

**KIDNAPPING OFFENDER AMENDMENTS**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Fred C. Cox**

Senate Sponsor: Benjamin M. McAdams

---

---

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding offenses on the Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender registry and a process for kidnapping and unlawful detention offenders to be removed from the registry.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides a judicial process by which an offender under Section 76-5-301 regarding kidnapping or an offender under Section 76-5-304 regarding unlawful detention may petition the court for removal from the registry;
- ▶ provides a process for the offender to obtain criminal records necessary for the judicial hearing; and
- ▶ removes the offense of kidnapping from the list of offenses required to be on the sex offender registry, but does not remove kidnapping offenses involving children or aggravating circumstances.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill coordinates with H.B. 17, Sex Offender Registry Chapter, by providing technical amendments.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**77-27-21.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 48, 320 and last amended

30 by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 48

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

32 **77-27-21.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapters 48, 320 and last amended  
33 by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 48

34 **77-41-109**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 **77-41-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

38 Section 1. Section **77-27-21.5** is amended to read:

39 **77-27-21.5. Sex and kidnap offenders -- Registration -- Information system --**  
40 **Law enforcement and courts to report -- Penalty -- Effect of expungement.**

41 (1) As used in this section:

42 (a) "Business day" means a day on which state offices are open for regular business.

43 (b) "Department" means the Department of Corrections.

44 (c) "Division" means the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

45 (d) "Employed" or "carries on a vocation" includes employment that is full time or part  
46 time, whether financially compensated, volunteered, or for the purpose of government or  
47 educational benefit.

48 (e) "Indian Country" means:

49 (i) all land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the  
50 United States government, regardless of the issuance of any patent, and includes rights-of-way  
51 running through the reservation;

52 (ii) all dependent Indian communities within the borders of the United States whether  
53 within the original or subsequently acquired territory, and whether or not within the limits of a  
54 state; and

55 (iii) all Indian allotments, including the Indian allotments to which the Indian titles to  
56 have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through the allotments.

57 (f) "Jurisdiction" means any state, Indian Country, United States Territory, or any

58 property under the jurisdiction of the United States military, Canada, the United Kingdom,  
59 Australia, or New Zealand.

60 (g) "Kidnap offender" means any person other than a natural parent of the victim who:

61 (i) has been convicted in this state of a violation of:

62 [~~(A) Section 76-5-301, Subsection (1)(c) or (d), kidnapping;~~]

63 [~~(B)~~] (A) Section 76-5-301.1, child kidnapping;

64 [~~(C)~~] (B) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnapping;

65 [~~(D)~~] (C) Section 76-5-310, aggravated human trafficking, on or after May 10, 2011; or

66 [~~(E)~~] (D) attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit any felony offense listed in

67 Subsections (1)(g)(i)(A) through [~~(D)~~] (C);

68 (ii) has been convicted of any crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to  
69 commit a crime in another jurisdiction, including any state, federal, or military court that is  
70 substantially equivalent to the offenses listed in Subsection (1)(g)(i) and who is:

71 (A) a Utah resident; or

72 (B) not a Utah resident, but who, in any 12 month period, is in this state for a total of  
73 10 or more days, regardless of whether or not the offender intends to permanently reside in this  
74 state;

75 (iii) (A) is required to register as an offender in any other jurisdiction, or who is  
76 required to register as an offender by any state, federal, or military court; and

77 (B) in any 12 month period, is in this state for a total of 10 or more days, regardless of  
78 whether or not the offender intends to permanently reside in this state;

79 (iv) is a nonresident regularly employed or working in this state, or who is a student in  
80 this state, and was convicted of one or more offenses listed in Subsection (1)(g), or any  
81 substantially equivalent offense in another jurisdiction, or as a result of the conviction, is  
82 required to register in the person's state of residence;

83 (v) is found not guilty by reason of insanity in this state or in any other jurisdiction of  
84 one or more offenses listed in Subsection (1)(g); or

85 (vi) is adjudicated delinquent based on one or more offenses listed in Subsection

86 (1)(g)(i) and who has been committed to the division for secure confinement and remains in the  
87 division's custody 30 days prior to the person's 21st birthday.

