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Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Adjustments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler

House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ~~{moves certain criminal offenses from the list}~~ reduces the amount of ~~{offenses requiring lifetime registration}~~ time that must elapse before an offender who is on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry ~~{(the registry) to the list of offenses}~~ for an offense requiring ~~{a 10-year}~~ lifetime registration ~~{requirement;}~~ is:

- ~~{allows an individual who has been required to register on the registry for life for a conviction before May 7, 2025, to:}~~

- able to first petition for early removal from the registry ~~{in accordance with current statute for an individual who is required to register for 10 years}~~ ; ~~{or}~~ and

- ~~{request that the Department of Public Safety remove the individual from the registry if the individual has already met the registration time frame and requirements for an individual who is required to register for 10 years; and}~~

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- 12 • able to file an additional petition for early removal if the offender's previous petition is
13 denied;
- 14 ▸ contains a coordination clause to coordinate changes between this bill and S.B. 41, Sex,
15 Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Amendments; and
- 16 ▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

17 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

18 None

19 This bill provides a coordination clause.

22 AMENDS:

23 ~~{77-41-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 234, as last amended by Laws~~
24 ~~of Utah 2024, Chapter 234}~~

25 77-41-112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapters 116, 234, as last amended by Laws of
26 Utah 2024, Chapters 116, 234

27 ~~{77-41-113, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 234, as last amended by Laws~~
28 ~~of Utah 2024, Chapter 234}~~

29 Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:

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

32 ~~{Section 1. Section 77-41-106 is amended to read: }~~

33 **77-41-106. Offenses requiring lifetime registration.**

34 Offenses referred to in Subsection 77-41-105(3)(c)(i) requiring lifetime registration are:

- 35 (1) an offense listed in Subsection 77-41-102(1), (11), or (19) if, at the time of the conviction for the
36 offense, the offender has previously been convicted of an offense listed in Subsection 77-41-102(1),
37 (11), or (19) or has previously been required to register as a sex offender, kidnap offender, or child
38 abuse offender for an offense committed as a juvenile;
- 39 (2) a conviction for a following offense, including attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit a
40 felony of:
- 41 (a) child kidnapping under Section 76-5-301.1, except if the offender is a natural parent of the victim;
- 42 (b) rape under Section 76-5-402;
- 43 (c) rape of a child under Section 76-5-402.1;
- 44 (d) object rape under Section 76-5-402.2;

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- 45 (e) object rape of a child under Section 76-5-402.3;
- 46 (f) sodomy on a child under Section 76-5-403.1;
- 47 (g) aggravated sexual abuse of a child under Section 76-5-404.3; or
- 48 (h) aggravated sexual assault under Section 76-5-405;
- 49 [~~(3) human trafficking for sexual exploitation under Section 76-5-308.1;~~]
- 50 [(4)] (3) human trafficking of a child for sexual exploitation under Subsection 76-5-308.5(4)(b);
- 52 [(5)] (4) aggravated human trafficking for sexual exploitation under Section 76-5-310;
- 53 [(6)] (5) human trafficking of a vulnerable adult for sexual exploitation under Section 76-5-311;
- 55 [(7)] (6) a first degree felony offense of aggravated kidnapping under Section 76-5-302, except if the
offender is a natural parent of the victim;
- 57 [(8)] (7) forcible sodomy under Section 76-5-403;
- 58 [(9) sexual abuse of a child under Section 76-5-404.1;]
- 59 [(10) sexual exploitation of a minor under Section 76-5b-201;]
- 60 [(11)] (8) a first degree felony offense of aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor under Section
76-5b-201.1;
- 62 [(12)] (9) a first degree felony offense of aggravated sexual extortion under Subsection [76-5b-204(2)
(b)] 76-5b-204(3)(a)(iii);[~~or~~]
- 64 [(13)] (10) a first degree felony offense of aggravated exploitation of prostitution under [Section
76-10-1306] Subsection 76-10-1306(3), on or after May 10, 2011; or
- 66 [(14)] (11) a first degree felony offense of felony violation of enticing a minor under Section 76-4-401[
if the offender enticed the minor to engage in sexual activity that is one of the offenses described in
Subsections (2) through (13)].

