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## Victim ~~{and Witness}~~ Privacy ~~{Amendments}~~ Changes

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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### LONG TITLE

#### General Description:

This bill addresses the privacy of a victim ~~{and witness}~~ in a criminal investigation or action.

#### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- addresses access by a defendant and a defendant's attorney to nonpublic electronic data related to

a victim ~~{or witness, including:}~~ ; and

- ~~{providing that a defendant may only obtain nonpublic electronic data related to a victim or witness that is not in the possession of a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney through a valid search warrant or a subpoena or voluntarily from the victim or witness;}~~

- ~~{requiring the prosecuting attorney to make available, to the defendant or the defendant's attorney, nonpublic electronic data related to a victim or witness that is in the possession of a law enforcement agency or prosecuting attorney;}~~

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~~{providing that a defendant's attorney may only inspect, view, or examine the nonpublic electronic data related to a victim or witness that is in the possession of a law enforcement agency at a governmental facility; and}~~

• ~~{providing the requirements for a defendant's attorney to copy, photograph, or otherwise reproduce nonpublic electronic data related to a victim or witness; and}~~

▸ provides a victim ~~{or a witness}~~ in a criminal proceeding with a right to privacy in any nonpublic electronic data related to the victim ~~{or witness}~~ that is collected during the course of the criminal investigation or action.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### AMENDS:

**77-37-3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 96, 164, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 96, 164

### ENACTS:

**77-4-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

**77-4-202. Production of nonpublic electronic data related to a victim {or witness}.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) ~~{"Governmental facility"}~~ "Intimate image" means ~~{a facility}~~ the same as that term is ~~{owned, leased, or operated by this state or a political subdivision of this state}~~ defined in Section 76-5b-203.

(b) "Law enforcement agency" means a public or private agency having general police power and charged with making arrests in connection with enforcement of the criminal statutes and ordinances of this state or any political subdivision of this state.

(c)

(i) "Nonpublic victim {or witness} data" means electronic data related to a victim {or witness} :

(A) that is obtained from an electronic device possessed or used by a victim or from an electronic service provider;

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- 47        ~~{(A)}~~ (B) that is otherwise not available to the public; and
- 48        ~~{(B)}~~ (C) for which a reasonable person would believe that the victim ~~{or witness}~~ has a  
reasonable expectation of privacy.
- 50        (ii) "Nonpublic victim ~~{or witness}~~ data" includes electronic data related to a victim ~~{or witness}~~ that  
is obtained ~~{by a law enforcement or prosecuting agency}~~ in the course of a criminal investigation.
- 53        ~~{(d)}~~ }
- 54        ~~{(i)}~~ (d) "Prosecuting ~~{agency}~~ attorney" means:
- 54        ~~{(A) {the Office of the Attorney General;}}~~ }
- 41        (i) the attorney general and an assistant attorney general;
- 55        ~~{(B)}~~ (ii) ~~{the office of}~~ a ~~{county}~~ district attorney or deputy district attorney;
- 56        ~~{(C)}~~ (iii) ~~{the office of}~~ a ~~{city or municipal}~~ county attorney or assistant county attorney; or
- 57        ~~{(D)}~~ (iv) ~~{a law firm contracted to provide prosecution services to a political subdivision}~~ an  
attorney authorized to commence an action on behalf of the state.
- 59        ~~{(ii) {"Prosecuting agency" includes an attorney on staff for an entity described in Subsection (1)(d)(i),  
whether acting in a civil or criminal capacity.}}~~ }
- 61        (e) "Victim" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-37-2.
- 62        ~~{(f) {"Witness" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-37-2.}}~~ }
- 63        ~~{(2) {If a defendant seeks nonpublic victim or witness data that is not in the possession of a law  
enforcement agency or the prosecuting agency, the defendant may only obtain the nonpublic victim  
or witness data:}}~~ }
- 66        ~~{(a) {as described in Rule 14(c) of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure; or}}~~ }
- 67        ~~{(b) {if the victim or witness voluntarily provides the nonpublic victim or witness data to the defendant  
or the defendant's attorney.}}~~ }
- 69        ~~{(3) {If nonpublic victim or witness data is in the possession of a law enforcement agency or the  
prosecuting agency:}}~~ }
- 71        ~~{(a) {the prosecuting attorney shall make the nonpublic victim or witness data available to the  
defendant's attorney in accordance with this section; and}}~~ }
- 73        ~~{(b) {the defendant's attorney may only inspect, view, or examine the nonpublic victim or witness data  
at a governmental facility, or copy, photograph, or otherwise reproduce the nonpublic victim or  
witness data, in accordance with this section.}}~~ }

