if:

5370 (i) the conduct that constitutes an offense would be a second or third degree felony and

5371 the actor violates Subsection (1)(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f);

5372 (ii) the conduct that constitutes an offense would be any offense other than a capital or

5373 first degree felony and the actor violates Subsection (1)(a);

5374 (iii) the obstruction of justice is presented or committed before a court of law; or

5375 (iv) a violation of Subsection (1)(h); or

5376 (c) a class A misdemeanor for any violation of this section that is not enumerated under

5377 Subsection (3)(a) or (b).

5378 (4) It is not a defense that the actor was unaware of the level of penalty for the conduct

5379 constituting an offense.

5380 (5) Subsection (1)(e) does not apply to harboring ~~[a youth offender, which is governed~~

5381 ~~by Section [62A-7-402](#)] a juvenile offender, as defined in Section [80-1-102](#), which is governed~~

5382 ~~by Section [76-8-311.5](#).~~

5383 (6) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to:

5384 (a) tampering with a juror, which is governed by Section [76-8-508.5](#);

5385 (b) influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a judge or member of the Board of

5386 Pardons and Parole, which is governed by Section [76-8-316](#);

5387 (c) tampering with a witness or soliciting or receiving a bribe, which is governed by

5388 Section [76-8-508](#);

5389 (d) retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, which is governed by Section

5390 [76-8-508.3](#); or

5391 (e) extortion or bribery to dismiss a criminal proceeding, which is governed by Section
5392 76-8-509.

5393 (7) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), (2), or (3), an actor commits a third degree felony
5394 if the actor harbors or conceals an offender who has escaped from official custody as defined in
5395 Section 76-8-309.

5396 Section 82. Section 76-9-701 is amended to read:

5397 **76-9-701. Intoxication -- Release of arrested person or placement in detoxification**
5398 **center.**

5399 (1) A person is guilty of intoxication if the person is under the influence of alcohol, a
5400 controlled substance, or any substance having the property of releasing toxic vapors, to a
5401 degree that the person may endanger the person or another, in a public place or in a private
5402 place where the person unreasonably disturbs other persons.

5403 (2) (a) A peace officer or a magistrate may release from custody a person arrested
5404 under this section if the peace officer or magistrate believes imprisonment is unnecessary for
5405 the protection of the person or another.

5406 (b) A peace officer may take the arrested person to a detoxification center or other
5407 special facility as an alternative to incarceration or release from custody.

5408 (3) (a) If a minor is found by a court to have violated this section and the violation is
5409 the minor's first violation of this section, the court may:

5410 (i) order the minor to complete a screening as defined in Section 41-6a-501;

5411 (ii) order the minor to complete an assessment as defined in Section 41-6a-501 if the
5412 screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and

5413 (iii) order the minor to complete an educational series as defined in Section 41-6a-501
5414 or substance use disorder treatment as indicated by an assessment.

5415 (b) If a minor is found by a court to have violated this section and the violation is the
5416 minor's second or subsequent violation of this section, the court shall:

5417 (i) order the minor to complete a screening as defined in Section 41-6a-501;

5418 (ii) order the minor to complete an assessment as defined in Section 41-6a-501 if the
5419 screening indicates an assessment to be appropriate; and

5420 (iii) order the minor to complete an educational series as defined in Section 41-6a-501
5421 or substance use disorder treatment as indicated by an assessment.

5422 (4) (a) When a minor who is at least 18 years old, but younger than 21 years old, is
5423 found by a court to have violated this section, the court hearing the case shall suspend the
5424 minor's driving privileges under Section [53-3-219](#).

5425 (b) Notwithstanding the requirement in Subsection (4)(a), the court may reduce the
5426 suspension period required under Section [53-3-219](#) if:

5427 (i) the violation is the minor's first violation of this section; and

5428 (ii) (A) the minor completes an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#); or

5429 (B) the minor demonstrates substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment.

5430 (c) Notwithstanding the requirement in Subsection (4)(a) and in accordance with the
5431 requirements of Section [53-3-219](#), the court may reduce the suspension period required under
5432 Section [53-3-219](#) if:

5433 (i) the violation is the minor's second or subsequent violation of this section;

5434 (ii) the minor has completed an educational series as defined in Section [41-6a-501](#) or
5435 demonstrated substantial progress in substance use disorder treatment; and

5436 (iii) (A) the person is 18 years [~~of age~~] old or older and provides a sworn statement to
5437 the court that the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at least a one-year
5438 consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection (4)(a); or

5439 (B) the person is under 18 years [~~of age~~] old and has the person's parent or legal
5440 guardian provide an affidavit or sworn statement to the court certifying that to the parent or
5441 legal guardian's knowledge the person has not unlawfully consumed alcohol or drugs for at
5442 least a one-year consecutive period during the suspension period imposed under Subsection
5443 (4)(a).

5444 (5) When a person who is younger than 18 years old is found by a court to have
5445 violated this section, the provisions regarding suspension of the driver's license under Section
5446 [~~78A-6-606~~] [80-6-707](#) apply to the violation.

5447 (6) Notwithstanding Subsections (3)(a) and (b), if a minor is adjudicated under Section
5448 [~~78A-6-117~~] [80-6-701](#), the court may only order substance use disorder treatment or an
5449 educational series if the minor has an assessed need for the intervention based on the results of
5450 a validated assessment.

5451 (7) When the court issues an order suspending a person's driving privileges for a
5452 violation of this section, the person's driver license shall be suspended under Section [53-3-219](#).

5453 (8) An offense under this section is a class C misdemeanor.

5454 Section 83. Section **76-10-105** is amended to read:

5455 **76-10-105. Buying or possessing a tobacco product or an electronic cigarette**
5456 **product by a minor -- Penalty -- Compliance officer authority -- Juvenile court**
5457 **jurisdiction.**

5458 (1) An individual who is 18 years old or older, but younger than 21 years old, and who
5459 buys or attempts to buy, accepts, or has in the individual's possession a tobacco product, an
5460 electronic cigarette product, or a nicotine product is:

5461 (a) guilty of an infraction; and

5462 (b) subject to:

5463 (i) a minimum fine or penalty of \$60; and

5464 (ii) participation in a court-approved tobacco education or cessation program, which
5465 may include a participation fee.

5466 (2) (a) An individual who is under 18 years old and who buys or attempts to buy,
5467 accepts, or has in the individual's possession a tobacco product, an electronic cigarette product,
5468 or a nicotine product is subject to a citation under Section ~~[78A-6-603]~~ [80-6-302](#), unless the
5469 violation is committed on school property under Section [53G-8-211](#).

5470 (b) If a violation under this section is adjudicated under Section ~~[78A-6-117]~~ [80-6-701](#),
5471 the minor may be subject to the following:

5472 (i) a fine or penalty, in accordance with Section ~~[78A-6-117]~~ [80-6-709](#); and

5473 (ii) participation in a court-approved tobacco education program, which may include a
5474 participation fee.

5475 (3) (a) A compliance officer appointed by a board of education under Section
5476 [53G-4-402](#) may not issue a citation for a violation of this section committed on school
5477 property.

5478 (b) A cited violation committed on school property shall be addressed in accordance
5479 with Section [53G-8-211](#).

5480 Section 84. Section **76-10-503** is amended to read:

5481 **76-10-503. Restrictions on possession, purchase, transfer, and ownership of**
5482 **dangerous weapons by certain persons -- Exceptions.**

5483 (1) For purposes of this section:

- 5484 (a) A Category I restricted person is a person who:
- 5485 (i) has been convicted of any violent felony as defined in Section 76-3-203.5;
- 5486 (ii) is on probation or parole for any felony;
- 5487 (iii) is on parole from [~~a secure facility as defined in Section 62A-7-101~~] secure care,
- 5488 as defined in Section 80-1-102;
- 5489 (iv) within the last 10 years has been adjudicated [~~delinquent~~] under Section 80-6-701
- 5490 for an offense which if committed by an adult would have been a violent felony as defined in
- 5491 Section 76-3-203.5;
- 5492 (v) is an alien who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States; or
- 5493 (vi) is on probation for a conviction of possessing:
- 5494 (A) a substance classified in Section 58-37-4 as a Schedule I or II controlled substance;
- 5495 (B) a controlled substance analog; or
- 5496 (C) a substance listed in Section 58-37-4.2.
- 5497 (b) A Category II restricted person is a person who:
- 5498 (i) has been convicted of any felony;
- 5499 (ii) within the last seven years has been adjudicated delinquent for an offense which if
- 5500 committed by an adult would have been a felony;
- 5501 (iii) is an unlawful user of a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
- 5502 (iv) is in possession of a dangerous weapon and is knowingly and intentionally in
- 5503 unlawful possession of a Schedule I or II controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
- 5504 (v) has been found not guilty by reason of insanity for a felony offense;
- 5505 (vi) has been found mentally incompetent to stand trial for a felony offense;
- 5506 (vii) has been adjudicated as mentally defective as provided in the Brady Handgun
- 5507 Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. No. 103-159, 107 Stat. 1536 (1993), or has been committed
- 5508 to a mental institution;
- 5509 (viii) has been dishonorably discharged from the armed forces;
- 5510 (ix) has renounced the individual's citizenship after having been a citizen of the United
- 5511 States;
- 5512 (x) is a respondent or defendant subject to a protective order or child protective order
- 5513 that is issued after a hearing for which the respondent or defendant received actual notice and at
- 5514 which the respondent or defendant has an opportunity to participate, that restrains the

5515 respondent or defendant from harassing, stalking, threatening, or engaging in other conduct that
5516 would place an intimate partner, as defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921, or a child of the intimate
5517 partner, in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the intimate partner or child of the intimate
5518 partner, and that:

5519 (A) includes a finding that the respondent or defendant represents a credible threat to
5520 the physical safety of an individual who meets the definition of an intimate partner in 18 U.S.C.
5521 Sec. 921 or the child of the individual; or

5522 (B) explicitly prohibits the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force that
5523 would reasonably be expected to cause bodily harm against an intimate partner or the child of
5524 an intimate partner; or

5525 (xi) has been convicted of the commission or attempted commission of assault under
5526 Section [76-5-102](#) or aggravated assault under Section [76-5-103](#) against a current or former
5527 spouse, parent, guardian, individual with whom the restricted person shares a child in common,
5528 individual who is cohabitating or has cohabitated with the restricted person as a spouse, parent,
5529 or guardian, or against an individual similarly situated to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the
5530 restricted person.

5531 (c) As used in this section, a conviction of a felony or adjudication of delinquency for
5532 an offense which would be a felony if committed by an adult does not include:

5533 (i) a conviction or an adjudication [~~of delinquency~~] under Section [80-6-701](#) for an
5534 offense pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraint of trade, or other
5535 similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices not involving theft or fraud; or

5536 (ii) a conviction or an adjudication [~~of delinquency~~] under Section [80-6-701](#) which,
5537 according to the law of the jurisdiction in which it occurred, has been expunged, set aside,
5538 reduced to a misdemeanor by court order, pardoned or regarding which the person's civil rights
5539 have been restored unless the pardon, reduction, expungement, or restoration of civil rights
5540 expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

5541 (d) It is the burden of the defendant in a criminal case to provide evidence that a
5542 conviction or [~~adjudication of delinquency~~] an adjudication under Section [80-6-701](#) is subject
5543 to an exception provided in Subsection (1)(c), after which it is the burden of the state to prove
5544 beyond a reasonable doubt that the conviction or the adjudication [~~of delinquency~~] is not
5545 subject to that exception.

5546 (2) A Category I restricted person who intentionally or knowingly agrees, consents,
5547 offers, or arranges to purchase, transfer, possess, use, or have under the person's custody or
5548 control, or who intentionally or knowingly purchases, transfers, possesses, uses, or has under
5549 the person's custody or control:

- 5550 (a) any firearm is guilty of a second degree felony; or
- 5551 (b) any dangerous weapon other than a firearm is guilty of a third degree felony.

5552 (3) A Category II restricted person who intentionally or knowingly purchases, transfers,
5553 possesses, uses, or has under the person's custody or control:

- 5554 (a) any firearm is guilty of a third degree felony; or
- 5555 (b) any dangerous weapon other than a firearm is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

5556 (4) A person may be subject to the restrictions of both categories at the same time.

5557 (5) If a higher penalty than is prescribed in this section is provided in another section
5558 for one who purchases, transfers, possesses, uses, or has under this custody or control any
5559 dangerous weapon, the penalties of that section control.

5560 (6) It is an affirmative defense to a charge based on the definition in Subsection
5561 (1)(b)(iv) that the person was:

- 5562 (a) in possession of a controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner
5563 for use of a member of the person's household or for administration to an animal owned by the
5564 person or a member of the person's household; or
- 5565 (b) otherwise authorized by law to possess the substance.

5566 (7) (a) It is an affirmative defense to transferring a firearm or other dangerous weapon
5567 by a person restricted under Subsection (2) or (3) that the firearm or dangerous weapon:

- 5568 (i) was possessed by the person or was under the person's custody or control before the
5569 person became a restricted person;
- 5570 (ii) was not used in or possessed during the commission of a crime or subject to
5571 disposition under Section [24-3-103](#);
- 5572 (iii) is not being held as evidence by a court or law enforcement agency;
- 5573 (iv) was transferred to a person not legally prohibited from possessing the weapon; and
- 5574 (v) unless a different time is ordered by the court, was transferred within 10 days of the
5575 person becoming a restricted person.

5576 (b) Subsection (7)(a) is not a defense to the use, purchase, or possession on the person

5577 of a firearm or other dangerous weapon by a restricted person.

5578 (8) (a) A person may not sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any firearm or
5579 dangerous weapon to any person, knowing that the recipient is a person described in Subsection
5580 (1)(a) or (b).

5581 (b) A person who violates Subsection (8)(a) when the recipient is:

5582 (i) a person described in Subsection (1)(a) and the transaction involves a firearm, is
5583 guilty of a second degree felony;

5584 (ii) a person described in Subsection (1)(a) and the transaction involves any dangerous
5585 weapon other than a firearm, and the transferor has knowledge that the recipient intends to use
5586 the weapon for any unlawful purpose, is guilty of a third degree felony;

5587 (iii) a person described in Subsection (1)(b) and the transaction involves a firearm, is
5588 guilty of a third degree felony; or

5589 (iv) a person described in Subsection (1)(b) and the transaction involves any dangerous
5590 weapon other than a firearm, and the transferor has knowledge that the recipient intends to use
5591 the weapon for any unlawful purpose, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

5592 (9) (a) A person may not knowingly solicit, persuade, encourage or entice a dealer or
5593 other person to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of a firearm or dangerous weapon under
5594 circumstances which the person knows would be a violation of the law.

5595 (b) A person may not provide to a dealer or other person any information that the
5596 person knows to be materially false information with intent to deceive the dealer or other
5597 person about the legality of a sale, transfer or other disposition of a firearm or dangerous
5598 weapon.

5599 (c) "Materially false information" means information that portrays an illegal transaction
5600 as legal or a legal transaction as illegal.

5601 (d) A person who violates this Subsection (9) is guilty of:

5602 (i) a third degree felony if the transaction involved a firearm; or

5603 (ii) a class A misdemeanor if the transaction involved a dangerous weapon other than a
5604 firearm.

5605 Section 85. Section **76-10-1315** is amended to read:

5606 **76-10-1315. Safe harbor for children as victims in commercial sex or sexual**
5607 **solicitation.**

- 5608 (1) As used in this section:
- 5609 (a) "Child engaged in commercial sex" means a child who:
- 5610 (i) engages, offers, or agrees to engage in any sexual activity with another individual
- 5611 for a fee, or the functional equivalent of a fee;
- 5612 (ii) takes steps in arranging a meeting through any form of advertising, agreeing to
- 5613 meet, and meeting at an arranged place for the purpose of sexual activity in exchange for a fee
- 5614 or the functional equivalent of a fee; or
- 5615 (iii) loiters in or within view of any public place for the purpose of being hired to
- 5616 engage in sexual activity.
- 5617 (b) "Child engaged in sexual solicitation" means a child who offers or agrees to
- 5618 commit or engage in any sexual activity with another person for a fee or the functional
- 5619 equivalent of a fee under Subsection [76-10-1313\(1\)\(a\)](#) or (c).
- 5620 (c) "Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services created in Section
- 5621 [62A-4a-103](#).
- 5622 (d) [~~"Receiving"~~] "Juvenile receiving center" means the same as that term is defined in
- 5623 Section [~~62A-7-101~~] [80-1-102](#).
- 5624 (2) Upon encountering a child engaged in commercial sex or sexual solicitation, a law
- 5625 enforcement officer shall:
- 5626 (a) conduct an investigation regarding possible human trafficking of the child pursuant
- 5627 to Sections [76-5-308](#) and [76-5-308.5](#);
- 5628 (b) refer the child to the division;
- 5629 (c) bring the child to a juvenile receiving center, if available; and
- 5630 (d) contact the child's parent or guardian, if practicable.
- 5631 (3) When law enforcement refers a child to the division under Subsection (2)(b) the
- 5632 division shall provide services to the child under Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family
- 5633 Services.
- 5634 (4) A child may not be subjected to delinquency proceedings for prostitution under
- 5635 Section [76-10-1302](#), or sex solicitation under Section [76-10-1313](#).
- 5636 Section 86. Section **77-2-9** is amended to read:
- 5637 **77-2-9. Offenses ineligible for diversion.**
- 5638 (1) A magistrate may not grant a diversion for:

- 5639 (a) a capital felony;
- 5640 (b) a felony in the first degree;
- 5641 (c) any case involving a sexual offense against a victim who is under 14 years old;
- 5642 (d) any motor vehicle related offense involving alcohol or drugs;
- 5643 (e) any case involving using a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony;
- 5644 (f) driving a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle on a revoked or suspended

5645 license;

5646 (g) any case involving operating a commercial motor vehicle in a negligent manner
5647 causing the death of another including the offenses of:

- 5648 (i) manslaughter under Section [76-5-205](#); or
- 5649 (ii) negligent homicide under Section [76-5-206](#); or
- 5650 (h) a crime of domestic violence as defined in Section [77-36-1](#).