88 (h) "Natural parent" means a minor's biological or adoptive parent, and includes the  
89 minor's noncustodial parent.

90 (i) "Offender" means a kidnap offender as defined in Subsection (1)(g) or a sex  
91 offender as defined in Subsection (1)(n).

92 (j) "Online identifier" or "Internet identifier":

93 (i) means any electronic mail, chat, instant messenger, social networking, or similar  
94 name used for Internet communication; and

95 (ii) does not include date of birth, Social Security number, PIN number, or Internet  
96 passwords.

97 (k) "Primary residence" means the location where the offender regularly resides, even  
98 if the offender intends to move to another location or return to another location at any future  
99 date.

100 (l) "Register" means to comply with the requirements of this section and administrative  
101 rules of the department made under this section.

102 (m) "Secondary residence" means any real property that the offender owns or has a  
103 financial interest in, or any location where, in any 12 month period, the offender stays  
104 overnight a total of 10 or more nights when not staying at the offender's primary residence.

105 (n) "Sex offender" means any person:

106 (i) convicted in this state of:

107 (A) a felony or class A misdemeanor violation of Section 76-4-401, enticing a minor;

108 (B) Section 76-5b-202, sexual exploitation of a vulnerable adult, on or after May 10,  
109 2011;

110 (C) a felony violation of Section 76-5-401, unlawful sexual activity with a minor;

111 (D) Section 76-5-401.1, sexual abuse of a minor;

112 (E) Section 76-5-401.2, unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old;

113 (F) Section 76-5-402, rape;

- 114 (G) Section 76-5-402.1, rape of a child;
- 115 (H) Section 76-5-402.2, object rape;
- 116 (I) Section 76-5-402.3, object rape of a child;
- 117 (J) a felony violation of Section 76-5-403, forcible sodomy;
- 118 (K) Section 76-5-403.1, sodomy on a child;
- 119 (L) Section 76-5-404, forcible sexual abuse;
- 120 (M) Section 76-5-404.1, sexual abuse of a child or aggravated sexual abuse of a child;
- 121 (N) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault;
- 122 (O) Section 76-5-412, custodial sexual relations, when the person in custody is younger
- 123 than 18 years of age, if the offense is committed on or after May 10, 2011;
- 124 (P) Section 76-5b-201, sexual exploitation of a minor;
- 125 (Q) Section 76-7-102, incest;
- 126 (R) Subsection 76-9-702(1), lewdness, if the person has been convicted of the offense
- 127 four or more times;
- 128 (S) Subsection 76-9-702(3), sexual battery, if the person has been convicted of the
- 129 offense four or more times;
- 130 (T) any combination of convictions of Subsection 76-9-702(1), lewdness, and of
- 131 Subsection 76-9-702(3), sexual battery, that total four or more convictions;
- 132 (U) Section 76-9-702.5, lewdness involving a child;
- 133 (V) a felony or class A misdemeanor violation of Section 76-9-702.7, voyeurism;
- 134 (W) Section 76-10-1306, aggravated exploitation of prostitution; or
- 135 (X) attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit any felony offense listed in
- 136 Subsection (1)(n)(i);
- 137 (ii) who has been convicted of any crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to
- 138 commit a crime in another jurisdiction, including any state, federal, or military court that is
- 139 substantially equivalent to the offenses listed in Subsection (1)(n)(i) and who is:
- 140 (A) a Utah resident; or
- 141 (B) not a Utah resident, but who, in any 12 month period, is in this state for a total of

142 10 or more days, regardless of whether the offender intends to permanently reside in this state;

143 (iii) (A) who is required to register as an offender in any other jurisdiction, or who is  
144 required to register as an offender by any state, federal, or military court; and