27 Section 1. Section **77-41-112** is amended to read:

28 **77-41-112. Removal from registry -- Requirements -- Procedure.**

- 71 (1) An offender who is required to register with the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry
may petition the court for an order removing the offender from the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse
Offender Registry if:
- 74 (a)
- . (i) the offender was convicted of an offense described in Subsection (2);
- 75 (ii) at least five years have passed after the day on which the offender's sentence for the offense
terminated;

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- 77 (iii) the offense is the only offense for which the offender was required to register;
- 78 (iv) the offender has not been convicted of another offense, excluding a traffic offense, since the day
on which the offender was convicted of the offense for which the offender is required to register, as
evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau;
- 82 (v) the offender successfully completed all treatment ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and
Parole relating to the offense; and
- 84 (vi) the offender has paid all restitution ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole relating
to the offense;
- 86 (b)
- . (i) ~~{subject to Subsection (10).}~~ the offender is required to register in accordance with Subsection
77-41-105(3)(a);
- 88 (ii) at least 10 years have passed after the later of:
- 89 (A) the day on which the offender was placed on probation;
- 90 (B) the day on which the offender was released from incarceration to parole;
- 91 (C) the day on which the offender's sentence was terminated without parole;
- 92 (D) the day on which the offender entered a community-based residential program; or
- 94 (E) for a minor, as defined in Section 80-1-102, the day on which the division's custody of the offender
was terminated;
- 96 (iii) the offender has not been convicted of another offense that is a class A misdemeanor, felony, or
capital felony within the most recent 10-year period after the date described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii),
as evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau;
- 100 (iv) the offender successfully completed all treatment ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and
Parole relating to the offense; and
- 102 (v) the offender has paid all restitution ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole relating
to the offense; or
- 104 (c)
- . (i) the offender is required to register in accordance with Subsection 77-41-105(3)(c);
- 106 (ii) at least ~~20~~ 12 years have passed after the later of:
- 107 (A) the day on which the offender was placed on probation;
- 108 (B) the day on which the offender was released from incarceration to parole;
- 109 (C) the day on which the offender's sentence was terminated without parole;