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{(4) {The prosecuting attorney shall describe in the discovery disclosure to the defendant whether the prosecuting attorney has any nonpublic victim or witness data, including the source of the nonpublic victim or witness data.}}

79 {(5)} (2) {Any} In a criminal proceeding involving nonpublic victim {or witness} data {related to  
a}, the nonpublic victim {or witness that is in the possession of a law enforcement agency or the  
prosecuting agency} data shall remain in the care, custody, and control of:

82 (a) {the} a law enforcement agency;

83 (b) {the} a prosecuting agency; or

84 (c) {the} a court.

51 (3)

85 {(6)} (a) {The prosecuting agency shall provide the defendant's attorney with, or permit the defendant's  
attorney} In a criminal proceeding involving nonpublic victim data, a court shall deny a request  
by a defendant to copy, photograph, duplicate, or otherwise reproduce{-} the nonpublic victim  
{or witness} data {without an order from} if the court {if:}, the prosecuting agency, or a law  
enforcement agency provides the defendant's attorney, or an individual the defendant may seek to  
qualify as an expert, an adequate opportunity to view and examine the nonpublic victim data.

88 {(a)} (b) An individual described in Subsection (3)(a) may only view or examine the nonpublic victim  
{or witness data is an oral or written statement given by the victim or witness to a} data at the law  
enforcement agency {or}, the prosecuting agency{:}, or the court that has custody and control of  
the nonpublic victim data.

60 (c) A defendant who is self represented:

61 (i) may not inspect the nonpublic victim data; and

90 {(b)} (ii) may request that the court appoint counsel for the purpose of inspecting the nonpublic victim  
{or witness} data {was directly communicated to} on behalf of the defendant {by the victim or  
witness;}.:

64 (4)

92 {(e)} (a) {the} Notwithstanding Subsection (3), if nonpublic victim {or witness} data is {direct}  
relevant or material evidence {of an element} in a criminal proceeding, the court may order the  
dissemination of the nonpublic victim data to a defendant's or a defendant's attorney in accordance  
with Rule 16 of the {offense for which the defendant is charged;} Utah Rules of Criminal  
Procedure.