5651 (2) When an individual is alleged to have committed any violation of Title 76, Chapter
5652 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, while under 16 years old, the court may enter a diversion in the
5653 matter if the court enters on the record the court's findings that:

5654 (a) the offenses could have been adjudicated in juvenile court but for the delayed
5655 reporting or delayed filing of the information in the district court, unless the offenses are before
5656 the court in accordance with Section [~~[78A-6-703.2](#) or [78A-6-703.5](#)~~] [80-6-502](#) or [80-6-504](#);

- 5657 (b) the individual did not use coercion or force;
- 5658 (c) there is no more than three years' difference between the ages of the participants;

5659 and

5660 (d) it would be in the best interest of the person to grant diversion.

5661 Section 87. Section **77-16b-102** is amended to read:

5662 **77-16b-102. Definitions.**

5663 As used in this chapter:

5664 (1) "Correctional facility" means:

- 5665 (a) a county jail;
- 5666 (b) a secure correctional facility as defined by Section [64-13-1](#); or
- 5667 (c) a secure [~~facility as defined by Section [62A-7-101](#)~~] care facility as defined in
5668 Section [80-1-102](#).

5669 (2) "Correctional facility administrator" means:

- 5670 (a) a county sheriff in charge of a county jail;
- 5671 (b) a designee of the executive director of the Utah Department of Corrections; or
- 5672 (c) a designee of the director of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

5673 (3) "Medical supervision" means under the direction of a licensed physician, physician
5674 assistant, or nurse practitioner.

5675 (4) "Mental health therapist" [~~has the same definition as~~] means the same as that term
5676 is defined in Section 58-60-102.

5677 (5) "Prisoner" means:

5678 (a) any [~~person~~] individual who is a pretrial detainee or who has been committed to the
5679 custody of a sheriff or the Utah Department of Corrections, and who is physically in a
5680 correctional facility; and

5681 (b) any [~~person older than 18 years of age and younger than 21 years of age~~] individual
5682 who is 18 years old or older and younger than 21 years old, and who has been committed to the
5683 custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

5684 Section 88. Section **77-37-3** is amended to read:

5685 **77-37-3. Bill of rights.**

5686 (1) The bill of rights for victims and witnesses is:

5687 (a) Victims and witnesses have a right to be informed as to the level of protection from
5688 intimidation and harm available to them, and from what sources, as they participate in criminal
5689 justice proceedings as designated by Section **76-8-508**, regarding witness tampering, and
5690 Section **76-8-509**, regarding threats against a victim. Law enforcement, prosecution, and
5691 corrections personnel have the duty to timely provide this information in a form which is useful
5692 to the victim.

5693 (b) Victims and witnesses, including children and their guardians, have a right to be
5694 informed and assisted as to their role in the criminal justice process. All criminal justice
5695 agencies have the duty to provide this information and assistance.

5696 (c) Victims and witnesses have a right to clear explanations regarding relevant legal
5697 proceedings; these explanations shall be appropriate to the age of child victims and witnesses.
5698 All criminal justice agencies have the duty to provide these explanations.

5699 (d) Victims and witnesses should have a secure waiting area that does not require them
5700 to be in close proximity to defendants or the family and friends of defendants. Agencies

5701 controlling facilities shall, whenever possible, provide this area.

5702 (e) Victims may seek restitution or reparations, including medical costs, as provided in
5703 Title 63M, Chapter 7, Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse, and Sections [~~62A-7-109.5;~~
5704 ~~77-38a-302,~~ ~~and~~ ~~77-27-6,~~ and 80-6-710. State and local government agencies that serve
5705 victims have the duty to have a functional knowledge of the procedures established by the
5706 Crime Victim Reparations Board and to inform victims of these procedures.

5707 (f) Victims and witnesses have a right to have any personal property returned as
5708 provided in Sections ~~77-24a-1~~ through ~~77-24a-5~~. Criminal justice agencies shall expeditiously
5709 return the property when it is no longer needed for court law enforcement or prosecution
5710 purposes.

5711 (g) Victims and witnesses have the right to reasonable employer intercession services,
5712 including pursuing employer cooperation in minimizing employees' loss of pay and other
5713 benefits resulting from their participation in the criminal justice process. Officers of the court
5714 shall provide these services and shall consider victims' and witnesses' schedules so that
5715 activities which conflict can be avoided. Where conflicts cannot be avoided, the victim may
5716 request that the responsible agency intercede with employers or other parties.

5717 (h) Victims and witnesses, particularly children, should have a speedy disposition of
5718 the entire criminal justice process. All involved public agencies shall establish policies and
5719 procedures to encourage speedy disposition of criminal cases.

5720 (i) Victims and witnesses have the right to timely notice of judicial proceedings they
5721 are to attend and timely notice of cancellation of any proceedings. Criminal justice agencies
5722 have the duty to provide these notifications. Defense counsel and others have the duty to
5723 provide timely notice to prosecution of any continuances or other changes that may be required.

5724 (j) Victims of sexual offenses have the following rights:

5725 (i) the right to request voluntary testing for themselves for HIV infection as provided in
5726 Section ~~76-5-503~~ and to request mandatory testing of the alleged sexual offender for HIV
5727 infection as provided in Section ~~76-5-502~~;

5728 (ii) the right to be informed whether a DNA profile was obtained from the testing of
5729 the rape kit evidence or from other crime scene evidence;

5730 (iii) the right to be informed whether a DNA profile developed from the rape kit
5731 evidence or other crime scene evidence has been entered into the Utah Combined DNA Index

5732 System;

5733 (iv) the right to be informed whether there is a match between a DNA profile
5734 developed from the rape kit evidence or other crime scene evidence and a DNA profile
5735 contained in the Utah Combined DNA Index System, provided that disclosure would not
5736 impede or compromise an ongoing investigation; and

5737 (v) the right to designate a person of the victim's choosing to act as a recipient of the
5738 information provided under this Subsection (1)(j) and under Subsections (2) and (3).

5739 (k) Subsections (1)(j)(ii) through (iv) do not require that the law enforcement agency
5740 communicate with the victim or the victim's designee regarding the status of DNA testing,
5741 absent a specific request received from the victim or the victim's designee.

5742 (2) The law enforcement agency investigating a sexual offense may:

5743 (a) release the information indicated in Subsections (1)(j)(ii) through (iv) upon the
5744 request of a victim or the victim's designee and is the designated agency to provide that
5745 information to the victim or the victim's designee;

5746 (b) require that the victim's request be in writing; and

5747 (c) respond to the victim's request with verbal communication, written communication,
5748 or by email, if an email address is available.

5749 (3) The law enforcement agency investigating a sexual offense has the following
5750 authority and responsibilities:

5751 (a) If the law enforcement agency determines that DNA evidence will not be analyzed
5752 in a case where the identity of the perpetrator has not been confirmed, the law enforcement
5753 agency shall notify the victim or the victim's designee.

5754 (b) (i) If the law enforcement agency intends to destroy or dispose of rape kit evidence
5755 or other crime scene evidence from an unsolved sexual assault case, the law enforcement
5756 agency shall provide written notification of that intention and information on how to appeal the
5757 decision to the victim or the victim's designee of that intention.

5758 (ii) Written notification under this Subsection (3) shall be made not fewer than 60 days
5759 prior to the destruction or disposal of the rape kit evidence or other crime scene evidence.

5760 (c) A law enforcement agency responsible for providing information under Subsections
5761 (1)(j)(ii) through (iv), (2), and (3) shall do so in a timely manner and, upon request of the
5762 victim or the victim's designee, shall advise the victim or the victim's designee of any

5763 significant changes in the information of which the law enforcement agency is aware.

5764 (d) The law enforcement agency investigating the sexual offense is responsible for
5765 informing the victim or the victim's designee of the rights established under Subsections
5766 (1)(j)(ii) through (iv) and (2), and this Subsection (3).

5767 (4) Informational rights of the victim under this chapter are based upon the victim
5768 providing the current name, address, telephone number, and email address, if an email address
5769 is available, of the person to whom the information should be provided to the criminal justice
5770 agencies involved in the case.

5771 Section 89. Section **77-38-5** is amended to read:

5772 **77-38-5. Application to felonies and misdemeanors of the declaration of the rights**
5773 **of crime victims.**

5774 The provisions of this chapter shall apply to:

5775 (1) any felony filed in the courts of the state;

5776 (2) to any class A and class B misdemeanor filed in the courts of the state; and

5777 (3) to cases in the juvenile court as provided in Section [~~78A-6-114~~] [80-6-604](#).

5778 Section 90. Section **77-38-14** is amended to read:

5779 **77-38-14. Notice of expungement petition -- Victim's right to object.**

5780 (1) (a) The Department of Corrections or the Juvenile Probation Department shall
5781 prepare a document explaining the right of a victim or a victim's representative to object to a
5782 petition for expungement under Section [77-40-107](#) or [~~78A-6-1503~~] [80-6-1004](#) and the
5783 procedures for obtaining notice of the petition.

5784 (b) The department or division shall provide each trial court a copy of the document
5785 that has jurisdiction over delinquencies or criminal offenses subject to expungement.

5786 (2) The prosecuting attorney in any case leading to a conviction, a charge dismissed in
5787 accordance with a plea in abeyance agreement, or an adjudication subject to expungement shall
5788 provide a copy of the document to each person who would be entitled to notice of a petition for
5789 expungement under Sections [77-40-107](#) and [~~78A-6-1503~~] [80-6-1004](#).

5790 Section 91. Section **77-38a-102** is amended to read:

5791 **77-38a-102. Definitions.**

5792 As used in this chapter:

5793 (1) "Conviction" includes a:

- 5794 (a) judgment of guilt;
- 5795 (b) a plea of guilty; or
- 5796 (c) a plea of no contest.
- 5797 (2) "Criminal activities" means:
- 5798 (a) any misdemeanor or felony offense of which the defendant is convicted; or
- 5799 (b) any other criminal conduct for which the defendant admits responsibility to the
- 5800 sentencing court with or without an admission of committing the criminal conduct.
- 5801 (3) (a) "Defendant" means an individual who has been convicted of, or entered into a
- 5802 plea disposition for, a criminal activity.
- 5803 (b) "Defendant" does not include a minor, as defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#),
- 5804 who is adjudicated, or enters into a nonjudicial adjustment, for any offense under [~~Title 78A,~~
- 5805 ~~Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 6, Juvenile Justice.
- 5806 (4) "Department" means the Department of Corrections.
- 5807 (5) "Diversion" means suspending criminal proceedings prior to conviction on the
- 5808 condition that a defendant agree to participate in a rehabilitation program, make restitution to
- 5809 the victim, or fulfill some other condition.
- 5810 (6) "Party" means the prosecutor, defendant, or department involved in a prosecution.
- 5811 (7) "Pecuniary damages" means all demonstrable economic injury, whether or not yet
- 5812 incurred, including those which a person could recover in a civil action arising out of the facts
- 5813 or events constituting the defendant's criminal activities and includes the fair market value of
- 5814 property taken, destroyed, broken, or otherwise harmed, and losses, including lost earnings,
- 5815 including those and other travel expenses reasonably incurred as a result of participation in
- 5816 criminal proceedings, and medical and other expenses, but excludes punitive or exemplary
- 5817 damages and pain and suffering.
- 5818 (8) "Plea agreement" means an agreement entered between the prosecution and
- 5819 defendant setting forth the special terms and conditions and criminal charges upon which the
- 5820 defendant will enter a plea of guilty or no contest.
- 5821 (9) "Plea disposition" means an agreement entered into between the prosecution and
- 5822 defendant including diversion, plea agreement, plea in abeyance agreement, or any agreement
- 5823 by which the defendant may enter a plea in any other jurisdiction or where charges are
- 5824 dismissed without a plea.

5825 (10) "Plea in abeyance" means an order by a court, upon motion of the prosecution and
5826 the defendant, accepting a plea of guilty or of no contest from the defendant but not, at that
5827 time, entering judgment of conviction against him nor imposing sentence upon him on
5828 condition that he comply with specific conditions as set forth in a plea in abeyance agreement.

5829 (11) "Plea in abeyance agreement" means an agreement entered into between the
5830 prosecution and the defendant setting forth the specific terms and conditions upon which,
5831 following acceptance of the agreement by the court, a plea may be held in abeyance.

5832 (12) "Restitution" means full, partial, or nominal payment for pecuniary damages to a
5833 victim, including prejudgment interest, the accrual of interest from the time of sentencing,
5834 insured damages, reimbursement for payment of a reward, and payment for expenses to a
5835 governmental entity for extradition or transportation and as may be further defined by law.

5836 (13) (a) "Reward" means a sum of money:

5837 (i) offered to the public for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an
5838 offender; and

5839 (ii) that has been paid to a person or persons who provide this information, except that
5840 the person receiving the payment may not be a codefendant, an accomplice, or a bounty hunter.

5841 (b) "Reward" does not include any amount paid in excess of the sum offered to the
5842 public.

5843 (14) "Screening" means the process used by a prosecuting attorney to terminate
5844 investigative action, proceed with prosecution, move to dismiss a prosecution that has been
5845 commenced, or cause a prosecution to be diverted.

5846 (15) (a) "Victim" means an individual or entity, including the Utah Office for Victims
5847 of Crime, that the court determines has suffered pecuniary damages as a result of the
5848 defendant's criminal activities.

5849 (b) "Victim" may not include a codefendant or accomplice.

5850 Section 92. Section **77-40-101.5** is amended to read:

5851 **77-40-101.5. Applicability to juvenile court records.**

5852 This chapter does not apply to an expungement of a record for an adjudication under
5853 Section 80-6-701 or a nonjudicial adjustment, as that term is defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~]
5854 80-1-102, of an offense in the juvenile court.

5855 Section 93. Section **77-41-112** is amended to read:

5856 **77-41-112. Removal from registry -- Requirements -- Procedure.**

5857 (1) An offender who is required to register with the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry
5858 may petition the court for an order removing the offender from the Sex and Kidnap Offender
5859 Registry if:

5860 (a) (i) the offender is convicted of an offense described in Subsection (2);

5861 (ii) at least five years have passed after the day on which the offender's sentence for the
5862 offense terminates;

5863 (iii) the offense is the only offense for which the offender is required to register;

5864 (iv) the offender is not convicted of another offense, excluding a traffic offense, after
5865 the day on which the offender is convicted of the offense for which the offender is required to
5866 register, as evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau;

5867 (v) the offender successfully completes all treatment ordered by the court or the Board
5868 of Pardons and Parole relating to the offense;

5869 (vi) the offender pays all restitution ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and
5870 Parole relating to the offense; and

5871 (vii) the offender complies with all registration requirements required under this
5872 chapter at all times; or

5873 (b) (i) if the offender is required to register in accordance with Subsection

5874 [77-41-105\(3\)\(a\)](#);

5875 (ii) at least 10 years have passed after the later of:

5876 (A) the day on which the offender is placed on probation;

5877 (B) the day on which the offender is released from incarceration to parole;

5878 (C) the day on which the offender's sentence is terminated without parole;

5879 (D) the day on which the offender enters a community-based residential program; or

5880 (E) for a minor, as defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#), the day on which the
5881 division's custody of the offender is terminated;

5882 (iii) the offender is not convicted of another offense that is a class A misdemeanor,
5883 felony, or capital felony within the most recent 10-year period after the date described in
5884 Subsection (1)(b)(ii), as evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau;

5885 (iv) the offender successfully completes all treatment ordered by the court or the Board
5886 of Pardons and Parole relating to the offense;

- 5887 (v) the offender pays all restitution ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and
5888 Parole relating to the offense; and
- 5889 (vi) the offender complies with all registration requirements required under this chapter
5890 at all times.
- 5891 (2) The offenses referred to in Subsection (1)(a)(i) are:
- 5892 (a) Section 76-4-401, enticing a minor, if the offense is a class A misdemeanor;
- 5893 (b) Section 76-5-301, kidnapping;
- 5894 (c) Section 76-5-304, unlawful detention, if the conviction of violating Section
5895 76-5-304 is the only conviction for which the offender is required to register;
- 5896 (d) Section 76-5-401, unlawful sexual activity with a minor if, at the time of the
5897 offense, the offender is not more than 10 years older than the victim;
- 5898 (e) Section 76-5-401.1, sexual abuse of a minor, if, at the time of the offense, the
5899 offender is not more than 10 years older than the victim;
- 5900 (f) Section 76-5-401.2, unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old, and at the
5901 time of the offense, the offender is not more than 15 years older than the victim; or
- 5902 (g) Section 76-9-702.7, voyeurism, if the offense is a class A misdemeanor.
- 5903 (3) (a) (i) An offender seeking removal from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry
5904 under this section shall apply for a certificate of eligibility from the bureau.
- 5905 (ii) An offender who intentionally or knowingly provides false or misleading
5906 information to the bureau when applying for a certificate of eligibility is guilty of a class B
5907 misdemeanor and subject to prosecution under Section 76-8-504.6.
- 5908 (iii) Regardless of whether the offender is prosecuted, the bureau may deny a certificate
5909 of eligibility to an offender who provides false information on an application.
- 5910 (b) (i) The bureau shall perform a check of records of governmental agencies, including
5911 national criminal databases, to determine whether an offender is eligible to receive a certificate
5912 of eligibility.
- 5913 (ii) If the offender meets the requirements described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b), the
5914 bureau shall issue a certificate of eligibility to the offender, which is valid for a period of 90
5915 days after the day on which the bureau issues the certificate.
- 5916 (iii) The bureau shall request information from the department regarding whether the
5917 offender meets the requirements.