145 (B) who, in any 12 month period, is in the state for a total of 10 or more days,  
146 regardless of whether or not the offender intends to permanently reside in this state;

147 (iv) who is a nonresident regularly employed or working in this state or who is a  
148 student in this state and was convicted of one or more offenses listed in Subsection (1)(n)(i), or  
149 any substantially equivalent offense in any jurisdiction, or as a result of the conviction, is  
150 required to register in the person's jurisdiction of residence;

151 (v) who is found not guilty by reason of insanity in this state, or in any other  
152 jurisdiction of one or more offenses listed in Subsection (1)(n)(i); or

153 (vi) who is adjudicated delinquent based on one or more offenses listed in Subsection  
154 (1)(n)(i) and who has been committed to the division for secure confinement and remains in the  
155 division's custody 30 days prior to the person's 21st birthday.

156 (o) "Vehicle" means any motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft subject to registration in  
157 any jurisdiction.

158 (2) The department, to assist in investigating kidnapping and sex-related crimes, and in  
159 apprehending offenders, shall:

160 (a) develop and operate a system to collect, analyze, maintain, and disseminate  
161 information on offenders and sex and kidnap offenses;

162 (b) make information listed in Subsection (27) available to the public; and

163 (c) share information provided by an offender under this section that may not be made  
164 available to the public under Subsection (27), but only:

165 (i) for the purposes under this Subsection (2); or

166 (ii) in accordance with Section 63G-2-206.

167 (3) Any law enforcement agency shall, in the manner prescribed by the department,  
168 inform the department of:

169 (a) the receipt of a report or complaint of an offense listed in Subsection (1)(g) or (n),

170 within three business days; and

171 (b) the arrest of a person suspected of any of the offenses listed in Subsection (1)(g) or  
172 (n), within five business days.

173 (4) Upon convicting a person of any of the offenses listed in Subsection (1)(g) or (n),  
174 the convicting court shall within three business days forward a copy of the judgment and  
175 sentence to the department.

176 (5) An offender in the custody of the department shall be registered by agents of the  
177 department upon:

178 (a) placement on probation;

179 (b) commitment to a secure correctional facility operated by or under contract to the  
180 department;

181 (c) release from confinement to parole status, termination or expiration of sentence, or  
182 escape;

183 (d) entrance to and release from any community-based residential program operated by  
184 or under contract to the department; or

185 (e) termination of probation or parole.

186 (6) An offender who is not in the custody of the department and who is confined in a  
187 correctional facility not operated by or under contract to the department shall be registered with  
188 the department by the sheriff of the county in which the offender is confined, upon:

189 (a) commitment to the correctional facility; and

190 (b) release from confinement.

191 (7) An offender in the custody of the division shall be registered with the department  
192 by the division prior to release from custody.

193 (8) An offender committed to a state mental hospital shall be registered with the  
194 department by the hospital upon admission and upon discharge.

195 (9) (a) (i) A municipal or county law enforcement agency shall register an offender  
196 who resides within the agency's jurisdiction and is not under the supervision of the Division of  
197 Adult Probation and Parole within the department.

198 (ii) In order to conduct offender registration under this section, the agency shall ensure  
199 the agency staff responsible for registration:

200 (A) has received initial training by the department and has been certified by the  
201 department as qualified and authorized to conduct registrations and enter offender registration  
202 information into the registry database; and

203 (B) certify annually with the department.

204 (b) (i) When the department receives offender registration information regarding a  
205 change of an offender's primary residence location, the department shall within five days  
206 electronically notify the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over the area where:

207 (A) the residence that the offender is leaving is located; and

208 (B) the residence to which the offender is moving is located.

209 (ii) The department shall provide notification under this Subsection (9)(b) if the  
210 offender's change of address is between law enforcement agency jurisdictions, or is within one  
211 jurisdiction.

212 (c) The department shall make available to offenders required to register under this  
213 section the name of the agency, whether it is a local law enforcement agency or the department,  
214 that the offender should contact to register, the location for registering, and the requirements of  
215 registration.