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- 94     ~~{(d) {the nonpublic victim or witness data has been submitted by the prosecuting agency as an exhibit at a hearing;}}~~
- 96     ~~{(e) {the prosecuting attorney knows that the nonpublic victim or witness data is a communication that describes or explains the criminal conduct for which the defendant is charged;}}~~
- 99     ~~{(f) {the prosecuting attorney knows that the nonpublic victim or witness data is exculpatory evidence; or}}~~
- 101    ~~{(g)}~~ (b) If the {prosecuting attorney intends to submit} court orders the dissemination of nonpublic  
victim ~~{or witness}~~ data ~~{as an exhibit at trial.}~~ under Subsection (4)(a), the court:
- 103    ~~{(7)}~~ (i) {Before} may not order the entire contents of a {prosecuting attorney provides the} device,  
or all nonpublic victim {or witness data as described in Subsection (5)} data, {the prosecuting} be  
given to a defendant or the defendant's attorney {may request an order from the court that.}; and
- 106    ~~{(a) {requires the defendant's attorney to inspect, view, or examine the nonpublic victim or witness data at a governmental facility upon a showing by the prosecuting attorney that making the nonpublic victim or witness data available at a governmental facility would not unreasonably interfere with access to the nonpublic victim or witness data by the defendant's attorney; or}}~~
- 111    ~~{(b) {limits the ability of the defendant's attorney to copy, photograph, distribute, or otherwise reproduce the nonpublic victim or witness data upon a showing by the prosecuting attorney that copying, photographing, reproducing, or distributing of the nonpublic victim or witness data would violate the privacy interests of the victim or witness.}}~~
- 116    ~~{(8)}~~
- 119    ~~{(a) {Subject to Subsections (9), a defendant's attorney may submit a request to the court for an order allowing the defendant's attorney to copy, photograph, or otherwise reproduce nonpublic victim or witness data if the court finds that.}}~~
- 119    ~~{(i)}~~ (ii) may only require the dissemination of the nonpublic victim {or witness} data that is  
relevant ~~{and}~~ or material ~~{evidence.}~~.
- 74    (c) There is a rebuttable presumption against:
- 120    ~~{(ii)}~~ (i) {a review of} disseminating to the defendant or the defendant's attorney nonpublic victim  
{or witness} data {at a governmental facility} that is {inadequate for the defendant to prepare  
a defense for trial} an intimate image; {and} or
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{(iii) ~~{ the defendant's attorney has a legitimate interest in copying, photographing, or otherwise reproducing the nonpublic victim or witness data that outweighs the victim's or witness's right to privacy and right to be free from harassment as described in Section 77-37-3.}~~}

126 {(b) ~~{ The defendant's attorney shall serve the request described in Subsection (8)(a) on the prosecuting attorney and the victim or witness.}~~}

128 {(e) ~~{ The prosecuting attorney and the victim or witness may object to any request within 21 days after the day on which the request is submitted to the court.}~~}

130 {(9) }

{(a) ~~{ In issuing an order described in Subsection (8)(a), the court shall consider and limit, where appropriate, the use and further disclosure of the nonpublic victim or witness data in order to protect the privacy interests of the victim or witness.}~~}

133 {(b)} (ii) ~~{ There is a rebuttable presumption against }~~ allowing a defendant or a defendant's attorney to copy, photograph, or otherwise reproduce nonpublic victim ~~{ or witness }~~ data that is an intimate image ~~{, as that term is defined in Section 76-5b-203}~~.

136 {(e)} (d) If the court issues an order ~~{ allowing }~~ disseminating an intimate image, or allowing the defendant or the defendant's attorney to copy, photograph, or otherwise reproduce an intimate image, the court shall include in the order limitations on:

139 (i) the number of copies, photographs, or reproductions that the defendant or defendant's attorney is permitted to make;

141 (ii) who may view the intimate image;

142 (iii) how the image may be stored; and

143 (iv) the disposition of the intimate image upon the completion of the criminal prosecution against the defendant.

88 (5) If a prosecuting attorney determines that nonpublic victim data is not relevant or material, the prosecuting agency or the law enforcement agency shall:

90 (a) retain the nonpublic victim data; and

91 (b) make the nonpublic victim data available for review by the defendant's attorney or appointed counsel as described in Subsection (3).

93 (6)

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(a) If a prosecuting attorney fails to make nonpublic victim data reasonably available for review by a defendant's attorney or appointed counsel, the court may order the dissemination of the nonpublic victim data that is subject to a protective order or other restrictions as appropriate.

(b) A prosecuting attorney does not violate the prosecuting attorney's discovery obligation by making nonpublic victim data available for review without disseminating that nonpublic victim data.