5918 (iv) Upon request from the bureau under Subsection (3)(b)(iii), the department shall
5919 issue a document that states whether the offender meets the requirements described in
5920 Subsection (1)(a) or (b), which may be used by the bureau to determine if a certificate of
5921 eligibility is appropriate.

5922 (v) The bureau shall provide a copy of the document provided to the bureau under
5923 Subsection (3)(b)(iv) to the offender upon issuance of a certificate of eligibility.

5924 (4) (a) (i) The bureau shall charge application and issuance fees for a certificate of
5925 eligibility in accordance with the process in Section [63J-1-504](#).

5926 (ii) The application fee shall be paid at the time the offender submits an application for
5927 a certificate of eligibility to the bureau.

5928 (iii) If the bureau determines that the issuance of a certificate of eligibility is
5929 appropriate, the offender will be charged an additional fee for the issuance of a certificate of
5930 eligibility.

5931 (b) Funds generated under this Subsection (4) shall be deposited into the General Fund
5932 as a dedicated credit by the department to cover the costs incurred in determining eligibility.

5933 (5) (a) The offender shall file the petition, including original information, the court
5934 docket, the certificate of eligibility from the bureau, and the document from the department
5935 described in Subsection (3)(b)(iv) with the court, and deliver a copy of the petition to the office
5936 of the prosecutor.

5937 (b) Upon receipt of a petition for removal from the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry,
5938 the office of the prosecutor shall provide notice of the petition by first-class mail to the victim
5939 at the most recent address of record on file or, if the victim is still a minor under 18 years [~~of~~
5940 age] old, to the parent or guardian of the victim.

5941 (c) The notice described in Subsection (5)(b) shall include a copy of the petition, state
5942 that the victim has a right to object to the removal of the offender from the registry, and provide
5943 instructions for registering an objection with the court.

5944 (d) The office of the prosecutor shall provide the following, if available, to the court
5945 within 30 days after the day on which the office receives the petition:

5946 (i) presentencing report;

5947 (ii) an evaluation done as part of sentencing; and

5948 (iii) any other information the office of the prosecutor feels the court should consider.

5949 (e) The victim, or the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor under 18 years
5950 [of age] old, may respond to the petition by filing a recommendation or objection with the court
5951 within 45 days after the day on which the petition is mailed to the victim.

5952 (6) (a) The court shall:

5953 (i) review the petition and all documents submitted with the petition; and

5954 (ii) hold a hearing if requested by the prosecutor or the victim.

5955 (b) The court may grant the petition and order removal of the offender from the registry

5956 if the court determines that the offender has met the requirements described in Subsection

5957 (1)(a) or (b) and removal is not contrary to the interests of the public.

5958 (c) If the court grants the petition, the court shall forward a copy of the order directing

5959 removal of the offender from the registry to the department and the office of the prosecutor.

5960 (d) If the court denies the petition, the offender may not submit another petition for

5961 three years.

5962 (7) The court shall notify the victim and the Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry office

5963 in the department of the court's decision within three days after the day on which the court

5964 issues the court's decision in the same manner described in Subsection (5).

5965 Section 94. Section **78A-2-104** is amended to read:

5966 **78A-2-104. Judicial Council -- Creation -- Members -- Terms and election --**

5967 **Responsibilities -- Reports -- Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Committee.**

5968 (1) The Judicial Council, established by Article VIII, Section 12, Utah Constitution,

5969 shall be composed of:

5970 (a) the chief justice of the Supreme Court;

5971 (b) one member elected by the justices of the Supreme Court;

5972 (c) one member elected by the judges of the Court of Appeals;

5973 (d) six members elected by the judges of the district courts;

5974 (e) three members elected by the judges of the juvenile courts;

5975 (f) three members elected by the justice court judges; and

5976 (g) a member or ex officio member of the Board of Commissioners of the Utah State

5977 Bar who is an active member of the Bar in good standing at the time of election by the Board of

5978 Commissioners.

5979 (2) The Judicial Council shall have a seal.

5980 (3) (a) The chief justice of the Supreme Court shall act as presiding officer of the
5981 council and chief administrative officer for the courts. The chief justice shall vote only in the
5982 case of a tie.

5983 (b) All members of the council shall serve for three-year terms.

5984 (i) If a council member should die, resign, retire, or otherwise fail to complete a term of
5985 office, the appropriate constituent group shall elect a member to complete the term of office.

5986 (ii) In courts having more than one member, the members shall be elected to staggered
5987 terms.

5988 (iii) The person elected by the Board of Commissioners may complete a three-year
5989 term of office on the Judicial Council even though the person ceases to be a member or ex
5990 officio member of the Board of Commissioners. The person shall be an active member of the
5991 Bar in good standing for the entire term of the Judicial Council.

5992 (c) Elections shall be held under rules made by the Judicial Council.

5993 (4) The council is responsible for the development of uniform administrative policy for
5994 the courts throughout the state. The presiding officer of the Judicial Council is responsible for
5995 the implementation of the policies developed by the council and for the general management of
5996 the courts, with the aid of the state court administrator. The council has authority and
5997 responsibility to:

5998 (a) establish and assure compliance with policies for the operation of the courts,
5999 including uniform rules and forms; and

6000 (b) publish and submit to the governor, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, and the
6001 Legislature an annual report of the operations of the courts, which shall include financial and
6002 statistical data and may include suggestions and recommendations for legislation.

6003 (5) The council shall establish standards for the operation of the courts of the state
6004 including, but not limited to, facilities, court security, support services, and staff levels for
6005 judicial and support personnel.

6006 (6) The council shall by rule establish the time and manner for destroying court
6007 records, including computer records, and shall establish retention periods for these records.

6008 (7) (a) Consistent with the requirements of judicial office and security policies, the
6009 council shall establish procedures to govern the assignment of state vehicles to public officers
6010 of the judicial branch.

6011 (b) The vehicles shall be marked in a manner consistent with Section 41-1a-407 and
6012 may be assigned for unlimited use, within the state only.

6013 (8) (a) The council shall advise judicial officers and employees concerning ethical
6014 issues and shall establish procedures for issuing informal and formal advisory opinions on
6015 these issues.

6016 (b) Compliance with an informal opinion is evidence of good faith compliance with the
6017 Code of Judicial Conduct.

6018 (c) A formal opinion constitutes a binding interpretation of the Code of Judicial
6019 Conduct.

6020 (9) (a) The council shall establish written procedures authorizing the presiding officer
6021 of the council to appoint judges of courts of record by special or general assignment to serve
6022 temporarily in another level of court in a specific court or generally within that level. The
6023 appointment shall be for a specific period and shall be reported to the council.

6024 (b) These procedures shall be developed in accordance with Subsection 78A-2-107(10)
6025 regarding temporary appointment of judges.

6026 (10) The Judicial Council may by rule designate municipalities in addition to those
6027 designated by statute as a location of a trial court of record. There shall be at least one court
6028 clerk's office open during regular court hours in each county. Any trial court of record may hold
6029 court in any municipality designated as a location of a court of record.

6030 (11) The Judicial Council shall by rule determine whether the administration of a court
6031 shall be the obligation of the Administrative Office of the Courts or whether the Administrative
6032 Office of the Courts should contract with local government for court support services.

6033 (12) The Judicial Council may by rule direct that a district court location be
6034 administered from another court location within the county.

6035 (13) (a) The Judicial Council shall:

6036 (i) establish the Office of Guardian Ad Litem, in accordance with Title 78A, [Chapter
6037 ~~6, Part 9~~] Chapter 2, Part 8, Guardian Ad Litem; and

6038 (ii) establish and supervise a Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Committee.

6039 (b) The Guardian Ad Litem Oversight Committee described in Subsection (13)(a)(ii)
6040 shall oversee the Office of Guardian Ad Litem, established under Subsection (13)(a)(i), and
6041 assure that the Office of Guardian Ad Litem complies with state and federal law, regulation,

6042 policy, and court rules.

6043 (14) The Judicial Council shall establish and maintain, in cooperation with the Office
6044 of Recovery Services within the Department of Human Services, the part of the state case
6045 registry that contains records of each support order established or modified in the state on or
6046 after October 1, 1998, as is necessary to comply with the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec.
6047 654a.

6048 Section 95. Section **78A-2-301** is amended to read:

6049 **78A-2-301. Civil fees of the courts of record -- Courts complex design.**

6050 (1) (a) The fee for filing any civil complaint or petition invoking the jurisdiction of a
6051 court of record not governed by another subsection is \$375.

6052 (b) The fee for filing a complaint or petition is:

6053 (i) \$90 if the claim for damages or amount in interpleader exclusive of court costs,
6054 interest, and attorney fees is \$2,000 or less;

6055 (ii) \$200 if the claim for damages or amount in interpleader exclusive of court costs,
6056 interest, and attorney fees is greater than \$2,000 and less than \$10,000;

6057 (iii) \$375 if the claim for damages or amount in interpleader is \$10,000 or more;

6058 (iv) \$325 if the petition is filed under Title 30, Chapter 3, Divorce, or Title 30, Chapter
6059 4, Separate Maintenance;

6060 (v) \$35 for a motion for temporary separation order filed under Section [30-3-4.5](#);

6061 (vi) \$125 if the petition is for removal from the Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender
6062 Registry under Section [77-41-112](#); and

6063 (vii) \$35 if the petition is for guardianship and the prospective ward is the biological or
6064 adoptive child of the petitioner.

6065 (c) The fee for filing a small claims affidavit is:

6066 (i) \$60 if the claim for damages or amount in interpleader exclusive of court costs,
6067 interest, and attorney fees is \$2,000 or less;

6068 (ii) \$100 if the claim for damages or amount in interpleader exclusive of court costs,
6069 interest, and attorney fees is greater than \$2,000, but less than \$7,500; and

6070 (iii) \$185 if the claim for damages or amount in interpleader exclusive of court costs,
6071 interest, and attorney fees is \$7,500 or more.

6072 (d) The fee for filing a counter claim, cross claim, complaint in intervention, third party

6073 complaint, or other claim for relief against an existing or joined party other than the original
6074 complaint or petition is:

6075 (i) \$55 if the claim for relief exclusive of court costs, interest, and attorney fees is
6076 \$2,000 or less;

6077 (ii) \$165 if the claim for relief exclusive of court costs, interest, and attorney fees is
6078 greater than \$2,000 and less than \$10,000;

6079 (iii) \$170 if the original petition is filed under Subsection (1)(a), the claim for relief is
6080 \$10,000 or more, or the party seeks relief other than monetary damages; and

6081 (iv) \$130 if the original petition is filed under Title 30, Chapter 3, Divorce, or Title 30,
6082 Chapter 4, Separate Maintenance.

6083 (e) The fee for filing a small claims counter affidavit is:

6084 (i) \$50 if the claim for relief exclusive of court costs, interest, and attorney fees is
6085 \$2,000 or less;

6086 (ii) \$70 if the claim for relief exclusive of court costs, interest, and attorney fees is
6087 greater than \$2,000, but less than \$7,500; and

6088 (iii) \$120 if the claim for relief exclusive of court costs, interest, and attorney fees is
6089 \$7,500 or more.

6090 (f) The fee for depositing funds under Section [57-1-29](#) when not associated with an
6091 action already before the court is determined under Subsection (1)(b) based on the amount
6092 deposited.

6093 (g) The fee for filing a petition is:

6094 (i) \$240 for trial de novo of an adjudication of the justice court or of the small claims
6095 department; and

6096 (ii) \$80 for an appeal of a municipal administrative determination in accordance with
6097 Section [10-3-703.7](#).

6098 (h) The fee for filing a notice of appeal, petition for appeal of an interlocutory order, or
6099 petition for writ of certiorari is \$240.

6100 (i) The fee for filing a petition for expungement is \$150.

6101 (j) (i) Fifteen dollars of the fees established by Subsections (1)(a) through (i) shall be
6102 allocated to and between the Judges' Contributory Retirement Trust Fund and the Judges'
6103 Noncontributory Retirement Trust Fund, as provided in Title 49, Chapter 17, Judges'

6104 Contributory Retirement Act, and Title 49, Chapter 18, Judges' Noncontributory Retirement
6105 Act.

6106 (ii) Four dollars of the fees established by Subsections (1)(a) through (i) shall be
6107 allocated by the state treasurer to be deposited in the restricted account, Children's Legal
6108 Defense Account, as provided in Section [51-9-408](#).

6109 (iii) Three dollars of the fees established under Subsections (1)(a) through (e), (1)(g),
6110 and (1)(s) shall be allocated to and deposited with the Dispute Resolution Account as provided
6111 in Section [78B-6-209](#).

6112 (iv) Thirty dollars of the fees established by Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b)(iii) and (iv),
6113 (1)(d)(iii) and (iv), (1)(g)(ii), (1)(h), and (1)(i) shall be allocated by the state treasurer to be
6114 deposited in the restricted account, Court Security Account, as provided in Section [78A-2-602](#).

6115 (v) Twenty dollars of the fees established by Subsections (1)(b)(i) and (ii), (1)(d)(ii)
6116 and (1)(g)(i) shall be allocated by the state treasurer to be deposited in the restricted account,
6117 Court Security Account, as provided in Section [78A-2-602](#).

6118 (k) The fee for filing a judgment, order, or decree of a court of another state or of the
6119 United States is \$35.

6120 (l) The fee for filing a renewal of judgment in accordance with Section [78B-6-1801](#) is
6121 50% of the fee for filing an original action seeking the same relief.

6122 (m) The fee for filing probate or child custody documents from another state is \$35.

6123 (n) (i) The fee for filing an abstract or transcript of judgment, order, or decree of the
6124 State Tax Commission is \$30.

6125 (ii) The fee for filing an abstract or transcript of judgment of a court of law of this state
6126 or a judgment, order, or decree of an administrative agency, commission, board, council, or
6127 hearing officer of this state or of its political subdivisions other than the State Tax
6128 Commission, is \$50.

6129 (o) The fee for filing a judgment by confession without action under Section
6130 [78B-5-205](#) is \$35.

6131 (p) The fee for filing an award of arbitration for confirmation, modification, or vacation
6132 under Title 78B, Chapter 11, Utah Uniform Arbitration Act, that is not part of an action before
6133 the court is \$35.

6134 (q) The fee for filing a petition or counter-petition to modify a domestic relations order

- 6135 other than a protective order or stalking injunction is \$100.
- 6136 (r) The fee for filing any accounting required by law is:
- 6137 (i) \$15 for an estate valued at \$50,000 or less;
- 6138 (ii) \$30 for an estate valued at \$75,000 or less but more than \$50,000;
- 6139 (iii) \$50 for an estate valued at \$112,000 or less but more than \$75,000;
- 6140 (iv) \$90 for an estate valued at \$168,000 or less but more than \$112,000; and
- 6141 (v) \$175 for an estate valued at more than \$168,000.
- 6142 (s) The fee for filing a demand for a civil jury is \$250.
- 6143 (t) The fee for filing a notice of deposition in this state concerning an action pending in
- 6144 another state under Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 30 is \$35.
- 6145 (u) The fee for filing documents that require judicial approval but are not part of an
- 6146 action before the court is \$35.
- 6147 (v) The fee for a petition to open a sealed record is \$35.
- 6148 (w) The fee for a writ of replevin, attachment, execution, or garnishment is \$50 in
- 6149 addition to any fee for a complaint or petition.
- 6150 (x) (i) The fee for a petition for authorization for a minor to marry required by Section
- 6151 [30-1-9](#) is \$5.
- 6152 (ii) The fee for a petition for emancipation of a minor provided in [~~Title 78A, Chapter~~
- 6153 ~~6, Part 8, Emancipation~~] Title 80, Chapter 7, Emancipation, is \$50.
- 6154 (y) The fee for a certificate issued under Section [26-2-25](#) is \$8.
- 6155 (z) The fee for a certified copy of a document is \$4 per document plus 50 cents per
- 6156 page.
- 6157 (aa) The fee for an exemplified copy of a document is \$6 per document plus 50 cents
- 6158 per page.
- 6159 (bb) The Judicial Council shall by rule establish a schedule of fees for copies of
- 6160 documents and forms and for the search and retrieval of records under Title 63G, Chapter 2,
- 6161 Government Records Access and Management Act. Fees under this Subsection (1)(bb) shall be
- 6162 credited to the court as a reimbursement of expenditures.
- 6163 (cc) There is no fee for services or the filing of documents not listed in this section or
- 6164 otherwise provided by law.
- 6165 (dd) Except as provided in this section, all fees collected under this section are paid to

6166 the General Fund. Except as provided in this section, all fees shall be paid at the time the clerk
6167 accepts the pleading for filing or performs the requested service.

6168 (ee) The filing fees under this section may not be charged to the state, its agencies, or
6169 political subdivisions filing or defending any action. In judgments awarded in favor of the state,
6170 its agencies, or political subdivisions, except the Office of Recovery Services, the court shall
6171 order the filing fees and collection costs to be paid by the judgment debtor. The sums collected
6172 under this Subsection (1)(ee) shall be applied to the fees after credit to the judgment, order,
6173 fine, tax, lien, or other penalty and costs permitted by law.

6174 (2) (a) (i) From March 17, 1994, until June 30, 1998, the state court administrator shall
6175 transfer all revenues representing the difference between the fees in effect after May 2, 1994,
6176 and the fees in effect before February 1, 1994, as dedicated credits to the Division of Facilities
6177 Construction and Management Capital Projects Fund.

6178 (ii) (A) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(a)(ii)(B), the Division of Facilities
6179 Construction and Management shall use up to \$3,750,000 of the revenue deposited in the
6180 Capital Projects Fund under this Subsection (2)(a) to design and take other actions necessary to
6181 initiate the development of a courts complex in Salt Lake City.