216 (10) An offender convicted by any other jurisdiction is required to register under  
217 Subsection (1)(g) or (n) and Subsection (12) and shall register with the department within 10  
218 days of entering the state, regardless of the offender's length of stay.

219 (11) (a) An offender required to register under Subsection (1)(g) or (n) who is under  
220 supervision by the department shall register with Division of Adult Probation and Parole.

221 (b) An offender required to register under Subsection (1)(g) or (n) who is no longer  
222 under supervision by the department shall register with the police department or sheriff's office  
223 that has jurisdiction over the area where the offender resides.

224 (12) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (12)(b), (c), and (d), an offender shall, for  
225 the duration of the sentence and for 10 years after termination of sentence or custody of the



226 division, register every year during the month of the offender's birth, during the month that is  
227 the sixth month after the offender's birth month, and also within three business days of every  
228 change of the offender's primary residence, any secondary residences, place of employment,  
229 vehicle information, or educational information required to be submitted under Subsection  
230 (14).

231 (b) Except as provided Subsections (12)(c) and (d), an offender who is convicted in  
232 another jurisdiction of an offense listed in Subsection (1)(g)(i) or (n)(i), a substantially similar  
233 offense, or any other offense that requires registration in the jurisdiction of conviction, shall:

234 (i) register for the time period, and in the frequency, required by the jurisdiction where  
235 the offender was convicted if that jurisdiction's registration period or registration frequency  
236 requirement for the offense that the offender was convicted of is greater than the 10 years from  
237 completion of the sentence registration period that is required under Subsection (12)(a), or is  
238 more frequent than every six months; or

239 (ii) register in accordance with the requirements of Subsection (12)(a), if the  
240 jurisdiction's registration period or frequency requirement for the offense that the offender was  
241 convicted of is less than the registration period required under Subsection (12)(a), or is less  
242 frequent than every six months.

243 (c) (i) (A) An offender convicted as an adult of any of the offenses listed in Subsection  
244 (12)(c)(ii) shall, for the offender's lifetime, register every year during the month of the  
245 offender's birth, during the month that is the sixth month after the offender's birth month, and  
246 also within three business days of every change of the offender's primary residence, any  
247 secondary residences, place of employment, vehicle information, or educational information  
248 required to be submitted under Subsection (14).

249 (B) This registration requirement is not subject to exemptions and may not be  
250 terminated or altered during the offender's lifetime.

251 (ii) Offenses referred to in Subsection (12)(c)(i) are:

252 (A) any offense listed in Subsection (1)(g) or (n) if, at the time of the conviction, the  
253 offender has previously been convicted of an offense listed in Subsection (1)(g) or (n) or has

254 previously been required to register as a sex offender for an offense committed as a juvenile;

255 (B) a conviction for any of the following offenses, including attempting, soliciting, or  
256 conspiring to commit any felony of:

257 (I) Section 76-5-301.1, child kidnapping, except if the offender is a natural parent of  
258 the victim;

259 (II) Section 76-5-402, rape;

260 (III) Section 76-5-402.1, rape of a child;

261 (IV) Section 76-5-402.2, object rape;

262 (V) Section 76-5-402.3, object rape of a child;

263 (VI) Section 76-5-403.1, sodomy on a child;

264 (VII) Subsection 76-5-404.1(4), aggravated sexual abuse of a child; or

265 (VIII) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault;

266 (C) Section 76-4-401, a felony violation of enticing a minor over the Internet;

267 (D) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnapping, except if the offender is a natural parent  
268 of the victim;

269 (E) Section 76-5-403, forcible sodomy;

270 (F) Section 76-5-404.1, sexual abuse of a child;

271 (G) Section 76-5b-201, sexual exploitation of a minor; or

272 (H) Section 76-10-1306, aggravated exploitation of prostitution, on or after May 10,  
273 2011.