{(10)} (7) At the request of a victim{~~, witness,~~} or a representative of a victim {~~or witness~~}, the court may:

(a) conduct an ex parte in camera review of nonpublic victim {~~or witness~~} data that the victim {~~or witness~~} does not believe should be made available to the defendant or the defendant's attorney; and

(b) enter an order prohibiting the inspection, review, or examination of the nonpublic victim {~~or witness~~} data if the nonpublic victim {~~or witness~~} data is:

(i) not relevant or material evidence in the criminal {~~case~~} ~~proceeding~~; or

(ii) evidence of sexual behavior by the victim {~~or witness~~} that is inadmissible under Rule 412 of the Utah Rules of Evidence.

{(11)} (8) A law enforcement agency and a prosecuting agency shall establish a policy that ensures nonpublic victim {~~or witness~~} data is:

(a) used solely for legitimate law enforcement and prosecutorial purposes; and

(b) maintained in a ~~controlled environment and in a~~ manner that protects the privacy of a victim {~~or witness~~}.

{(12)} (9) This section does not:

(a) limit the rights of a defendant under the Constitution of the United States or the Utah Constitution;

(b) create a right for a defendant that is beyond the rights created by the requirements of Rule 16 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Utah Constitution, and the United States Constitution; or

(c) prevent a law enforcement agency or prosecuting agency from providing information to the Utah Office for Victims of Crime that is necessary to provide victim services to a victim.

Section 2. Section **77-37-3** is amended to read:

### **77-37-3. Bill of rights.**

(1) The bill of rights for victims and witnesses is:

(a) Victims and witnesses have a right to be informed as to the level of protection from intimidation and harm available to them, and from what sources, as they participate in criminal justice proceedings

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as designated by Section 76-8-508, regarding tampering with a witness, and Section 76-8-509, regarding extortion or bribery to dismiss a criminal proceeding. Law enforcement, prosecution, and corrections personnel have the duty to timely provide this information in a form which is useful to the victim.

- 178 (b) Victims and witnesses, including children and their guardians, have a right to be informed and assisted as to their role in the criminal justice process. All criminal justice agencies have the duty to provide this information and assistance.
- 181 (c) Victims and witnesses have a right to clear explanations regarding relevant legal proceedings; these explanations shall be appropriate to the age of child victims and witnesses. All criminal justice agencies have the duty to provide these explanations.
- 184 (d) Victims and witnesses should have a secure waiting area that does not require them to be in close proximity to defendants or the family and friends of defendants. Agencies controlling facilities shall, whenever possible, provide this area.
- 187 (e) Victims may seek restitution or reparations, including medical costs, as provided in Title 63M, Chapter 7, Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse, Title 77, Chapter 38b, Crime Victims Restitution Act, and Section 80-6-710. State and local government agencies that serve victims have the duty to have a functional knowledge of the procedures established by the Crime Victim Reparations Board and to inform victims of these procedures.
- 193 (f) Victims and witnesses have a right to have any personal property returned as provided in Chapter 11a, Seizure of Property and Contraband, and Chapter 11d, Lost or Mislaid Property. Criminal justice agencies shall expeditiously return the property when it is no longer needed for court law enforcement or prosecution purposes.
- 197 (g) Victims and witnesses have the right to reasonable employer intercession services, including pursuing employer cooperation in minimizing employees' loss of pay and other benefits resulting from their participation in the criminal justice process. Officers of the court shall provide these services and shall consider victims' and witnesses' schedules so that activities which conflict can be avoided. Where conflicts cannot be avoided, the victim may request that the responsible agency intercede with employers or other parties.
- 204 (h) Victims and witnesses, particularly children, should have a speedy disposition of the entire criminal justice process. All involved public agencies shall establish policies and procedures to encourage speedy disposition of criminal cases.