6182 (B) If the Legislature approves funding for construction of a courts complex in Salt
6183 Lake City in the 1995 Annual General Session, the Division of Facilities Construction and
6184 Management shall use the revenue deposited in the Capital Projects Fund under this Subsection
6185 (2)(a)(ii) to construct a courts complex in Salt Lake City.

6186 (C) After the courts complex is completed and all bills connected with its construction
6187 have been paid, the Division of Facilities Construction and Management shall use any money
6188 remaining in the Capital Projects Fund under this Subsection (2)(a)(ii) to fund the Vernal
6189 District Court building.

6190 (iii) The Division of Facilities Construction and Management may enter into
6191 agreements and make expenditures related to this project before the receipt of revenues
6192 provided for under this Subsection (2)(a)(iii).

6193 (iv) The Division of Facilities Construction and Management shall:

6194 (A) make those expenditures from unexpended and unencumbered building funds
6195 already appropriated to the Capital Projects Fund; and

6196 (B) reimburse the Capital Projects Fund upon receipt of the revenues provided for

6197 under this Subsection (2).

6198 (b) After June 30, 1998, the state court administrator shall ensure that all revenues
6199 representing the difference between the fees in effect after May 2, 1994, and the fees in effect
6200 before February 1, 1994, are transferred to the Division of Finance for deposit in the restricted
6201 account.

6202 (c) The Division of Finance shall deposit all revenues received from the state court
6203 administrator into the restricted account created by this section.

6204 (d) (i) From May 1, 1995, until June 30, 1998, the state court administrator shall
6205 transfer \$7 of the amount of a fine or bail forfeiture paid for a violation of Title 41, Motor
6206 Vehicles, in a court of record to the Division of Facilities Construction and Management
6207 Capital Projects Fund. The division of money pursuant to Section 78A-5-110 shall be
6208 calculated on the balance of the fine or bail forfeiture paid.

6209 (ii) After June 30, 1998, the state court administrator or a municipality shall transfer \$7
6210 of the amount of a fine or bail forfeiture paid for a violation of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, in a
6211 court of record to the Division of Finance for deposit in the restricted account created by this
6212 section. The division of money pursuant to Section 78A-5-110 shall be calculated on the
6213 balance of the fine or bail forfeiture paid.

6214 (3) (a) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the State
6215 Courts Complex Account.

6216 (b) The Legislature may appropriate money from the restricted account to the state
6217 court administrator for the following purposes only:

- 6218 (i) to repay costs associated with the construction of the court complex that were
6219 funded from sources other than revenues provided for under this Subsection (3)(b)(i); and
6220 (ii) to cover operations and maintenance costs on the court complex.

6221 Section 96. Section 78A-2-601 is amended to read:

6222 **78A-2-601. Security surcharge -- Application and exemptions -- Deposit in**
6223 **restricted account.**

6224 (1) In addition to any fine, penalty, forfeiture, or other surcharge, a security surcharge
6225 of \$53 shall be assessed in all courts of record on all criminal convictions and juvenile
6226 delinquency judgments.

6227 (2) The security surcharge may not be imposed upon:

6228 (a) nonmoving traffic violations;
6229 (b) community service; and
6230 (c) penalties assessed by the juvenile court as part of the nonjudicial adjustment of a
6231 case under Section ~~[78A-6-602]~~ [80-6-304](#).

6232 (3) The security surcharge shall be collected after the surcharge under Section
6233 [51-9-401](#), but before any fine, and deposited with the state treasurer. A fine that would
6234 otherwise have been charged may not be reduced due to the imposition of the security
6235 surcharge.

6236 (4) The state treasurer shall deposit the collected security surcharge in the restricted
6237 account, Court Security Account, as provided in Section [78A-2-602](#).

6238 Section 97. Section **78A-2-702** is amended to read:

6239 **78A-2-702. Definitions.**

6240 As used in this part:

6241 (1) "Attorney guardian ad litem" means an attorney employed by the office.

6242 (2) "Director" means the director of the office.

6243 (3) "Guardian ad litem" means ~~[either]~~ an attorney guardian ad litem or a private
6244 attorney guardian ad litem.

6245 (4) "Office" means the Office of Guardian ad Litem, created in Section ~~[78A-6-901]~~
6246 [78A-2-802](#).

6247 (5) "Private attorney guardian ad litem" means an attorney designated by the office
6248 ~~[pursuant to]~~ in accordance with Section [78A-2-705](#) who is not an employee of the office.

6249 Section 98. Section **78A-5-102** is amended to read:

6250 **78A-5-102. Jurisdiction -- Appeals.**

6251 (1) As used in this section:

6252 (a) "Qualifying offense" means an offense described in Subsection ~~[78A-6-703.2]~~
6253 [80-6-502](#)(1)(b).

6254 (b) "Separate offense" means any offense that is not a qualifying offense.

6255 (c) "Single criminal episode" means the same as that term is defined in Section
6256 [76-1-401](#).

6257 (2) Except as otherwise provided by the Utah Constitution or by statute, the district
6258 court has original jurisdiction in all matters civil and criminal.

6259 (3) A district court judge may issue all extraordinary writs and other writs necessary to
6260 carry into effect the district court judge's orders, judgments, and decrees.

6261 (4) The district court has jurisdiction over matters of lawyer discipline consistent with
6262 the rules of the Supreme Court.

6263 (5) The district court has jurisdiction over all matters properly filed in the circuit court
6264 prior to July 1, 1996.

6265 (6) The district court has appellate jurisdiction over judgments and orders of the justice
6266 court as outlined in Section 78A-7-118 and small claims appeals filed in accordance with
6267 Section 78A-8-106.

6268 (7) Jurisdiction over appeals from the final orders, judgments, and decrees of the
6269 district court is described in Sections 78A-3-102 and 78A-4-103.

6270 (8) The district court has jurisdiction to review:

6271 (a) agency adjudicative proceedings as set forth in Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative
6272 Procedures Act, and shall comply with the requirements of that chapter in its review of agency
6273 adjudicative proceedings; and

6274 (b) municipal administrative proceedings in accordance with Section 10-3-703.7.

6275 (9) Notwithstanding Section 78A-7-106, the district court has original jurisdiction
6276 over:

6277 (a) a class B misdemeanor, a class C misdemeanor, an infraction, or a violation of an
6278 ordinance for which a justice court has original jurisdiction under Section 78A-7-106 if:

6279 (i) there is no justice court with territorial jurisdiction;

6280 (ii) the offense occurred within the boundaries of the municipality in which the district
6281 courthouse is located and that municipality has not formed, or has not formed and then
6282 dissolved, a justice court; or

6283 (iii) the offense is included in an indictment or information covering a single criminal
6284 episode alleging the commission of a felony or a class A misdemeanor by an individual who is
6285 18 years old or older; or

6286 (b) a qualifying offense committed by an individual who is 16 or 17 years old.

6287 (10) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection 78A-7-106(2), the district court has exclusive
6288 jurisdiction over any separate offense:

6289 (i) committed by an individual who is 16 or 17 years old; and

6290 (ii) arising from a single criminal episode containing a qualifying offense for which the
6291 district court has original jurisdiction under Subsection (9)(b).

6292 (b) If an individual who is charged with a qualifying offense enters a plea to, or is
6293 found guilty of, a separate offense other than the qualifying offense, the district court shall have
6294 jurisdiction over the separate offense.

6295 (c) If an individual who is 16 or 17 years old is charged with a qualifying offense and
6296 the qualifying offense results in an acquittal, a finding of not guilty, or a dismissal, the
6297 exclusive jurisdiction of the district court over any separate offense is terminated.

6298 (11) If a district court has jurisdiction in accordance with Subsection (6), (9)(a)(i), or
6299 (9)(a)(ii), the district court has jurisdiction over an offense listed in Subsection [78A-7-106\(2\)](#)
6300 even if the offense is committed by an individual who is 16 or 17 years old.

6301 (12) The district court has subject matter jurisdiction over an offense for which the
6302 juvenile court has original jurisdiction if the juvenile court transfers jurisdiction over the
6303 offense to the district court in accordance with Section [\[78A-6-703.5\]](#) [80-6-504](#).

6304 (13) The district court has subject matter jurisdiction over an action under Title 78B,
6305 Chapter 7, Part 2, Child Protective Orders, if the juvenile court transfers the action to the
6306 district court.

6307 Section 99. Section **78A-7-106** is amended to read:

6308 **78A-7-106. Jurisdiction.**

6309 (1) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection [78A-5-102\(8\)](#), a justice court has
6310 original jurisdiction over class B and C misdemeanors, violation of ordinances, and infractions
6311 committed within the justice court's territorial jurisdiction by an individual who is 18 years old
6312 or older.

6313 (2) Except for an offense for which the juvenile court or the district court has exclusive
6314 jurisdiction under Subsection [78A-5-102\(10\)](#) or [\[78A-6-103\(3\)\]](#) [Section 78A-6-103.5](#), a justice
6315 court has original jurisdiction over the following offenses committed within the justice court's
6316 territorial jurisdiction by an individual who is 16 or 17 years old:

6317 (a) class C misdemeanor and infraction violations of Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 2, Driver
6318 Licensing Act; and

6319 (b) class B and C misdemeanor and infraction violations of:

6320 (i) Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code of Utah;

- 6321 (ii) Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;
- 6322 (iii) Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code, except Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving
- 6323 Under the Influence and Reckless Driving;
- 6324 (iv) Title 41, Chapter 12a, Financial Responsibility of Motor Vehicle Owners and
- 6325 Operators Act;
- 6326 (v) Title 41, Chapter 22, Off-Highway Vehicles;
- 6327 (vi) Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act, except Section [73-18-12](#);
- 6328 (vii) Title 73, Chapter 18a, Boating - Litter and Pollution Control;
- 6329 (viii) Title 73, Chapter 18b, Water Safety; and
- 6330 (ix) Title 73, Chapter 18c, Financial Responsibility of Motorboat Owners and
- 6331 Operators Act.
- 6332 (3) An offense is committed within the territorial jurisdiction of a justice court if:
- 6333 (a) conduct constituting an element of the offense or a result constituting an element of
- 6334 the offense occurs within the court's jurisdiction, regardless of whether the conduct or result is
- 6335 itself unlawful;
- 6336 (b) either an individual committing an offense or a victim of an offense is located
- 6337 within the court's jurisdiction at the time the offense is committed;
- 6338 (c) either a cause of injury occurs within the court's jurisdiction or the injury occurs
- 6339 within the court's jurisdiction;
- 6340 (d) an individual commits any act constituting an element of an inchoate offense within
- 6341 the court's jurisdiction, including an agreement in a conspiracy;
- 6342 (e) an individual solicits, aids, or abets, or attempts to solicit, aid, or abet another
- 6343 individual in the planning or commission of an offense within the court's jurisdiction;
- 6344 (f) the investigation of the offense does not readily indicate in which court's jurisdiction
- 6345 the offense occurred, and:
- 6346 (i) the offense is committed upon or in any railroad car, vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft
- 6347 passing within the court's jurisdiction;
- 6348 (ii) (A) the offense is committed on or in any body of water bordering on or within this
- 6349 state if the territorial limits of the justice court are adjacent to the body of water; and
- 6350 (B) as used in Subsection (3)(f)(ii)(A), "body of water" includes any stream, river, lake,
- 6351 or reservoir, whether natural or man-made;

6352 (iii) an individual who commits theft exercises control over the affected property
6353 within the court's jurisdiction; or

6354 (iv) the offense is committed on or near the boundary of the court's jurisdiction;

6355 (g) the offense consists of an unlawful communication that was initiated or received
6356 within the court's jurisdiction; or

6357 (h) jurisdiction is otherwise specifically provided by law.

6358 (4) If in a criminal case the defendant is 16 or 17 years old, a justice court judge may
6359 transfer the case to the juvenile court for further proceedings if the justice court judge
6360 determines and the juvenile court concurs that the best interests of the defendant would be
6361 served by the continuing jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

6362 (5) Justice courts have jurisdiction of small claims cases under Title 78A, Chapter 8,
6363 Small Claims Courts, if a defendant resides in or the debt arose within the territorial
6364 jurisdiction of the justice court.

6365 Section 100. Section **78B-3-406** is amended to read:

6366 **78B-3-406. Failure to obtain informed consent -- Proof required of patient --**
6367 **Defenses -- Consent to health care.**

6368 (1) (a) When a person submits to health care rendered by a health care provider, it is
6369 presumed that actions taken by the health care provider are either expressly or impliedly
6370 authorized to be done.

6371 (b) For a patient to recover damages from a health care provider in an action based
6372 upon the provider's failure to obtain informed consent, the patient must prove the following:

6373 (i) that a provider-patient relationship existed between the patient and health care
6374 provider;

6375 (ii) the health care provider rendered health care to the patient;

6376 (iii) the patient suffered personal injuries arising out of the health care rendered;

6377 (iv) the health care rendered carried with it a substantial and significant risk of causing
6378 the patient serious harm;

6379 (v) the patient was not informed of the substantial and significant risk;

6380 (vi) a reasonable, prudent person in the patient's position would not have consented to
6381 the health care rendered after having been fully informed as to all facts relevant to the decision
6382 to give consent; and

6383 (vii) the unauthorized part of the health care rendered was the proximate cause of
6384 personal injuries suffered by the patient.

6385 (2) In determining what a reasonable, prudent person in the patient's position would do
6386 under the circumstances, the finder of fact shall use the viewpoint of the patient before health
6387 care was provided and before the occurrence of any personal injuries alleged to have arisen
6388 from said health care.

6389 (3) It shall be a defense to any malpractice action against a health care provider based
6390 upon alleged failure to obtain informed consent if:

6391 (a) the risk of the serious harm which the patient actually suffered was relatively minor;

6392 (b) the risk of serious harm to the patient from the health care provider was commonly
6393 known to the public;

6394 (c) the patient stated, prior to receiving the health care complained of, that he would
6395 accept the health care involved regardless of the risk; or that he did not want to be informed of
6396 the matters to which he would be entitled to be informed;

6397 (d) the health care provider, after considering all of the attendant facts and
6398 circumstances, used reasonable discretion as to the manner and extent to which risks were
6399 disclosed, if the health care provider reasonably believed that additional disclosures could be
6400 expected to have a substantial and adverse effect on the patient's condition; or

6401 (e) the patient or the patient's representative executed a written consent which sets forth
6402 the nature and purpose of the intended health care and which contains a declaration that the
6403 patient accepts the risk of substantial and serious harm, if any, in hopes of obtaining desired
6404 beneficial results of health care and which acknowledges that health care providers involved
6405 have explained the patient's condition and the proposed health care in a satisfactory manner and
6406 that all questions asked about the health care and its attendant risks have been answered in a
6407 manner satisfactory to the patient or the patient's representative.

6408 (4) The written consent shall be a defense to an action against a health care provider
6409 based upon failure to obtain informed consent unless the patient proves that the person giving
6410 the consent lacked capacity to consent or shows by clear and convincing evidence that the
6411 execution of the written consent was induced by the defendant's affirmative acts of fraudulent
6412 misrepresentation or fraudulent omission to state material facts.

6413 (5) This act may not be construed to prevent any person 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old or over

6414 from refusing to consent to health care for the patient's own person upon personal or religious
6415 grounds.

6416 (6) Except as provided in Section [76-7-304.5](#), the following persons are authorized and
6417 empowered to consent to any health care not prohibited by law:

6418 (a) any parent, whether an adult or a minor, for the parent's minor child;

6419 (b) any married person, for a spouse;

6420 (c) any person temporarily standing in loco parentis, whether formally serving or not,
6421 for the minor under that person's care and any guardian for the guardian's ward;

6422 (d) any person 18 years [~~of age~~] old or over for that person's parent who is unable by
6423 reason of age, physical or mental condition, to provide such consent;

6424 (e) any patient 18 years [~~of age~~] old or over;

6425 (f) any female regardless of age or marital status, when given in connection with her
6426 pregnancy or childbirth;

6427 (g) in the absence of a parent, any adult for the adult's minor brother or sister;

6428 (h) in the absence of a parent, any grandparent for the grandparent's minor grandchild;

6429 (i) an emancipated minor as provided in Section [~~78A-6-805~~] [80-7-105](#);

6430 (j) a minor who has contracted a lawful marriage; and

6431 (k) an unaccompanied homeless minor, as that term is defined in the McKinney-Vento
6432 Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, Pub. L. 100-77, as amended, who is 15 years [~~of age~~] old or
6433 older.

6434 (7) A person who in good faith consents or authorizes health care treatment or
6435 procedures for another as provided by this act may not be subject to civil liability.

6436 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if a health care provider fails to
6437 comply with the requirement in Section [58-1-509](#), the health care provider is presumed to have
6438 lacked informed consent with respect to the patient examination, as defined in Section
6439 [58-1-509](#).

6440 Section 101. Section **78B-6-112** is amended to read:

6441 **78B-6-112. District court jurisdiction over termination of parental rights**
6442 **proceedings.**

6443 (1) A district court has jurisdiction to terminate parental rights in a child if the party
6444 that filed the petition is seeking to terminate parental rights in the child for the purpose of

6445 facilitating the adoption of the child.

6446 (2) A petition to terminate parental rights under this section may be:

6447 (a) joined with a proceeding on an adoption petition; or

6448 (b) filed as a separate proceeding before or after a petition to adopt the child is filed.

6449 (3) A court may enter a final order terminating parental rights before a final decree of
6450 adoption is entered.

6451 (4) (a) Nothing in this section limits the jurisdiction of a juvenile court relating to
6452 proceedings to terminate parental rights as described in Section [78A-6-103](#).

6453 (b) This section does not grant jurisdiction to a district court to terminate parental
6454 rights in a child if the child is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court in a pending abuse,
6455 neglect, dependency, or termination of parental rights proceeding.