274 (d) Notwithstanding Subsections (12)(a), (b), and (c), an offender who is confined in a  
275 secure facility or in a state mental hospital is not required to register during the period of  
276 confinement.

277 (e) An offender who is required to register under this Subsection (12) shall surrender  
278 the offender's license, certificate, or identification card as required under Subsection  
279 53-3-216(3) or 53-3-807(4) and may apply for a license certificate or identification card as  
280 provided under Section 53-3-205 or 53-3-804.

281 (f) A sex offender who violates Section 77-27-21.8 while required to register under this

282 section shall register for an additional five years subsequent to the registration period otherwise  
283 required under this section.

284 (13) An agency in the state that registers an offender on probation, an offender who has  
285 been released from confinement to parole status or termination, or an offender whose sentence  
286 has expired shall inform the offender of the duty to comply with:

287 (a) the continuing registration requirements of this section during the period of  
288 registration required in Subsection (12), including:

289 (i) notification to the state agencies in the states where the registrant presently resides  
290 and plans to reside when moving across state lines;

291 (ii) verification of address at least every 60 days pursuant to a parole agreement for  
292 lifetime parolees; and

293 (iii) notification to the out-of-state agency where the offender is living, whether or not  
294 the offender is a resident of that state; and

295 (b) the driver license certificate or identification card surrender requirement under  
296 Subsection 53-3-216(3) or 53-3-807(4) and application provisions under Section 53-3-205 or  
297 53-3-804.

298 (14) An offender shall provide the department or the registering entity with the  
299 following information:

300 (a) all names and aliases by which the offender is or has been known;

301 (b) the addresses of the offender's primary and secondary residences;

302 (c) a physical description, including the offender's date of birth, height, weight, eye and  
303 hair color;

304 (d) the make, model, color, year, plate number, and vehicle identification number of  
305 any vehicle or vehicles the offender owns or regularly drives;

306 (e) a current photograph of the offender;

307 (f) a set of fingerprints, if one has not already been provided;

308 (g) a DNA specimen, taken in accordance with Section 53-10-404, if one has not  
309 already been provided;

310 (h) telephone numbers and any other designations used by the offender for routing or  
311 self-identification in telephonic communications from fixed locations or cellular telephones;

312 (i) Internet identifiers and the addresses the offender uses for routing or  
313 self-identification in Internet communications or postings;

314 (j) the name and Internet address of all websites on which the offender is registered  
315 using an online identifier, including all online identifiers used to access those websites;

316 (k) a copy of the offender's passport, if a passport has been issued to the offender;

317 (l) if the offender is an alien, all documents establishing the offender's immigration  
318 status;

319 (m) all professional licenses that authorize the offender to engage in an occupation or  
320 carry out a trade or business, including any identifiers, such as numbers;

321 (n) each educational institution in Utah at which the offender is employed, carries on a  
322 vocation, or is a student, and any change of enrollment or employment status of the offender at  
323 any educational institution;

324 (o) the name and the address of any place where the offender is employed or will be  
325 employed;

326 (p) the name and the address of any place where the offender works as a volunteer or  
327 will work as a volunteer; and

328 (q) the offender's Social Security number.

329 (15) The department shall:

330 (a) provide the following additional information when available:

331 (i) the crimes the offender has been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for;

332 (ii) a description of the offender's primary and secondary targets; and

333 (iii) any other relevant identifying information as determined by the department;

334 (b) maintain the Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Notification and Registration  
335 website; and

336 (c) ensure that the registration information collected regarding an offender's enrollment  
337 or employment at an educational institution is:

338 (i) (A) promptly made available to any law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction  
339 where the institution is located if the educational institution is an institution of higher  
340 education; or

341 (B) promptly made available to the district superintendent of the school district where  
342 the offender is enrolled if the educational institution is an institution of primary education; and

343 (ii) entered into the appropriate state records or data system.