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- 207 (i) Victims and witnesses have the right to timely notice of judicial proceedings they are to attend and  
timely notice of cancellation of any proceedings. Criminal justice agencies have the duty to provide  
these notifications. Defense counsel and others have the duty to provide timely notice to prosecution  
of any continuances or other changes that may be required.
- 212 (j) A victim {~~or a witness~~} in a criminal proceeding has a right to privacy in nonpublic victim {~~or~~  
~~witness~~} data, as defined in Section 77-4-202, that is collected during the course of the criminal  
investigation or action.
- 215 (2) In addition to the rights of a victim described in Subsection (1), a victim of a sexual offense has the  
right to:
- 217 (a) request voluntary testing for themselves for HIV infection as described in Section 53-10-803;
- 219 (b) request mandatory testing of the alleged sexual offender for HIV infection as described in Section  
53-10-802;
- 221 (c) not to be prevented from, or charged for, a medical forensic examination;
- 222 (d) have the evidence from a sexual assault kit, or the contents of the sexual assault kit, preserved for  
the time periods described in Title 77, Chapter 11c, Retention of Evidence, without any charge to  
the victim;
- 225 (e) be informed whether a DNA profile was obtained from the testing of the evidence in a sexual assault  
kit or from other crime scene evidence;
- 227 (f) be informed whether a DNA profile developed from the evidence in a sexual assault kit, or from  
other crime scene evidence, has been entered into the Utah Combined DNA Index System;
- 230 (g) be informed of any result from a sexual assault kit or from other crime scene evidence if that  
disclosure would not impede or compromise an ongoing investigation, including:
- 233 (i) whether there is a match between a DNA profile developed from the evidence in a sexual assault kit,  
or from other crime scene evidence, and a DNA profile contained in the Utah Combined DNA Index  
System; and
- 236 (ii) a toxicology result or other information that is collected from a sexual assault kit as part of a  
medical forensic examination of the victim;
- 238 (h) be informed in writing of policies governing the collection and preservation of a sexual assault kit;
- 240 (i) be informed of the status and location of a sexual assault kit;
- 241 (j) upon written request by the victim, receive a notice of intent from an agency, as defined in Section  
53-10-905, if the agency intends to destroy or dispose of evidence from a sexual assault kit;

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- 244 (k) be granted further preservation of the sexual assault kit if the agency, as defined in Section  
53-10-905, intends to destroy or dispose of evidence from a sexual assault kit and the victim submits  
a written request as described in Section 53-10-905;
- 247 (l) designate a person of the victim's choosing to act as a recipient of the information provided under  
this Subsection (2) or Subsections (3) and (4); and
- 249 (m) be informed of all the enumerated rights in this Subsection (2).
- 250 (3) Subsections (2)(e) through (g) do not require that the law enforcement agency communicate with  
the victim or the victim's designee regarding the status of DNA testing, absent a specific request  
received from the victim or the victim's designee.
- 253 (4) A law enforcement agency investigating a sexual offense may:
- 254 (a) release the information indicated in Subsections (2)(e) through (g) upon the request of the victim of  
the sexual offense, or the victim's designee and is the designated agency to provide that information  
to the victim or the victim's designee;
- 257 (b) require that the victim's request be in writing; and
- 258 (c) respond to the victim's request with verbal communication, written communication, or by email if an  
email address is available.
- 260 (5) A law enforcement agency investigating a sexual offense shall:
- 261 (a) notify the victim of the sexual offense, or the victim's designee, if the law enforcement agency  
determines that DNA evidence will not be analyzed in a case where the identity of the perpetrator  
has not be confirmed;
- 264 (b) provide the information described in this section in a timely manner; and
- 265 (c) upon request of the victim or the victim's designee, advise the victim or the victim's designee of any  
significant changes in the information of which the law enforcement agency is aware.
- 268 (6) The law enforcement agency investigating the sexual offense is responsible for informing the victim  
of the sexual offense, or the victim's designee, of the rights established under this section.
- 271 (7) Informational rights of the victim under this chapter are based upon the victim providing the current  
name, address, telephone number, and email address, if an email address is available, of the person  
to whom the information should be provided to the criminal justice agencies involved in the case.

229 Section 3. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

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