6456 (5) The district court may terminate an individual's parental rights in a child if:

6457 (a) the individual executes a voluntary consent to adoption, or relinquishment for
6458 adoption, of the child, in accordance with:

6459 (i) the requirements of this chapter; or

6460 (ii) the laws of another state or country, if the consent is valid and irrevocable;

6461 (b) the individual is an unmarried biological father who is not entitled to consent to
6462 adoption, or relinquishment for adoption, under Section [78B-6-120](#) or [78B-6-121](#);

6463 (c) the individual:

6464 (i) received notice of the adoption proceeding relating to the child under Section
6465 [78B-6-110](#); and

6466 (ii) failed to file a motion for relief, under Subsection [78B-6-110\(6\)](#), within 30 days
6467 after the day on which the individual was served with notice of the adoption proceeding;

6468 (d) the court finds, under Section [78B-15-607](#), that the individual is not a parent of the
6469 child; or

6470 (e) the individual's parental rights are terminated on grounds described in [~~Title 78A,
6471 Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act~~] Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and
6472 Restoration of Parental Rights, and termination is in the best interests of the child.

6473 (6) The court shall appoint an indigent defense service provider in accordance with
6474 Title 78B, Chapter 22, Indigent Defense Act, to represent an individual who faces any action
6475 initiated by a private party under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights~~

6476 Act,] Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights, or whose parental
6477 rights are subject to termination under this section.

6478 (7) If a county incurs expenses in providing indigent defense services to an indigent
6479 individual facing any action initiated by a private party under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5,~~
6480 ~~Termination of Parental Rights Act,~~] Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of
6481 Parental Rights, or termination of parental rights under this section, the county may apply for
6482 reimbursement from the Utah Indigent Defense Commission in accordance with Section
6483 [78B-22-406](#).

6484 (8) A petition filed under this section is subject to the procedural requirements of this
6485 chapter.

6486 Section 102. Section **78B-6-117** is amended to read:

6487 **78B-6-117. Who may adopt -- Adoption of minor.**

6488 (1) A minor child may be adopted by an adult individual, in accordance with this
6489 section and this part.

6490 (2) A child may be adopted by:

6491 (a) adults who are legally married to each other in accordance with the laws of this
6492 state, including adoption by a stepparent; or

6493 (b) subject to Subsections (3) and (4), a single adult.

6494 (3) A child may not be adopted by an individual who is cohabiting in a relationship that
6495 is not a legally valid and binding marriage under the laws of this state unless the individual is a
6496 relative of the child or a recognized placement under the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C.
6497 Sec. 1901 et seq.

6498 (4) To provide a child who is in the custody of the division with the most beneficial
6499 family structure, when a child in the custody of the division is placed for adoption, the division
6500 or child-placing agency shall place the child with a married couple, unless:

6501 (a) there are no qualified married couples who:

6502 (i) have applied to adopt a child;

6503 (ii) are willing to adopt the child; and

6504 (iii) are an appropriate placement for the child;

6505 (b) the child is placed with a relative of the child;

6506 (c) the child is placed with an individual who has already developed a substantial

6507 relationship with the child;

6508 (d) the child is placed with an individual who:

6509 (i) is selected by a parent or former parent of the child, if the parent or former parent
6510 consented to the adoption of the child; and

6511 (ii) the parent or former parent described in Subsection (4)(d)(i):

6512 (A) knew the individual with whom the child is placed before the parent consented to
6513 the adoption; or

6514 (B) became aware of the individual with whom the child is placed through a source
6515 other than the division or the child-placing agency that assists with the adoption of the child; or

6516 (e) it is in the best interests of the child to place the child with a single adult.

6517 (5) Except as provided in Subsection (6), an adult may not adopt a child if, before
6518 adoption is finalized, the adult has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or pleaded no contest
6519 to a felony or attempted felony involving conduct that constitutes any of the following:

6520 (a) child abuse, as described in Section [76-5-109](#);

6521 (b) child abuse homicide, as described in Section [76-5-208](#);

6522 (c) child kidnapping, as described in Section [76-5-301.1](#);

6523 (d) human trafficking of a child, as described in Section [76-5-308.5](#);

6524 (e) sexual abuse of a minor, as described in Section [76-5-401.1](#);

6525 (f) rape of a child, as described in Section [76-5-402.1](#);

6526 (g) object rape of a child, as described in Section [76-5-402.3](#);

6527 (h) sodomy on a child, as described in Section [76-5-403.1](#);

6528 (i) sexual abuse of a child or aggravated sexual abuse of a child, as described in Section
6529 [76-5-404.1](#);

6530 (j) sexual exploitation of a minor, as described in Section [76-5b-201](#); or

6531 (k) an offense in another state that, if committed in this state, would constitute an
6532 offense described in this Subsection (5).

6533 (6) (a) For purpose of this Subsection (6), "disqualifying offense" means an offense
6534 listed in Subsection (5) that prevents a court from considering an individual for adoption of a
6535 child except as provided in this Subsection (6).

6536 (b) An individual described in Subsection (5) may only be considered for adoption of a
6537 child if the following criteria are met by clear and convincing evidence:

6538 (i) at least 10 years have elapsed from the day on which the individual is successfully
6539 released from prison, jail, parole, or probation related to a disqualifying offense;

6540 (ii) during the 10 years before the day on which the individual files a petition with the
6541 court seeking adoption, the individual has not been convicted, pleaded guilty, or pleaded no
6542 contest to an offense greater than an infraction or traffic violation that would likely impact the
6543 health, safety, or well-being of the child;

6544 (iii) the individual can provide evidence of successful treatment or rehabilitation
6545 directly related to the disqualifying offense;

6546 (iv) the court determines that the risk related to the disqualifying offense is unlikely to
6547 cause harm, as defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] 80-1-102, or potential harm to the child
6548 currently or at any time in the future when considering all of the following:

6549 (A) the child's age;

6550 (B) the child's gender;

6551 (C) the child's development;

6552 (D) the nature and seriousness of the disqualifying offense;

6553 (E) the preferences of a child 12 years [~~of age~~] old or older;

6554 (F) any available assessments, including custody evaluations, home studies,
6555 pre-placement adoptive evaluations, parenting assessments, psychological or mental health
6556 assessments, and bonding assessments; and

6557 (G) any other relevant information;

6558 (v) the individual can provide evidence of all of the following:

6559 (A) the relationship with the child is of long duration;

6560 (B) that an emotional bond exists with the child; and

6561 (C) that adoption by the individual who has committed the disqualifying offense
6562 ensures the best interests of the child are met; and

6563 (vi) the adoption is by:

6564 (A) a stepparent whose spouse is the adoptee's parent and consents to the adoption; or

6565 (B) subject to Subsection (6)(d), a relative of the child as defined in Section

6566 [~~78A-6-307~~] 80-3-102 and there is not another relative without a disqualifying offense filing an
6567 adoption petition.

6568 (c) The individual with the disqualifying offense bears the burden of proof regarding

6569 why adoption with that individual is in the best interest of the child over another responsible
6570 relative or equally situated individual who does not have a disqualifying offense.

6571 (d) If there is an alternative responsible relative who does not have a disqualifying
6572 offense filing an adoption petition, the following applies:

6573 (i) preference for adoption shall be given to a relative who does not have a
6574 disqualifying offense; and

6575 (ii) before the court may grant adoption to the individual who has the disqualifying
6576 offense over another responsible, willing, and able relative:

6577 (A) an impartial custody evaluation shall be completed; and

6578 (B) a guardian ad litem shall be assigned.

6579 (7) Subsections (5) and (6) apply to a case pending on March 25, 2017, for which a
6580 final decision on adoption has not been made and to a case filed on or after March 25, 2017.

6581 Section 103. Section **78B-6-121** is amended to read:

6582 **78B-6-121. Consent of unmarried biological father.**

6583 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(a) and [78B-6-122\(1\)](#), and subject to
6584 Subsections (5) and (6), with regard to a child who is placed with prospective adoptive parents
6585 more than six months after birth, consent of an unmarried biological father is not required
6586 unless the unmarried biological father:

6587 (a) (i) developed a substantial relationship with the child by:

6588 (A) visiting the child monthly, unless the unmarried biological father was physically or
6589 financially unable to visit the child on a monthly basis; or

6590 (B) engaging in regular communication with the child or with the person or authorized
6591 agency that has lawful custody of the child;

6592 (ii) took some measure of responsibility for the child and the child's future; and

6593 (iii) demonstrated a full commitment to the responsibilities of parenthood by financial
6594 support of the child of a fair and reasonable sum in accordance with the father's ability; or

6595 (b) (i) openly lived with the child:

6596 (A) (I) for a period of at least six months during the one-year period immediately
6597 preceding the day on which the child is placed with prospective adoptive parents; or

6598 (II) if the child is less than one year old, for a period of at least six months during the
6599 period of time beginning on the day on which the child is born and ending on the day on which

6600 the child is placed with prospective adoptive parents; and

6601 (B) immediately preceding placement of the child with prospective adoptive parents;
6602 and

6603 (ii) openly held himself out to be the father of the child during the six-month period
6604 described in Subsection (1)(b)(i)(A).

6605 (2) (a) If an unmarried biological father was prevented from complying with a
6606 requirement of Subsection (1) by the person or authorized agency having lawful custody of the
6607 child, the unmarried biological father is not required to comply with that requirement.

6608 (b) The subjective intent of an unmarried biological father, whether expressed or
6609 otherwise, that is unsupported by evidence that the requirements in Subsection (1) have been
6610 met, shall not preclude a determination that the father failed to meet the requirements of
6611 Subsection (1).

6612 (3) Except as provided in Subsections (6) and 78B-6-122(1), and subject to Subsection
6613 (5), with regard to a child who is six months ~~[of age]~~ old or less at the time the child is placed
6614 with prospective adoptive parents, consent of an unmarried biological father is not required
6615 unless, prior to the time the mother executes her consent for adoption or relinquishes the child
6616 for adoption, the unmarried biological father:

6617 (a) initiates proceedings in a district court of Utah to establish paternity under Title
6618 78B, Chapter 15, Utah Uniform Parentage Act;

6619 (b) files with the court that is presiding over the paternity proceeding a sworn affidavit:

6620 (i) stating that he is fully able and willing to have full custody of the child;

6621 (ii) setting forth his plans for care of the child; and

6622 (iii) agreeing to a court order of child support and the payment of expenses incurred in
6623 connection with the mother's pregnancy and the child's birth;

6624 (c) consistent with Subsection (4), files notice of the commencement of paternity
6625 proceedings, described in Subsection (3)(a), with the state registrar of vital statistics within the
6626 Department of Health, in a confidential registry established by the department for that purpose;
6627 and

6628 (d) offered to pay and paid, during the pregnancy and after the child's birth, a fair and
6629 reasonable amount of the expenses incurred in connection with the mother's pregnancy and the
6630 child's birth, in accordance with his financial ability, unless:

- 6631 (i) he did not have actual knowledge of the pregnancy;
- 6632 (ii) he was prevented from paying the expenses by the person or authorized agency
6633 having lawful custody of the child; or
- 6634 (iii) the mother refused to accept the unmarried biological father's offer to pay the
6635 expenses described in this Subsection (3)(d).
- 6636 (4) (a) The notice described in Subsection (3)(c) is considered filed when received by
6637 the state registrar of vital statistics.
- 6638 (b) If the unmarried biological father fully complies with the requirements of
6639 Subsection (3), and an adoption of the child is not completed, the unmarried biological father
6640 shall, without any order of the court, be legally obligated for a reasonable amount of child
6641 support, pregnancy expenses, and child birth expenses, in accordance with his financial ability.
- 6642 (5) Unless his ability to assert the right to consent has been lost for failure to comply
6643 with Section [78B-6-110.1](#), or lost under another provision of Utah law, an unmarried biological
6644 father shall have at least one business day after the child's birth to fully and strictly comply with
6645 the requirements of Subsection (3).
- 6646 (6) Consent of an unmarried biological father is not required under this section if:
- 6647 (a) the court determines, in accordance with the requirements and procedures of [~~Title~~
6648 ~~78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act,~~] Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination
6649 and Restoration of Parental Rights, that the unmarried biological father's rights should be
6650 terminated, based on the petition of any interested party;
- 6651 (b) (i) a declaration of paternity declaring the unmarried biological father to be the
6652 father of the child is rescinded under Section [78B-15-306](#); and
- 6653 (ii) the unmarried biological father fails to comply with Subsection (3) within 10
6654 business days after the day that notice of the rescission described in Subsection (6)(b)(i) is
6655 mailed by the Office of Vital Records within the Department of Health as provided in Section
6656 [78B-15-306](#); or
- 6657 (c) the unmarried biological father is notified under Section [78B-6-110.1](#) and fails to
6658 preserve his rights in accordance with the requirements of that section.
- 6659 (7) Unless the adoptee is conceived or born within a marriage, the petitioner in an
6660 adoption proceeding shall, prior to entrance of a final decree of adoption, file with the court a
6661 certificate from the state registrar of vital statistics within the Department of Health, stating:

6662 (a) that a diligent search has been made of the registry of notices from unmarried
6663 biological fathers described in Subsection (3)(d); and

6664 (b) (i) that no filing has been found pertaining to the father of the child in question; or
6665 (ii) if a filing is found, the name of the putative father and the time and date of filing.

6666 Section 104. Section **78B-6-131** is amended to read:

6667 **78B-6-131. Child in custody of state -- Placement.**

6668 (1) Notwithstanding Sections [78B-6-128](#) through [78B-6-130](#), and except as provided in
6669 Subsection (2), a child who is in the legal custody of the state may not be placed with a
6670 prospective foster parent or a prospective adoptive parent, unless, before the child is placed
6671 with the prospective foster parent or the prospective adoptive parent:

6672 (a) a fingerprint based FBI national criminal history records check is conducted on the
6673 prospective foster parent, prospective adoptive parent, and any other adult residing in the
6674 household;

6675 (b) the Department of Human Services conducts a check of the child abuse and neglect
6676 registry in each state where the prospective foster parent or prospective adoptive parent resided
6677 in the five years immediately preceding the day on which the prospective foster parent or
6678 prospective adoptive parent applied to be a foster parent or adoptive parent, to determine
6679 whether the prospective foster parent or prospective adoptive parent is listed in the registry as
6680 having a substantiated or supported finding of child abuse or neglect;

6681 (c) the Department of Human Services conducts a check of the child abuse and neglect
6682 registry of each state where each adult living in the home of the prospective foster parent or
6683 prospective adoptive parent described in Subsection (1)(b) resided in the five years
6684 immediately preceding the day on which the prospective foster parent or prospective adoptive
6685 parent applied to be a foster parent or adoptive parent, to determine whether the adult is listed
6686 in the registry as having a substantiated or supported finding of child abuse or neglect; and

6687 (d) each person required to undergo a background check described in this section
6688 passes the background check, pursuant to the provisions of Section [62A-2-120](#).

6689 (2) The requirements under Subsection (1) do not apply to the extent that:

6690 (a) federal law or rule permits otherwise; or

6691 (b) the requirements would prohibit the division or a court from placing a child with:

6692 (i) a noncustodial parent, under Section [62A-4a-209](#), [~~[78A-6-307](#)~~, or ~~[78A-6-307.5](#)~~]

6693 [80-3-302](#), or [80-3-303](#); or

6694 (ii) a relative, under Section [62A-4a-209](#), [~~[78A-6-307](#)~~, or ~~[78A-6-307.5](#)~~] [80-3-302](#), or
6695 [80-3-303](#), pending completion of the background check described in Subsection (1).

6696 Section 105. Section **78B-6-133** is amended to read:

6697 **78B-6-133. Contested adoptions -- Rights of parties -- Determination of custody.**

6698 (1) If a person whose consent for an adoption is required pursuant to Subsection
6699 [78B-6-120](#)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) refused to consent, the court shall determine whether
6700 proper grounds exist for the termination of that person's rights pursuant to the provisions of this
6701 chapter or [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act~~] Title 80, Chapter
6702 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights.

6703 (2) (a) If there are proper grounds to terminate the person's parental rights, the court
6704 shall order that the person's rights be terminated.

6705 (b) If there are not proper grounds to terminate the person's parental rights, the court
6706 shall:

6707 (i) dismiss the adoption petition;

6708 (ii) conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine who should have custody of the child;

6709 and

6710 (iii) award custody of the child in accordance with the child's best interest.

6711 (c) Termination of a person's parental rights does not terminate the right of a relative of
6712 the parent to seek adoption of the child.

6713 (3) Evidence considered at the custody hearing may include:

6714 (a) evidence of psychological or emotional bonds that the child has formed with a third
6715 person, including the prospective adoptive parent; and

6716 (b) any detriment that a change in custody may cause the child.