344 (16) (a) An offender who knowingly fails to register under this section or provides  
345 false or incomplete information is guilty of:

346 (i) a third degree felony and shall be sentenced to serve a term of incarceration for not  
347 less than 90 days and also at least one year of probation if:

348 (A) the offender is required to register for a felony conviction or adjudicated delinquent  
349 for what would be a felony if the juvenile were an adult of an offense listed in Subsection  
350 (1)(g)(i) or (n)(i); or

351 (B) the offender is required to register for the offender's lifetime under Subsection  
352 (12)(c); or

353 (ii) a class A misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to serve a term of incarceration for  
354 not fewer than 90 days and also at least one year of probation if the offender is required to  
355 register for a misdemeanor conviction or is adjudicated delinquent for what would be a  
356 misdemeanor if the juvenile were an adult of an offense listed in Subsection (1)(g)(i) or (n)(i).

357 (b) Neither the court nor the Board of Pardons and Parole may release a person who  
358 violates this section from serving the term required under Subsection (16)(a). This Subsection  
359 (16)(b) supersedes any other provision of the law contrary to this section.

360 (c) The offender shall register for an additional year for every year in which the  
361 offender does not comply with the registration requirements of this section.

362 (17) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and  
363 Management Act, information under Subsection (15) that is collected and released under  
364 Subsection (27) is public information, unless otherwise restricted under Subsection (2)(c).

365 (18) (a) If an offender is to be temporarily sent outside a secure facility in which the

366 offender is confined on any assignment, including, without limitation, firefighting or disaster  
367 control, the official who has custody of the offender shall, within a reasonable time prior to  
368 removal from the secure facility, notify the local law enforcement agencies where the  
369 assignment is to be filled.

370 (b) This Subsection (18) does not apply to any person temporarily released under guard  
371 from the institution in which the person is confined.

372 (19) Notwithstanding Title 77, Chapter 40, Utah Expungement Act, a person convicted  
373 of any offense listed in Subsection (1)(g) or (n) is not relieved from the responsibility to  
374 register as required under this section, unless the offender is removed from the registry under  
375 Subsection (35).

376 (20) Notwithstanding Section 42-1-1, an offender:

377 (a) may not change the offender's name:

378 (i) while under the jurisdiction of the department; and

379 (ii) until the registration requirements of this statute have expired; and

380 (b) may not change the offender's name at any time, if registration is for life under  
381 Subsection (12)(c).

382 (21) The department may make administrative rules necessary to implement this  
383 section, including:

384 (a) the method for dissemination of the information; and

385 (b) instructions to the public regarding the use of the information.

386 (22) Any information regarding the identity or location of a victim shall be redacted by  
387 the department from information provided under Subsections (14) and (15).

388 (23) This section does not create or impose any duty on any person to request or obtain  
389 information regarding any offender from the department.

390 (24) The department shall maintain a Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Notification  
391 and Registration website on the Internet, which shall contain a disclaimer informing the public:

392 (a) the information contained on the site is obtained from offenders and the department  
393 does not guarantee its accuracy or completeness;

394 (b) members of the public are not allowed to use the information to harass or threaten  
395 offenders or members of their families; and

396 (c) harassment, stalking, or threats against offenders or their families are prohibited and  
397 doing so may violate Utah criminal laws.

398 (25) The Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Notification and Registration website  
399 shall be indexed by both the surname of the offender and by postal codes.

400 (26) The department shall construct the Sex Offender Notification and Registration  
401 website so that users, before accessing registry information, must indicate that they have read  
402 the disclaimer, understand it, and agree to comply with its terms.