6717 (4) If the court dismisses the adoption petition, the fact that a person relinquished a
6718 child for adoption or consented to the adoption may not be considered as evidence in a custody
6719 proceeding described in this section, or in any subsequent custody proceeding, that it is not in
6720 the child's best interest for custody to be awarded to such person or that:

6721 (a) the person is unfit or incompetent to be a parent;

6722 (b) the person has neglected or abandoned the child;

6723 (c) the person is not interested in having custody of the child; or

- 6724 (d) the person has forfeited the person's parental presumption.
- 6725 (5) Any custody order entered pursuant to this section may also:
- 6726 (a) include provisions for:
- 6727 (i) parent-time; or
- 6728 (ii) visitation by an interested third party; and
- 6729 (b) provide for the financial support of the child.
- 6730 (6) (a) If a person or entity whose consent is required for an adoption under Subsection
- 6731 [78B-6-120](#)(1)(a) or (g) refuses to consent, the court shall proceed with an evidentiary hearing
- 6732 and award custody as set forth in Subsection (2).
- 6733 (b) The court may also finalize the adoption if doing so is in the best interest of the
- 6734 child.
- 6735 (7) (a) A person may not contest an adoption after the final decree of adoption is
- 6736 entered, if that person:
- 6737 (i) was a party to the adoption proceeding;
- 6738 (ii) was served with notice of the adoption proceeding; or
- 6739 (iii) executed a consent to the adoption or relinquishment for adoption.
- 6740 (b) No person may contest an adoption after one year from the day on which the final
- 6741 decree of adoption is entered.
- 6742 (c) The limitations on contesting an adoption action, described in this Subsection (7),
- 6743 apply to all attempts to contest an adoption:
- 6744 (i) regardless of whether the adoption is contested directly or collaterally; and
- 6745 (ii) regardless of the basis for contesting the adoption, including claims of fraud,
- 6746 duress, undue influence, lack of capacity or competency, mistake of law or fact, or lack of
- 6747 jurisdiction.
- 6748 (d) The limitations on contesting an adoption action, described in this Subsection (7),
- 6749 do not prohibit a timely appeal of:
- 6750 (i) a final decree of adoption; or
- 6751 (ii) a decision in an action challenging an adoption, if the action was brought within the
- 6752 time limitations described in Subsections (7)(a) and (b).
- 6753 (8) A court that has jurisdiction over a child for whom more than one petition for
- 6754 adoption is filed shall grant a hearing only under the following circumstances:

- 6755 (a) to a petitioner:
- 6756 (i) with whom the child is placed;
- 6757 (ii) who has custody or guardianship of the child;
- 6758 (iii) who has filed a written statement with the court within 120 days after the day on
- 6759 which the shelter hearing is held:
- 6760 (A) requesting immediate placement of the child with the petitioner; and
- 6761 (B) expressing the petitioner's intention of adopting the child;
- 6762 (iv) who is a relative with whom the child has a significant and substantial relationship
- 6763 and who was unaware, within the first 120 days after the day on which the shelter hearing is
- 6764 held, of the child's removal from the child's parent; or
- 6765 (v) who is a relative with whom the child has a significant and substantial relationship
- 6766 and, in a case where the child is not placed with a relative or is placed with a relative that is
- 6767 unable or unwilling to adopt the child:
- 6768 (A) was actively involved in the child's child welfare case with the division or the
- 6769 juvenile court while the child's parent engaged in reunification services; and
- 6770 (B) filed a written statement with the court that includes the information described in
- 6771 Subsections (8)(a)(iii)(A) and (B) within 30 days after the day on which the court terminated
- 6772 reunification services; or
- 6773 (b) if the child:
- 6774 (i) has been in the current placement for less than 180 days before the day on which the
- 6775 petitioner files the petition for adoption; or
- 6776 (ii) is placed with, or is in the custody or guardianship of, an individual who previously
- 6777 informed the division or the court that the individual is unwilling or unable to adopt the child.
- 6778 (9) (a) If the court grants a hearing on more than one petition for adoption, there is a
- 6779 rebuttable presumption that it is in the best interest of a child to be placed for adoption with a
- 6780 petitioner:
- 6781 (i) who has fulfilled the requirements described in Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1, Utah
- 6782 Adoption Act; and
- 6783 (ii) (A) with whom the child has continuously resided for six months;
- 6784 (B) who has filed a written statement with the court within 120 days after the day on
- 6785 which the shelter hearing is held, as described in Subsection (8)(a)(iii); or

6786 (C) who is a relative described in Subsection (8)(a)(iv).

6787 (b) The court may consider other factors relevant to the best interest of the child to
6788 determine whether the presumption is rebutted.

6789 (c) The court shall weigh the best interest of the child uniformly between petitioners if
6790 more than one petitioner satisfies a rebuttable presumption condition described in Subsection
6791 (9)(a).

6792 (10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the division or the child's
6793 guardian ad litem from appearing or participating in any proceeding for a petition for adoption.

6794 (11) The division shall use best efforts to provide a known relative with timely
6795 information relating to the relative's rights or duties under this section.

6796 Section 106. Section **78B-6-138** is amended to read:

6797 **78B-6-138. Pre-existing parent's rights and duties dissolved.**

6798 (1) A pre-existing parent of an adopted child is released from all parental rights and
6799 duties toward and all responsibilities for the adopted child, including residual parental rights
6800 and duties, as defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#), and has no further parental rights or
6801 duties with regard to that adopted child at the earlier of:

6802 (a) the time the pre-existing parent's parental rights are terminated; or

6803 (b) except as provided in Subsection (2), and subject to Subsections (3) and (4), the
6804 time the final decree of adoption is entered.

6805 (2) The parental rights and duties of a pre-existing parent who, at the time the child is
6806 adopted, is lawfully married to the person adopting the child are not released under Subsection
6807 (1)(b).

6808 (3) The parental rights and duties of a pre-existing parent who, at the time the child is
6809 adopted, is not lawfully married to the person adopting the child are released under Subsection
6810 (1)(b).

6811 (4) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the court may allow a
6812 prospective adoptive parent to adopt a child without releasing the pre-existing parent from
6813 parental rights and duties under Subsection (1)(b), if:

6814 (i) the pre-existing parent and the prospective adoptive parent were lawfully married at
6815 some time during the child's life;

6816 (ii) the pre-existing parent consents to the prospective adoptive parent's adoption of the

6817 child, or is unable to consent because the pre-existing parent is deceased or incapacitated;
6818 (iii) notice of the adoption proceeding is provided in accordance with Section
6819 [78B-6-110](#);
6820 (iv) consent to the adoption is provided in accordance with Section [78B-6-120](#); and
6821 (v) the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child to grant the adoption without
6822 releasing the pre-existing parent from parental rights and duties.

6823 (b) This Subsection (4) does not permit a child to have more than two natural parents,
6824 as that term is defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~] [80-1-102](#).

6825 (5) This section may not be construed as terminating any child support obligation of a
6826 parent incurred before the adoption.

6827 Section 107. Section **78B-6-141 (Superseded 11/01/21)** is amended to read:

6828 **78B-6-141 (Superseded 11/01/21). Court hearings may be closed -- Petition and**
6829 **documents sealed -- Exceptions.**

6830 (1) Notwithstanding Section [~~78A-6-114~~] [80-4-106](#), court hearings in adoption cases
6831 may be closed to the public upon request of a party to the adoption petition and upon court
6832 approval. In a closed hearing, only the following individuals may be admitted:

6833 (a) a party to the proceeding;

6834 (b) the adoptee;

6835 (c) a representative of an agency having custody of the adoptee;

6836 (d) in a hearing to relinquish parental rights, the individual whose rights are to be
6837 relinquished and invitees of that individual to provide emotional support;

6838 (e) in a hearing on the termination of parental rights, the individual whose rights may
6839 be terminated;

6840 (f) in a hearing on a petition to intervene, the proposed intervenor;

6841 (g) in a hearing to finalize an adoption, invitees of the petitioner; and

6842 (h) other individuals for good cause, upon order of the court.

6843 (2) An adoption document and any other documents filed in connection with a petition
6844 for adoption are sealed.

6845 (3) The documents described in Subsection (2) may only be open to inspection and
6846 copying:

6847 (a) in accordance with Subsection (5)(a), by a party to the adoption proceeding:

- 6848 (i) while the proceeding is pending; or
- 6849 (ii) within six months after the day on which the adoption decree is entered;
- 6850 (b) subject to Subsection (5)(b), if a court enters an order permitting access to the
- 6851 documents by an individual who has appealed the denial of that individual's motion to
- 6852 intervene;
- 6853 (c) upon order of the court expressly permitting inspection or copying, after good cause
- 6854 has been shown;
- 6855 (d) as provided under Section [78B-6-144](#);
- 6856 (e) when the adoption document becomes public on the one hundredth anniversary of
- 6857 the date the final decree of adoption was entered;
- 6858 (f) when the birth certificate becomes public on the one hundredth anniversary of the
- 6859 date of birth;
- 6860 (g) to a mature adoptee or a parent who adopted the mature adoptee, without a court
- 6861 order, unless the final decree of adoption is entered by the juvenile court under Subsection
- 6862 [78B-6-115\(3\)\(b\)](#); or
- 6863 (h) to an adult adoptee, to the extent permitted under Subsection (4).
- 6864 (4) (a) For an adoption finalized on or after January 1, 2016, a birth parent may elect,
- 6865 on a written consent form provided by the office, to permit identifying information about the
- 6866 birth parent to be made available for inspection by an adult adoptee.
- 6867 (b) A birth parent may, at any time, file a written document with the office to:
- 6868 (i) change the election described in Subsection (4)(a); or
- 6869 (ii) elect to make other information about the birth parent, including an updated
- 6870 medical history, available for inspection by an adult adoptee.
- 6871 (c) A birth parent may not access any identifying information or an adoption document
- 6872 under this Subsection (4).
- 6873 (5) (a) An individual who files a motion to intervene in an adoption proceeding:
- 6874 (i) is not a party to the adoption proceeding, unless the motion to intervene is granted;
- 6875 and
- 6876 (ii) may not be granted access to the documents described in Subsection (2), unless the
- 6877 motion to intervene is granted.
- 6878 (b) An order described in Subsection (3)(b) shall:

6879 (i) prohibit the individual described in Subsection (3)(b) from inspecting a document
6880 described in Subsection (2) that contains identifying information of the adoptive or prospective
6881 adoptive parent; and

6882 (ii) permit the individual described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) to review a copy of a
6883 document described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) after the identifying information described in
6884 Subsection (5)(b)(i) is redacted from the document.

6885 Section 108. Section **78B-6-141 (Effective 11/01/21)** is amended to read:

6886 **78B-6-141 (Effective 11/01/21). Court hearings may be closed -- Petition and**
6887 **documents sealed -- Exceptions.**

6888 (1) (a) Notwithstanding Section [~~78A-6-114~~] [80-4-106](#), court hearings in adoption
6889 cases may be closed to the public upon request of a party to the adoption petition and upon
6890 court approval.

6891 (b) In a closed hearing, only the following individuals may be admitted:

6892 (i) a party to the proceeding;

6893 (ii) the adoptee;

6894 (iii) a representative of an agency having custody of the adoptee;

6895 (iv) in a hearing to relinquish parental rights, the individual whose rights are to be
6896 relinquished and invitees of that individual to provide emotional support;

6897 (v) in a hearing on the termination of parental rights, the individual whose rights may
6898 be terminated;

6899 (vi) in a hearing on a petition to intervene, the proposed intervenor;

6900 (vii) in a hearing to finalize an adoption, invitees of the petitioner; and

6901 (viii) other individuals for good cause, upon order of the court.

6902 (2) An adoption document and any other documents filed in connection with a petition
6903 for adoption are sealed.

6904 (3) The documents described in Subsection (2) may only be open to inspection and
6905 copying:

6906 (a) in accordance with Subsection (5)(a), by a party to the adoption proceeding:

6907 (i) while the proceeding is pending; or

6908 (ii) within six months after the day on which the adoption decree is entered;

6909 (b) subject to Subsection (5)(b), if a court enters an order permitting access to the

6910 documents by an individual who has appealed the denial of that individual's motion to
6911 intervene;

6912 (c) upon order of the court expressly permitting inspection or copying, after good cause
6913 has been shown;

6914 (d) as provided under Section [78B-6-144](#);

6915 (e) when the adoption document becomes public on the one hundredth anniversary of
6916 the date the final decree of adoption was entered;

6917 (f) when the birth certificate becomes public on the one hundredth anniversary of the
6918 date of birth;

6919 (g) to a mature adoptee or a parent who adopted the mature adoptee, without a court
6920 order, unless the final decree of adoption is entered by the juvenile court under Subsection
6921 [78B-6-115\(3\)\(b\)](#); or

6922 (h) to an adult adoptee, to the extent permitted under Subsection (4).

6923 (4) (a) An adult adoptee that was born in the state may access an adoption document
6924 associated with the adult adoptee's adoption without a court order:

6925 (i) to the extent that a birth parent consents under Subsection (4)(b); or
6926 (ii) if the birth parents listed on the original birth certificate are deceased.

6927 (b) A birth parent may:

6928 (i) provide consent to allow the access described in Subsection (4)(a) by electing,
6929 electronically or on a written form provided by the office, allowing the birth parent to elect to:

6930 (A) allow the office to provide the adult adoptee with the contact information of the
6931 birth parent that the birth parent indicates;

6932 (B) allow the office to provide the adult adoptee with the contact information of an
6933 intermediary that the birth parent indicates;

6934 (C) prohibit the office from providing any contact information to the adult adoptee;

6935 (D) allow the office to provide the adult adoptee with a noncertified copy of the
6936 original birth certificate; and

6937 (ii) at any time, file, electronically or on a written document with the office, to:

6938 (A) change the election described in Subsection (4)(b); or
6939 (B) elect to make other information about the birth parent, including an updated
6940 medical history, available for inspection by an adult adoptee.

6941 (c) A birth parent may not access any identifying information or an adoption document
6942 under this Subsection (4).

6943 (d) If two birth parents are listed on the original birth certificate and only one birth
6944 parent consents under Subsection (4)(b) or is deceased, the office may redact the name of the
6945 other birth parent.

6946 (5) (a) An individual who files a motion to intervene in an adoption proceeding:

6947 (i) is not a party to the adoption proceeding, unless the motion to intervene is granted;
6948 and

6949 (ii) may not be granted access to the documents described in Subsection (2), unless the
6950 motion to intervene is granted.

6951 (b) An order described in Subsection (3)(b) shall:

6952 (i) prohibit the individual described in Subsection (3)(b) from inspecting a document
6953 described in Subsection (2) that contains identifying information of the adoptive or prospective
6954 adoptive parent; and

6955 (ii) permit the individual described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) to review a copy of a
6956 document described in Subsection (5)(b)(i) after the identifying information described in
6957 Subsection (5)(b)(i) is redacted from the document.

6958 Section 109. Section **78B-6-203** is amended to read:

6959 **78B-6-203. Purpose and findings.**

6960 (1) The purpose of this part is to offer an alternative or supplement to the formal
6961 processes associated with a court trial and to promote the efficient and effective operation of
6962 the courts of this state by authorizing and encouraging the use of alternative methods of dispute
6963 resolution to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of civil actions filed in the
6964 courts of this state.

6965 (2) The Legislature finds that:

6966 (a) the use of alternative methods of dispute resolution authorized by this part will
6967 secure the purposes of Article I, Section 11, Utah Constitution, by providing supplemental or
6968 complementary means for the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of disputes;

6969 (b) preservation of the confidentiality of ADR procedures will significantly aid the
6970 successful resolution of civil actions in a just, speedy, and inexpensive manner;

6971 (c) ADR procedures will reduce the need for judicial resources and the time and

6972 expense of the parties;

6973 (d) mediation has, in pilot programs, resulted in the just and equitable settlement of
6974 petitions for the protection of children under Section [~~78A-6-304~~] 80-3-201 and petitions for
6975 the terminations of parental rights under Section [~~78A-6-505~~] 80-4-201; and

6976 (e) the purpose of this part will be promoted by authorizing the Judicial Council to
6977 establish rules to promote the use of ADR procedures by the courts of this state as an
6978 alternative or supplement to court trial.

6979 Section 110. Section **78B-6-207** is amended to read:

6980 **78B-6-207. Minimum procedures for mediation.**

6981 (1) A judge or court commissioner may refer to mediation any case for which the
6982 Judicial Council and Supreme Court have established a program or procedures. A party may
6983 file with the court an objection to the referral which may be granted for good cause.

6984 (2) (a) Unless all parties and the neutral or neutrals agree only parties, their
6985 representatives, and the neutral may attend the mediation sessions.

6986 (b) If the mediation session is [~~pursuant to~~] in accordance with a referral under
6987 [~~Subsection 78A-6-108(9)~~] Section 80-3-206 or 80-4-206, the ADR provider or ADR
6988 organization shall notify all parties to the proceeding and any person designated by a party.
6989 The ADR provider may notify any person whose rights may be affected by the mediated
6990 agreement or who may be able to contribute to the agreement. A party may request notice be
6991 provided to a person who is not a party.

6992 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), any settlement agreement between the
6993 parties as a result of mediation may be executed in writing, filed with the clerk of the court, and
6994 enforceable as a judgment of the court. If the parties stipulate to dismiss the action, any
6995 agreement to dismiss shall not be filed with the court.

6996 (b) With regard to mediation affecting any petition filed under Section [~~78A-6-304 or~~
6997 ~~78A-6-505~~] 80-3-201 or 80-4-201:

6998 (i) all settlement agreements and stipulations of the parties shall be filed with the court;

6999 (ii) all timelines, requirements, and procedures described in [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part~~
7000 ~~3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights~~
7001 ~~Act,]~~ Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Chapter 4,
7002 Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights, and in Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and

7003 Family Services, shall be complied with; and

7004 (iii) the parties to the mediation may not agree to a result that could not have been
7005 ordered by the court in accordance with the procedures and requirements of [~~Title 78A, Chapter~~
7006 ~~6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings and Part 5, Termination of Parental~~
7007 ~~Rights Act,~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, and Chapter 4,
7008 Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights, and Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Child and Family
7009 Services.

7010 Section 111. Section **78B-7-102** is amended to read:

7011 **78B-7-102. Definitions.**

7012 As used in this chapter:

7013 (1) "Abuse" means, except as provided in Section **78B-7-201**, intentionally or
7014 knowingly causing or attempting to cause another individual physical harm or intentionally or
7015 knowingly placing another individual in reasonable fear of imminent physical harm.

7016 (2) "Affinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section **76-1-601**.

7017 (3) "Civil protective order" means an order issued, subsequent to a hearing on the
7018 petition, of which the petitioner and respondent have been given notice, under:

7019 (a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

7020 (b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;

7021 (c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders; or

7022 (d) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders.

7023 (4) "Civil stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 7, Civil
7024 Stalking Injunctions.

7025 (5) (a) "Cohabitant" means an emancipated individual under Section **15-2-1** or an
7026 individual who is 16 years [~~of age~~] old or older who:

7027 (i) is or was a spouse of the other party;

7028 (ii) is or was living as if a spouse of the other party;

7029 (iii) is related by blood or marriage to the other party as the individual's parent,
7030 grandparent, sibling, or any other individual related to the individual by consanguinity or
7031 affinity to the second degree;

7032 (iv) has or had one or more children in common with the other party;

7033 (v) is the biological parent of the other party's unborn child;

- 7034 (vi) resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party; or
- 7035 (vii) is or was in a consensual sexual relationship with the other party.
- 7036 (b) "Cohabitant" does not include:
- 7037 (i) the relationship of natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent to a minor; or
- 7038 (ii) the relationship between natural, adoptive, step, or foster siblings who are under 18
- 7039 years ~~[of age]~~ old.
- 7040 (6) "Consanguinity" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-601.
- 7041 (7) "Criminal protective order" means an order issued under Part 8, Criminal Protective
- 7042 Orders.
- 7043 (8) "Criminal stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued under Part 9,
- 7044 Criminal Stalking Injunctions.
- 7045 (9) "Court clerk" means a district court clerk.
- 7046 (10) (a) "Dating partner" means an individual who:
- 7047 (i) (A) is an emancipated individual under Section 15-2-1 or ~~[Title 78A, Chapter 6,~~
- 7048 ~~Part 8, Emancipation]~~ Title 80, Chapter 7, Emancipation; or
- 7049 (B) is 18 years ~~[of age]~~ old or older; and
- 7050 (ii) is, or has been, in a dating relationship with the other party.
- 7051 (b) "Dating partner" does not include an intimate partner.
- 7052 (11) (a) "Dating relationship" means a social relationship of a romantic or intimate
- 7053 nature, or a relationship which has romance or intimacy as a goal by one or both parties,
- 7054 regardless of whether the relationship involves sexual intimacy.
- 7055 (b) "Dating relationship" does not include casual fraternization in a business,
- 7056 educational, or social context.
- 7057 (c) In determining, based on a totality of the circumstances, whether a dating
- 7058 relationship exists:
- 7059 (i) all relevant factors shall be considered, including:
- 7060 (A) whether the parties developed interpersonal bonding above a mere casual
- 7061 fraternization;
- 7062 (B) the length of the parties' relationship;
- 7063 (C) the nature and the frequency of the parties' interactions, including communications
- 7064 indicating that the parties intended to begin a dating relationship;

7065 (D) the ongoing expectations of the parties, individual or jointly, with respect to the
7066 relationship;

7067 (E) whether, by statement or conduct, the parties demonstrated an affirmation of their
7068 relationship to others; and

7069 (F) whether other reasons exist that support or detract from a finding that a dating
7070 relationship exists; and

7071 (ii) it is not necessary that all, or a particular number, of the factors described in
7072 Subsection (11)(c)(i) are found to support the existence of a dating relationship.

7073 (12) "Domestic violence" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-36-1.

7074 (13) "Ex parte civil protective order" means an order issued without notice to the
7075 respondent under:

7076 (a) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

7077 (b) Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;

7078 (c) Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders; or

7079 (d) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders.

7080 (14) "Ex parte civil stalking injunction" means a stalking injunction issued without
7081 notice to the respondent under Part 7, Civil Stalking Injunctions.

7082 (15) "Foreign protection order" means the same as that term is defined in Section
7083 78B-7-302.

7084 (16) "Intimate partner" means the same as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 921.

7085 (17) "Law enforcement unit" or "law enforcement agency" means any public agency
7086 having general police power and charged with making arrests in connection with enforcement
7087 of the criminal statutes and ordinances of this state or any political subdivision.

7088 (18) "Peace officer" means those individuals specified in Title 53, Chapter 13, Peace
7089 Officer Classifications.

7090 (19) "Qualifying domestic violence offense" means the same as that term is defined in
7091 Section 77-36-1.1.

7092 (20) "Respondent" means the individual against whom enforcement of a protective
7093 order is sought.

7094 (21) "Stalking" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-5-106.5.

7095 Section 112. Section 78B-7-108 is amended to read:

7096 **78B-7-108. Mutual protective orders.**

7097 (1) A court may not grant a mutual order or mutual orders for protection to opposing
7098 parties, unless each party:

7099 (a) files an independent petition against the other for a protective order, and both
7100 petitions are served;

7101 (b) makes a showing at a due process protective order hearing of abuse or domestic
7102 violence committed by the other party; and

7103 (c) demonstrates the abuse or domestic violence did not occur in self-defense.

7104 (2) If the court issues mutual protective orders, the court shall include specific findings
7105 of all elements of Subsection (1) in the court order justifying the entry of the court order.

7106 (3) A court may not grant an order for protection to a civil petitioner who is the
7107 respondent or defendant subject to a protective order, child protective order, or ex parte child
7108 protective order:

7109 (a) issued under:

7110 (i) a foreign protection order enforceable under Chapter 7, Part 3, Uniform Interstate
7111 Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act;

7112 (ii) Title 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act;

7113 (iii) [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code; or

7114 (iv) Chapter 7, Part 1, Cohabitant Abuse Act; and

7115 (b) unless the court determines that the requirements of Subsection (1) are met, and:

7116 (i) the same court issued the order for protection against the respondent; or

7117 (ii) if the matter is before a subsequent court, the subsequent court:

7118 (A) determines it would be impractical for the original court to consider the matter; or

7119 (B) confers with the court that issued the order for protection.

7120 Section 113. Section **78B-7-201** is amended to read:

7121 **78B-7-201. Definitions.**

7122 As used in this chapter:

7123 (1) "Abuse" means:

7124 (a) physical abuse;

7125 (b) sexual abuse;

7126 (c) any sexual offense described in Title 76, Chapter 5b, Part 2, Sexual Exploitation; or

- 7127 (d) human trafficking of a child for sexual exploitation under Section [76-5-308.5](#).
- 7128 (2) "Child protective order" means an order issued under this part after a hearing on the
7129 petition, of which the petitioner and respondent have been given notice.
- 7130 (3) "Court" means the district court or juvenile court.
- 7131 (4) "Ex parte child protective order" means an order issued without notice to the
7132 respondent under this part.
- 7133 (5) "Protective order" means:
- 7134 (a) a child protective order; or
- 7135 (b) an ex parte child protective order.
- 7136 (6) All other terms have the same meaning as defined in Section [~~78A-6-105~~]
7137 [80-1-102](#).
- 7138 Section 114. Section **78B-7-202** is amended to read:
- 7139 **78B-7-202. Abuse or danger of abuse -- Child protective orders -- Ex parte child**
7140 **protective orders -- Guardian ad litem -- Referral to division.**
- 7141 (1) (a) Any interested person may file a petition for a protective order:
- 7142 (i) on behalf of a child who is being abused or is in imminent danger of being abused
7143 by any individual; or
- 7144 (ii) on behalf of a child who has been abused by an individual who is not the child's
7145 parent, stepparent, guardian, or custodian.
- 7146 (b) Before filing a petition under Subsection (1)(a), the interested person shall make a
7147 referral to the division.
- 7148 (2) Upon the filing of a petition described in Subsection (1), the clerk of the court shall:
- 7149 (a) review the records of the juvenile court, the district court, and the management
7150 information system of the division to find any petitions, orders, or investigations related to the
7151 child or the parties to the case;
- 7152 (b) request the records of any law enforcement agency identified by the petitioner as
7153 having investigated abuse of the child; and
- 7154 (c) identify and obtain any other background information that may be of assistance to
7155 the court.
- 7156 (3) If it appears from a petition for a protective order filed under Subsection (1)(a)(i)
7157 that the child is being abused or is in imminent danger of being abused, or it appears from a

7158 petition for a protective order filed under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) that the child has been abused,
7159 the court may:

7160 (a) without notice, immediately issue an ex parte child protective order against the
7161 respondent if necessary to protect the child; or

7162 (b) upon notice to the respondent, issue a child protective order after a hearing in
7163 accordance with Subsection [78B-7-203](#)(5).

7164 (4) The court may appoint an attorney guardian ad litem under Sections [78A-2-703](#) and
7165 [~~78A-6-902~~] [78A-2-803](#).

7166 (5) This section does not prohibit a protective order from being issued against a
7167 respondent who is a child.

7168 Section 115. Section **78B-7-203** is amended to read:

7169 **78B-7-203. Hearings.**

7170 (1) If an ex parte child protective order is granted, the court shall schedule a hearing to
7171 be held within 20 days after the day on which the court makes the ex parte determination. If an
7172 ex parte child protective order is denied, the court, upon the request of the petitioner made
7173 within five days after the day on which the court makes the ex parte determination, shall
7174 schedule a hearing to be held within 20 days after the day on which the petitioner makes the
7175 request.

7176 (2) The petition, ex parte child protective order, and notice of hearing shall be served
7177 on the respondent, the child's parent or guardian, and, if appointed, the guardian ad litem. The
7178 notice shall contain:

7179 (a) the name and address of the individual to whom the notice is directed;

7180 (b) the date, time, and place of the hearing;

7181 (c) the name of the child on whose behalf a petition is being brought; and

7182 (d) a statement that an individual is entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing.

7183 (3) The court shall provide an opportunity for any person having relevant knowledge to
7184 present evidence or information and may hear statements by counsel.

7185 (4) An agent of the division served with a subpoena in compliance with the Utah Rules
7186 of Civil Procedure shall testify in accordance with the Utah Rules of Evidence.

7187 (5) The court shall issue a child protective order if the court determines, based on a
7188 preponderance of the evidence, that:

7189 (a) for a petition for a child protective order filed under Subsection [78B-7-202\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#),
7190 the child is being abused or is in imminent danger of being abused; or

7191 (b) for a petition for a protective order filed under Subsection [78B-7-202\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#), the
7192 child has been abused and the child protective order is necessary to protect the child.

7193 (6) With the exception of the provisions of Section [~~[78A-6-323](#)~~] [80-3-404](#), a child
7194 protective order is not an adjudication of abuse, neglect, or dependency under [~~Title 78A;~~
7195 ~~Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings~~] Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse,
7196 Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings.

7197 Section 116. Section **78B-7-204** is amended to read:

7198 **78B-7-204. Content of orders -- Modification of orders -- Penalties.**

7199 (1) A child protective order or an ex parte child protective order may contain the
7200 following provisions the violation of which is a class A misdemeanor under Section [76-5-108](#):

7201 (a) enjoin the respondent from threatening to commit or committing abuse of the child;

7202 (b) prohibit the respondent from harassing, telephoning, contacting, or otherwise
7203 communicating with the child, directly or indirectly;

7204 (c) prohibit the respondent from entering or remaining upon the residence, school, or
7205 place of employment of the child and the premises of any of these or any specified place
7206 frequented by the child;

7207 (d) upon finding that the respondent's use or possession of a weapon may pose a
7208 serious threat of harm to the child, prohibit the respondent from purchasing, using, or
7209 possessing a firearm or other specified weapon; and

7210 (e) determine ownership and possession of personal property and direct the appropriate
7211 law enforcement officer to attend and supervise the petitioner's or respondent's removal of
7212 personal property.

7213 (2) A child protective order or an ex parte child protective order may contain the
7214 following provisions the violation of which is contempt of court:

7215 (a) determine temporary custody of the child who is the subject of the petition;

7216 (b) determine parent-time with the child who is the subject of the petition, including
7217 denial of parent-time if necessary to protect the safety of the child, and require supervision of
7218 parent-time by a third party;

7219 (c) determine support in accordance with Title 78B, Chapter 12, Utah Child Support

7220 Act; and

7221 (d) order any further relief the court considers necessary to provide for the safety and
7222 welfare of the child.

7223 (3) (a) If the child who is the subject of the child protective order attends the same
7224 school or place of worship as the respondent, or is employed at the same place of employment
7225 as the respondent, the court:

7226 (i) may not enter an order under Subsection (1)(c) that excludes the respondent from
7227 the respondent's school, place of worship, or place of employment; and

7228 (ii) may enter an order governing the respondent's conduct at the respondent's school,
7229 place of worship, or place of employment.

7230 (b) A violation of an order under Subsection (3)(a) is contempt of court.

7231 (4) (a) A respondent may petition the court to modify or vacate a child protective order
7232 after notice and a hearing.

7233 (b) At the hearing described in Subsection (4)(a):

7234 (i) the respondent shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence
7235 that modification or vacation of the child protective order is in the best interest of the child; and

7236 (ii) the court shall consider:

7237 (A) the nature and duration of the abuse;

7238 (B) the pain and trauma inflicted on the child as a result of the abuse;

7239 (C) if the respondent is a parent of the child, any reunification services provided in
7240 accordance with [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings~~]
7241 Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings; and

7242 (D) any other evidence the court finds relevant to the determination of the child's best
7243 interests, including recommendations by the other parent or a guardian of the child, or a mental
7244 health professional.

7245 (c) The child is not required to attend the hearing described in Subsection (4)(a).

7246 Section 117. Section **78B-7-409** is amended to read:

7247 **78B-7-409. Mutual dating violence protective orders.**

7248 (1) A court may not grant a mutual order or mutual dating violence protective orders to
7249 opposing parties, unless each party:

7250 (a) files an independent petition against the other for a dating violence protective order,

7251 and both petitions are served;

7252 (b) makes a showing at a due process dating violence protective order hearing of abuse
7253 or dating violence committed by the other party; and

7254 (c) demonstrates the abuse or dating violence did not occur in self-defense.

7255 (2) If the court issues mutual dating violence protective orders, the court shall include
7256 specific findings of all elements of Subsection (1) in the court order justifying the entry of the
7257 court order.

7258 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a court may not grant a protective order
7259 to a civil petitioner who is the respondent or defendant subject to:

7260 (i) a civil protective order that is issued under:

7261 (A) this part;

7262 (B) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

7263 (C) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders;

7264 (D) Part 8, Criminal Protective Orders; or

7265 (E) [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code;

7266 (ii) an ex parte civil protective order issued under Part 2, Child Protective Orders; or

7267 (iii) a foreign protection order enforceable under Part 3, Uniform Interstate
7268 Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

7269 (b) The court may issue a protective order to a civil petitioner described in Subsection
7270 (3)(a) if:

7271 (i) the court determines that the requirements of Subsection (1) are met; and

7272 (ii) (A) the same court issued the protective order against the respondent; or

7273 (B) the subsequent court determines it would be impractical for the original court to
7274 consider the matter or confers with the court that issued the protective order described in
7275 Subsection (3)(a)(i) or (ii).

7276 Section 118. Section **78B-7-603** is amended to read:

7277 **78B-7-603. Cohabitant abuse protective orders -- Ex parte cohabitant abuse**
7278 **protective orders -- Modification of orders -- Service of process -- Duties of the court.**

7279 (1) If it appears from a petition for a protective order or a petition to modify a
7280 protective order that domestic violence or abuse has occurred, that there is a substantial
7281 likelihood domestic violence or abuse will occur, or that a modification of a protective order is

7282 required, a court may:

7283 (a) without notice, immediately issue an ex parte cohabitant abuse protective order or
7284 modify a protective order ex parte as the court considers necessary to protect the petitioner and
7285 all parties named to be protected in the petition; or

7286 (b) upon notice, issue a protective order or modify an order after a hearing, regardless
7287 of whether the respondent appears.

7288 (2) A court may grant the following relief without notice in a protective order or a
7289 modification issued ex parte:

7290 (a) enjoin the respondent from threatening to commit domestic violence or abuse,
7291 committing domestic violence or abuse, or harassing the petitioner or any designated family or
7292 household member;

7293 (b) prohibit the respondent from telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating
7294 with the petitioner or any designated family or household member, directly or indirectly, with
7295 the exception of any parent-time provisions in the ex parte order;

7296 (c) subject to Subsection (2)(e), prohibit the respondent from being within a specified
7297 distance of the petitioner;

7298 (d) subject to Subsection (2)(e), order that the respondent is excluded from and is to
7299 stay away from the following places and their premises:

7300 (i) the petitioner's residence or any designated family or household member's residence;

7301 (ii) the petitioner's school or any designated family or household member's school;

7302 (iii) the petitioner's or any designated family or household member's place of
7303 employment;

7304 (iv) the petitioner's place of worship or any designated family or household member's
7305 place of worship; or

7306 (v) any specified place frequented by the petitioner or any designated family or
7307 household member;

7308 (e) if the petitioner or designated family or household member attends the same school
7309 as the respondent, is employed at the same place of employment as the respondent, or attends
7310 the same place of worship, the court:

7311 (i) may not enter an order under Subsection (2)(c) or (d) that excludes the respondent
7312 from the respondent's school, place of employment, or place of worship; and

7313 (ii) may enter an order governing the respondent's conduct at the respondent's school,
7314 place of employment, or place of worship;

7315 (f) upon finding that the respondent's use or possession of a weapon may pose a serious
7316 threat of harm to the petitioner, prohibit the respondent from purchasing, using, or possessing a
7317 firearm or other weapon specified by the court;

7318 (g) order possession and use of an automobile and other essential personal effects, and
7319 direct the appropriate law enforcement officer to accompany the petitioner to the residence of
7320 the parties to ensure that the petitioner is safely restored to possession of the residence,
7321 automobile, and other essential personal effects, or to supervise the petitioner's or respondent's
7322 removal of personal belongings;

7323 (h) order the respondent to maintain an existing wireless telephone contract or account;

7324 (i) grant to the petitioner or someone other than the respondent temporary custody of a
7325 minor child of the parties;

7326 (j) order the appointment of an attorney guardian ad litem under Sections [78A-2-703](#)
7327 and [~~78A-6-902~~] [78A-2-803](#);

7328 (k) order any further relief that the court considers necessary to provide for the safety
7329 and welfare of the petitioner and any designated family or household member; and

7330 (l) if the petition requests child support or spousal support, at the hearing on the
7331 petition order both parties to provide verification of current income, including year-to-date pay
7332 stubs or employer statements of year-to-date or other period of earnings, as specified by the
7333 court, and complete copies of tax returns from at least the most recent year.