403 (27) The Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Notification and Registration website  
404 shall include the following registry information:

405 (a) all names and aliases by which the offender is or has been known, but not including  
406 any online or Internet identifiers;

407 (b) the addresses of the offender's primary, secondary, and temporary residences;

408 (c) a physical description, including the offender's date of birth, height, weight, and eye  
409 and hair color;

410 (d) the make, model, color, year, and plate number of any vehicle or vehicles the  
411 offender owns or regularly drives;

412 (e) a current photograph of the offender;

413 (f) a list of all professional licenses that authorize the offender to engage in an  
414 occupation or carry out a trade or business;

415 (g) each educational institution in Utah at which the offender is employed, carries on a  
416 vocation, or is a student;

417 (h) a list of places where the offender works as a volunteer; and

418 (i) the crimes listed in Subsections (1)(g) and(n) that the offender has been convicted of  
419 or for which the offender has been adjudicated delinquent in juvenile court.

420 (28) The department, its personnel, and any individual or entity acting at the request or  
421 upon the direction of the department are immune from civil liability for damages for good faith

422 compliance with this section and will be presumed to have acted in good faith by reporting  
423 information.

424 (29) The department shall redact information that, if disclosed, could reasonably  
425 identify a victim.

426 (30) (a) Each offender required to register under Subsection (12) shall, in the month of  
427 the offender's birth:

428 (i) pay to the department an annual fee of \$100 each year the offender is subject to the  
429 registration requirements of this section; and

430 (ii) pay to the registering agency, if it is an agency other than the Department of  
431 Corrections, an annual fee of not more than \$25, which may be assessed by that agency for  
432 providing registration.

433 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (30)(a), an offender who is confined in a secure facility  
434 or in a state mental hospital is not required to pay the annual fee.

435 (c) The department shall deposit fees under this Subsection (30) in the General Fund as  
436 a dedicated credit, to be used by the department for maintaining the offender registry under this  
437 section and monitoring offender registration compliance, including the costs of:

438 (i) data entry;

439 (ii) processing registration packets;

440 (iii) updating registry information;

441 (iv) ensuring offender compliance with registration requirements under this section;

442 and

443 (v) apprehending offenders who are in violation of the offender registration  
444 requirements under this section.

445 (31) Notwithstanding Subsections (2)(c) and (14)(i) and (j), an offender is not required  
446 to provide the department with:

447 (a) the offender's online identifier and password used exclusively for the offender's  
448 employment on equipment provided by an employer and used to access the employer's private  
449 network; or



450 (b) online identifiers for the offender's financial accounts, including any bank,  
451 retirement, or investment accounts.

452 (32) An offender may petition the court where the offender was convicted of the  
453 offense requiring registration for an order requiring that the offender be removed from the Sex  
454 Offender and Kidnap Offender Registry if:

455 (a) (i) the offender was convicted of violating Section 76-5-301, Kidnapping, and the  
456 conviction of violating Section 76-5-301 is the only conviction for which the offender is  
457 required to register;

458 (ii) the offender was convicted of violating Section 76-5-304, Unlawful Detention, and  
459 the conviction of violating Section 76-5-304 is the only conviction for which the offender is  
460 required to register; or

461 (iii) the offender was convicted of an offense substantially equivalent to an offense  
462 listed in Subsection (32)(a)(i) or (ii) and is required to register under Subsection (1)(g)(ii), or  
463 (1)(g)(v);

464 (b) the offender has successfully completed all treatment ordered by the court or the  
465 Board of Pardons relating to the conviction;

466 (c) (i) the offender has not been convicted of any other crime, excluding traffic  
467 offenses, subsequent to the commission of the offense in violation of Section 76-5-301 or  
468 Section 76-5-304, as evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau; and

469 (ii) as used in this Subsection (32)(c), "traffic offense" does not include a violation of  
470 Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under The Influence And Reckless Driving;

471 (d) the offender has complied with all the registration requirements at all times as  
472 required in this section, as evidenced by a document obtained by the offender from the Utah  
473 Department of Corrections, which confirms compliance;

474 (e) the offender has completed probation or parole, or if the offender was not granted  
475 probation or parole, the offender has completed the terms of the sentence for the offense under  
476 this Subsection (32); and

477 (f) the office of the prosecutor who prosecuted the offender, and the victim or the

478 victim's parent or guardian, if the victim is a minor, are notified by the court and are provided  
479 with an opportunity to respond in accordance with Subsection (34).