7334 (3) A court may grant the following relief in a cohabitant abuse protective order or a
7335 modification of an order after notice and hearing, regardless of whether the respondent appears:

7336 (a) grant the relief described in Subsection (2); and

7337 (b) specify arrangements for parent-time of any minor child by the respondent and
7338 require supervision of that parent-time by a third party or deny parent-time if necessary to
7339 protect the safety of the petitioner or child.

7340 (4) In addition to the relief granted under Subsection (3), the court may order the
7341 transfer of a wireless telephone number in accordance with Section [78B-7-117](#).

7342 (5) Following the cohabitant abuse protective order hearing, the court shall:

7343 (a) as soon as possible, deliver the order to the county sheriff for service of process;

7344 (b) make reasonable efforts to ensure that the cohabitant abuse protective order is
7345 understood by the petitioner, and the respondent, if present;

7346 (c) transmit electronically, by the end of the next business day after the order is issued,
7347 a copy of the cohabitant abuse protective order to the local law enforcement agency or agencies
7348 designated by the petitioner;

7349 (d) transmit a copy of the order to the statewide domestic violence network described
7350 in Section 78B-7-113; and

7351 (e) if the individual is a respondent or defendant subject to a court order that meets the
7352 qualifications outlined in 18 U.S.C. Sec. 922(g)(8), transmit within 48 hours, excluding
7353 Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, a record of the order to the Bureau of Criminal
7354 Identification that includes:

7355 (i) an agency record identifier;

7356 (ii) the individual's name, sex, race, and date of birth;

7357 (iii) the issue date, conditions, and expiration date for the protective order; and

7358 (iv) if available, the individual's social security number, government issued driver
7359 license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, state
7360 identification number, or FBI number.

7361 (6) Each protective order shall include two separate portions, one for provisions, the
7362 violation of which are criminal offenses, and one for provisions, the violation of which are civil
7363 violations, as follows:

7364 (a) criminal offenses are those under Subsections (2)(a) through (g), and under
7365 Subsection (3)(a) as it refers to Subsections (2)(a) through (g); and

7366 (b) civil offenses are those under Subsections (2)(h), (j), (k), and (l), and Subsection
7367 (3)(a) as it refers to Subsections (2)(h), (j), (k), and (l).

7368 (7) Child support and spouse support orders issued as part of a protective order are
7369 subject to mandatory income withholding under Title 62A, Chapter 11, Part 4, Income
7370 Withholding in IV-D Cases, and Title 62A, Chapter 11, Part 5, Income Withholding in Non
7371 IV-D Cases, except when the protective order is issued ex parte.

7372 (8) (a) The county sheriff that receives the order from the court, under Subsection (6),
7373 shall provide expedited service for protective orders issued in accordance with this part, and
7374 shall transmit verification of service of process, when the order has been served, to the

7375 statewide domestic violence network described in Section 78B-7-113.

7376 (b) This section does not prohibit any law enforcement agency from providing service
7377 of process if that law enforcement agency:

7378 (i) has contact with the respondent and service by that law enforcement agency is
7379 possible; or

7380 (ii) determines that under the circumstances, providing service of process on the
7381 respondent is in the best interests of the petitioner.

7382 (9) (a) When an order is served on a respondent in a jail or other holding facility, the
7383 law enforcement agency managing the facility shall make a reasonable effort to provide notice
7384 to the petitioner at the time the respondent is released from incarceration.

7385 (b) Notification of the petitioner shall consist of a good faith reasonable effort to
7386 provide notification, including mailing a copy of the notification to the last-known address of
7387 the victim.

7388 (10) A court may modify or vacate a protective order or any provisions in the
7389 protective order after notice and hearing, except that the criminal provisions of a cohabitant
7390 abuse protective order may not be vacated within two years of issuance unless the petitioner:

7391 (a) is personally served with notice of the hearing, as provided in the Utah Rules of
7392 Civil Procedure, and the petitioner personally appears, in person or through court video
7393 conferencing, before the court and gives specific consent to the vacation of the criminal
7394 provisions of the cohabitant abuse protective order; or

7395 (b) submits a verified affidavit, stating agreement to the vacation of the criminal
7396 provisions of the cohabitant abuse protective order.

7397 (11) A protective order may be modified without a showing of substantial and material
7398 change in circumstances.

7399 (12) A civil provision of a cohabitant abuse protective order described in Subsection
7400 (6) may be modified in a divorce proceeding that is pending between the parties to the
7401 cohabitant abuse protective order action after 150 days after the day on which the cohabitant
7402 abuse protective order is issued if:

7403 (a) the parties stipulate in writing or on the record to dismiss a civil provision of the
7404 cohabitant abuse protective order; or

7405 (b) the court in the divorce proceeding finds good cause to modify the civil provision.

7406 Section 119. Section **78B-7-702** is amended to read:

7407 **78B-7-702. Mutual civil stalking injunctions.**

7408 (1) A court may not grant a mutual order or mutual civil stalking injunction to
7409 opposing parties, unless each party:

7410 (a) files an independent petition against the other for a civil stalking injunction, and
7411 both petitions are served;

7412 (b) makes a showing at an evidentiary hearing on the civil stalking injunction that
7413 stalking has occurred by the other party; and

7414 (c) demonstrates the alleged act did not occur in self-defense.

7415 (2) If the court issues mutual civil stalking injunctions, the court shall include specific
7416 findings of all elements of Subsection (1) in the court order justifying the entry of the court
7417 orders.

7418 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a court may not grant a protective order
7419 to a civil petitioner who is the respondent or defendant subject to:

7420 (i) a civil stalking injunction;

7421 (ii) a civil protective order that is issued under:

7422 (A) this part;

7423 (B) Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

7424 (C) Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders;

7425 (D) Part 8, Criminal Protective Orders; or

7426 (E) [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Juvenile Court Act~~] Title 80, Utah Juvenile Code;

7427 (iii) an ex parte civil protective order issued under Part 2, Child Protective Orders; or

7428 (iv) a foreign protection order enforceable under Part 3, Uniform Interstate

7429 Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

7430 (b) The court may issue a protective order to a civil petitioner described in Subsection
7431 (3)(a) if:

7432 (i) the court determines that the requirements of Subsection (1) are met; and

7433 (ii) (A) the same court issued the protective order against the respondent; or

7434 (B) the subsequent court determines it would be impractical for the original court to
7435 consider the matter or confers with the court that issued the protective order described in
7436 Subsection (3)(a)(ii) or (iii).

7437 Section 120. Section **78B-11-121** is amended to read:

7438 **78B-11-121. Change of award by arbitrator.**

7439 (1) On motion to an arbitrator by a party to an arbitration proceeding, the arbitrator may
7440 modify or correct an award:

7441 (a) on any grounds stated in Subsection [78B-11-125\(1\)\(a\)](#) or (c);

7442 (b) if the arbitrator has not made a final and definite award upon a claim submitted by
7443 the parties to the arbitration proceeding; or

7444 (c) to clarify the award.

7445 (2) A motion under Subsection (1) must be made and notice given to all parties within
7446 20 days after the movant receives notice of the award.

7447 (3) A party to the arbitration proceeding must give notice of any objection to the
7448 motion within 10 days after receipt of the notice.

7449 (4) If a motion to the court is pending under Section [78B-11-123](#), [78B-11-124](#), or
7450 [78B-11-125](#), the court may submit the claim to the arbitrator to consider whether to modify or
7451 correct the award:

7452 (a) on any grounds stated in Subsection [78B-11-125\(1\)\(a\)](#) or (c);

7453 (b) if the arbitrator has not made a final and definite award upon a claim submitted by
7454 the parties to the arbitration proceeding; or

7455 (c) to clarify the award.

7456 (5) An award modified or corrected pursuant to this section is subject to [~~Subsection~~
7457 ~~[78A-6-119\(1\)](#) and] Sections [78A-6-357](#), [78B-11-123](#), [78B-11-124](#), and [78B-11-125](#).~~

7458 Section 121. Section **78B-12-219** is amended to read:

7459 **78B-12-219. Adjustment when child becomes emancipated.**

7460 (1) When a child becomes 18 years [~~of age~~] old or graduates from high school during
7461 the child's normal and expected year of graduation, whichever occurs later, or if the child dies,
7462 marries, becomes a member of the armed forces of the United States, or is emancipated in
7463 accordance with [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 8, Emancipation~~] Title 80, Chapter 7,
7464 Emancipation, the base child support award is automatically adjusted to the base combined
7465 child support obligation for the remaining number of children due child support, shown in the
7466 table that was used to establish the most recent order, using the incomes of the parties as
7467 specified in that order or the worksheets, unless otherwise provided in the child support order.

7468 (2) The award may not be reduced by a per child amount derived from the base child
7469 support award originally ordered.

7470 (3) If the incomes of the parties are not specified in the most recent order or the
7471 worksheets, the information regarding the incomes is not consistent, or the order deviates from
7472 the guidelines, automatic adjustment of the order does not apply and the order will continue
7473 until modified by the issuing tribunal. If the order is deviated and the parties subsequently
7474 obtain a judicial order that adjusts the support back to the date of the emancipation of the child,
7475 the Office of Recovery Services may not be required to repay any difference in the support
7476 collected during the interim.

7477 Section 122. Section **78B-15-612** is amended to read:

7478 **78B-15-612. Minor as party -- Representation.**

7479 (1) A minor is a permissible party, but is not a necessary party to a proceeding under
7480 this part.

7481 (2) The tribunal may appoint an attorney guardian ad litem under Sections [78A-2-703](#)
7482 and [~~78A-6-902~~] [78A-2-803](#), or a private attorney guardian ad litem under Section [78A-2-705](#),
7483 to represent a minor or incapacitated child if the child is a party.

7484 Section 123. Section **78B-22-102** is amended to read:

7485 **78B-22-102. Definitions.**

7486 As used in this chapter:

7487 (1) "Account" means the Indigent Defense Resources Restricted Account created in
7488 Section [78B-22-405](#).

7489 (2) "Board" means the Indigent Defense Funds Board created in Section [78B-22-501](#).

7490 (3) "Commission" means the Utah Indigent Defense Commission created in Section
7491 [78B-22-401](#).

7492 (4) "Director" means the director of the Office of Indigent Defense Services, created in
7493 Section [78B-22-451](#), who is appointed in accordance with Section [78B-22-453](#).

7494 (5) (a) "Indigent defense resources" means the resources necessary to provide an
7495 effective defense for an indigent individual, including the costs for a competent investigator,
7496 expert witness, scientific or medical testing, transcripts, and printing briefs.

7497 (b) "Indigent defense resources" does not include an indigent defense service provider.

7498 (6) "Indigent defense service provider" means an attorney or entity appointed to

7499 represent an indigent individual pursuant to:

7500 (a) a contract with an indigent defense system to provide indigent defense services; or

7501 (b) an order issued by the court under Subsection [78B-22-203\(2\)\(a\)](#).

7502 (7) "Indigent defense services" means:

7503 (a) the representation of an indigent individual by an indigent defense service provider;

7504 and

7505 (b) the provision of indigent defense resources for an indigent individual.

7506 (8) "Indigent defense system" means:

7507 (a) a city or town that is responsible for providing indigent defense services;

7508 (b) a county that is responsible for providing indigent defense services in the district

7509 court, juvenile court, and the county's justice courts; or

7510 (c) an interlocal entity, created pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation

7511 Act, that is responsible for providing indigent defense services according to the terms of an

7512 agreement between a county, city, or town.

7513 (9) "Indigent individual" means:

7514 (a) a minor who is:

7515 (i) arrested and admitted into detention for an offense under Section [78A-6-103](#);

7516 (ii) charged by petition or information in the juvenile or district court; or

7517 (iii) described in this Subsection (9)(a), who is appealing an adjudication or other final

7518 court action; and

7519 (b) an individual listed in Subsection [78B-22-201\(1\)](#) who is found indigent pursuant to

7520 Section [78B-22-202](#).

7521 (10) "Minor" means the same as that term is defined in Section [~~[78A-6-105](#)~~] [80-1-102](#).

7522 (11) "Office" means the Office of Indigent Defense Services created in Section

7523 [78B-22-451](#).

7524 (12) "Participating county" means a county that complies with this chapter for

7525 participation in the Indigent Aggravated Murder Defense Trust Fund as provided in Sections

7526 [78B-22-702](#) and [78B-22-703](#).

7527 Section 124. Section **78B-22-201** is amended to read:

7528 **78B-22-201. Right to counsel.**

7529 (1) A court shall advise the following of the individual's right to counsel when the

7530 individual first appears before the court:

7531 (a) an adult charged with a criminal offense the penalty for which includes the
7532 possibility of incarceration regardless of whether actually imposed;

7533 (b) a parent or legal guardian facing an action initiated by the state under:
7534 [~~(i) Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings;~~]
7535 [~~(ii) Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act; or~~]
7536 [~~(iii) Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 10, Adult Offenses;~~]

7537 (i) Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings;
7538 (ii) Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights; or
7539 (iii) Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 4a, Adult Criminal Proceedings;

7540 (c) a parent or legal guardian facing an action initiated by any party under:
7541 [~~(i) Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act; or~~]
7542 (i) Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental Rights; or
7543 (ii) Section [78B-6-112](#); or

7544 (d) an individual described in this Subsection (1), who is appealing a conviction or
7545 other final court action.

7546 (2) If an individual described in Subsection (1) does not knowingly and voluntarily
7547 waive the right to counsel, the court shall determine whether the individual is indigent under
7548 Section [78B-22-202](#).

7549 Section 125. Section **78B-22-406** is amended to read:

7550 **78B-22-406. Indigent defense services grant program.**

7551 (1) The commission may award grants:

7552 (a) to supplement local spending by an indigent defense system for indigent defense
7553 services; and

7554 (b) for contracts to provide indigent defense services for appeals from juvenile court
7555 proceedings in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.

7556 (2) The commission may use grant money:

7557 (a) to assist an indigent defense system to provide indigent defense services that meet
7558 the commission's core principles for the effective representation of indigent individuals;

7559 (b) to establish and maintain local indigent defense data collection systems;

7560 (c) to provide indigent defense services in addition to indigent defense services that are

7561 currently being provided by an indigent defense system;

7562 (d) to provide training and continuing legal education for indigent defense service
7563 providers;

7564 (e) to assist indigent defense systems with appeals from juvenile court proceedings;

7565 (f) to pay for indigent defense resources and costs and expenses for parental defense
7566 attorneys as described in Subsection [78B-22-804\(2\)](#); and

7567 (g) to reimburse an indigent defense system for the cost of providing indigent defense
7568 services in an action initiated by a private party under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 5,~~
7569 ~~Termination of Parental Rights~~] Title 80, Chapter 4, Termination and Restoration of Parental
7570 Rights, if the indigent defense system has complied with the commission's policies and
7571 procedures for reimbursement.

7572 (3) To receive a grant from the commission, an indigent defense system shall
7573 demonstrate to the commission's satisfaction that:

7574 (a) the indigent defense system has incurred or reasonably anticipates incurring
7575 expenses for indigent defense services that are in addition to the indigent defense system's
7576 average annual spending on indigent defense services in the three fiscal years immediately
7577 preceding the grant application; and

7578 (b) a grant from the commission is necessary for the indigent defense system to meet
7579 the commission's core principles for the effective representation of indigent individuals.

7580 (4) The commission may revoke a grant if an indigent defense system fails to meet
7581 requirements of the grant or any of the commission's core principles for the effective
7582 representation of indigent individuals.

7583 Section 126. Section **78B-22-801** is amended to read:

7584 **78B-22-801. Definitions.**

7585 As used in this part:

7586 (1) "Child welfare case" means a proceeding under [~~Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 3,~~
7587 ~~Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Proceedings, or Part 5, Termination of Parental Rights Act~~]
7588 Title 80, Chapter 3, Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency Proceedings, or Chapter 4, Termination
7589 and Restoration of Parental Rights.

7590 (2) "Contracted parental defense attorney" means an attorney who represents an
7591 indigent individual who is a parent in a child welfare case under a contract with the office or a

7592 contributing county.

7593 (3) "Contributing county" means a county that complies with this part for participation
7594 in the Child Welfare Parental Defense Fund described in Section [78B-22-804](#).

7595 (4) "Fund" means the Child Welfare Parental Defense Fund created in Section
7596 [78B-22-804](#).

7597 (5) "Program" means the Child Welfare Parental Defense Program created in Section
7598 [78B-22-802](#).

7599 Section 127. Section **78B-22-803** is amended to read:

7600 **78B-22-803. Child welfare parental defense contracts.**

7601 (1) (a) The office may enter into a contract with an attorney to provide indigent defense
7602 services for a parent who is the subject of a petition alleging abuse, neglect, or dependency, and
7603 requires indigent defense services under Section [~~78A-6-111~~] [80-3-104](#).

7604 (b) The office shall make payment for the representation, costs, and expenses of a
7605 contracted parental defense attorney from the Child Welfare Parental Defense Fund in
7606 accordance with Section [78B-22-804](#).

7607 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a contracted parental defense attorney
7608 shall:

7609 (i) complete a basic training course provided by the office;

7610 (ii) provide parental defense services consistent with the commission's core principles
7611 described in Section [78B-22-404](#);

7612 (iii) have experience in child welfare cases; and

7613 (iv) participate each calendar year in continuing legal education courses providing no
7614 fewer than eight hours of instruction in child welfare law.

7615 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
7616 commission may, by rule, exempt from the requirements of Subsection (2)(a) an attorney who
7617 has equivalent training or adequate experience.

7618 Section 128. **Effective date.**

7619 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on July 1, 2021.

7620 (2) Sections [26-2-22](#) (Effective 11/01/21) and [78B-6-141](#) (Effective 11/01/21) in this
7621 bill, take effect on November 1, 2021.