480 (33) (a) (i) An offender seeking removal from the Sex Offender or Kidnap Offender  
481 Registry under Subsection (32) shall apply for a certificate of eligibility from the Bureau of  
482 Criminal Identification.

483 (ii) An offender who intentionally or knowingly provides any false or misleading  
484 information to the bureau when applying for a certificate of eligibility is guilty of a class B  
485 misdemeanor and subject to prosecution under Section 76-8-504.6, which concerns providing  
486 false or misleading information.

487 (iii) Regardless of whether the offender is prosecuted, the bureau may deny a certificate  
488 of eligibility to anyone providing false information on an application.

489 (b) (i) The bureau shall perform a check of records of governmental agencies,  
490 including national criminal databases, to determine whether an offender is eligible to receive a  
491 certificate of eligibility under this Subsection (33).

492 (ii) If the offender meets all of the criteria under Subsections (32)(a) and (c), the bureau  
493 shall issue a certificate of eligibility to the offender, which is valid for 90 days from the date  
494 the certificate is issued.

495 (c) (i) The bureau shall charge application and issuance fees for a certificate of  
496 eligibility in accordance with the process in Section 63J-1-504.

497 (ii) The application fee shall be paid at the time the offender submits an application for  
498 a certificate of eligibility to the bureau.

499 (iii) If the bureau determines that the issuance of a certificate of eligibility is  
500 appropriate, the offender will be charged an additional fee for the issuance of a certificate of  
501 eligibility.

502 (d) Funds generated under this Subsection (33) shall be deposited in the General Fund  
503 as a dedicated credit by the department to cover the costs incurred in determining eligibility.

504 (34) (a) The offender under Subsection (32) shall deliver a copy of the petition to the  
505 office of the prosecuting attorney.

506 (b) (i) Upon receipt of a petition for removal from the Sex Offender and Kidnap  
507 Offender Registry, the prosecuting attorney shall provide notice of the petition by first-class  
508 mail to the victim, or the victim's parent or guardian, if the victim is a minor, at the most recent  
509 address on file.

510 (ii) The notice shall include a copy of the petition, state that the victim has a right to  
511 object to the removal of the offender from the registry, and provide instructions for submitting  
512 an objection to the court.

513 (c) The office of the prosecutor, and the victim if applicable, may respond to the  
514 petition by filing a recommendation or objection regarding the offender's removal from the  
515 registry with the court within 45 days after the date that the petition is mailed to the victim, or  
516 to the victim's parent or guardian, if the victim is a minor.

517 (35) (a) The court shall review the petition and all documents submitted regarding the  
518 petition and may hold a hearing.

519 (b) If the court determines, based on the information provided under Subsection  
520 (35)(a), that it is in the public's interest, it may grant the petition and order removal of the  
521 offender from the registry.

522 (c) If the court grants the petition, it shall forward a copy of the order to the department  
523 directing the removal of the offender from the registry.

524 **Section 2. Coordinating H.B. 18 with H.B. 17 -- Merging technical amendments --**  
525 **Creating new section.**

526 If this H.B. 18 and H.B. 17, Sex Offender Registry Chapter, both pass and become law,  
527 the Legislature intends that:

528 (1) Subsections 77-27-21.5(32) through (35) in this bill be created as a new Section  
529 77-41-112, that the subsections be renumbered, and that the internal cross references be  
530 changed accordingly;

531 (2) Subsection 77-41-109(2) in H.B. 17 be amended to read:

532 "(2) Notwithstanding Title 77, Chapter 40, Utah Expungement Act, a person convicted  
533 of any offense listed in Subsection 77-41-102(7) or (14) is not relieved from the responsibility

534 to register as required under this section, unless the offender is removed from the registry under  
535 Section 77-41-112."; and  
536 (3) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel make these changes when  
537 preparing the Utah Code database for publication.