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- 110 (D) the day on which the offender entered a community-based residential program; or
112 (E) for a minor, as defined in Section 80-1-102, the day on which the division's custody of the offender
was terminated;
- 114 (iii) the offender has not been convicted of another offense that is a class A misdemeanor, felony, or
capital felony within the most recent 20-year period after the date described in Subsection (1)(c)(ii),
as evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau;
- 118 (iv) the offender completed all treatment ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole
relating to the offense;
- 120 (v) the offender has paid all restitution ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole relating
to the offense; and
- 122 (vi) the offender submits to an evidence-based risk assessment to the court, with the offender's petition,
that:
- 124 (A) meets the standards for the current risk assessment, score, and risk level required by the Board of
Pardons and Parole for parole termination requests;
- 126 (B) is completed within the six months before the date on which the petition is filed; and
- 128 (C) describes the evidence-based risk assessment of the current level of risk to the safety of the public
posed by the offender.
- 130 (2) The offenses referred to in Subsection (1)(a)(i) are:
- 131 (a) enticing a minor under Section 76-4-401, if the offense is a class A misdemeanor;
- 132 (b) kidnapping under Section 76-5-301;
- 133 (c) unlawful detention under Section 76-5-304, if the conviction of violating Section 76-5-304 is the
only conviction for which the offender is required to register;
- 135 (d) unlawful sexual activity with a minor under Section 76-5-401, if, at the time of the offense, the
offender is not more than 10 years older than the victim;
- 137 (e) sexual abuse of a minor under Section 76-5-401.1, if, at the time of the offense, the offender is not
more than 10 years older than the victim;
- 139 (f) unlawful sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old under Section 76-5-401.2, and at the time of the
offense, the offender is not more than 15 years older than the victim;
- 141 (g) voyeurism under Section 76-9-702.7, if the offense is a class A misdemeanor; or
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- (h) an offense for which an individual is required to register under Subsection 77-41-102(1)(c), (11)(c), or (19)(c), if the offense is not substantially equivalent to an offense described in Subsection 77-41-102(1)(a), (11)(a), or (19)(a).
- 145 (3)
- . (a)
- . (i) An offender seeking removal from the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry under this section shall apply for a certificate of eligibility from the bureau.
- 148 (ii) An offender who intentionally or knowingly provides false or misleading information to the bureau when applying for a certificate of eligibility is guilty of a class B misdemeanor and subject to prosecution under Section 76-8-504.6.
- 151 (iii) Regardless of whether the offender is prosecuted, the bureau may deny a certificate of eligibility to an offender who provides false information on an application.
- 154 (b)
- . (i) The bureau shall:
- 155 (A) perform a check of records of governmental agencies, including national criminal databases, to determine whether an offender is eligible to receive a certificate of eligibility; and
- 158 (B) determine whether the offender meets the requirements described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), (a)(v), (a)(vi), (b)(ii), (b)(iv), (b)(v), (c)(ii), (c)(iv), or (c)(v).
- 161 (ii) If the offender meets the requirements described in Subsection (1)(a), (b), or (c), the bureau shall issue a certificate of eligibility to the offender, which is valid for a period of 90 days after the day on which the bureau issues the certificate.
- 164 (4)
- . (a)
- . (i) The bureau shall charge application and issuance fees for a certificate of eligibility in accordance with the process in Section 63J-1-504.
- 166 (ii) The application fee shall be paid at the time the offender submits an application for a certificate of eligibility to the bureau.
- 168 (iii) If the bureau determines that the issuance of a certificate of eligibility is appropriate, the offender will be charged an additional fee for the issuance of a certificate of eligibility.
- 171 (b) Funds generated under this Subsection (4) shall be deposited into the General Fund as a dedicated credit by the department to cover the costs incurred in determining eligibility.

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174 (5)

- . (a) The offender shall file the petition, including original information, the court docket, the certificate of eligibility from the bureau, and the document from the department described in Subsection (3)(b)(iv) with the court, and deliver a copy of the petition to the office of the prosecutor.
- 178 (b) Upon receipt of a petition for removal from the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry, the office of the prosecutor shall provide notice of the petition by first-class mail to the victim at the most recent address of record on file or, if the victim is still a minor under 18 years old, to the parent or guardian of the victim.
- 182 (c) The notice described in Subsection (5)(b) shall include a copy of the petition, state that the victim has a right to object to the removal of the offender from the registry, and provide instructions for registering an objection with the court.
- 185 (d) The office of the prosecutor shall provide the following, if available, to the court within 30 days after the day on which the office receives the petition:
 - 187 (i) presentencing report;
 - 188 (ii) an evaluation done as part of sentencing; and
 - 189 (iii) other information the office of the prosecutor determines the court should consider.
- 191 (e) The victim, or the victim's parent or guardian if the victim is a minor under 18 years old, may respond to the petition by filing a recommendation or objection with the court within 45 days after the day on which the petition is mailed to the victim.
- 194 (6)
 - . (a) The court shall:
 - 195 (i) review the petition and all documents submitted with the petition; and
 - 196 (ii) hold a hearing if requested by the prosecutor or the victim.
 - 197 (b)
 - . (i) Except as provided in Subsections (6)(b)(ii) and (iii), the court may grant the petition and order removal of the offender from the registry if the court determines that the offender has met the requirements described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b) and removal is not contrary to the interests of the public.
 - 201 (ii) When considering a petition filed under Subsection (1)(c), the court shall determine whether the offender has demonstrated, by clear and convincing evidence, that the offender is rehabilitated and does not pose a threat to the safety of the public.

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- 205 (iii) In making the determination described in Subsection (6)(b)(ii), the court may consider:
- 207 (A) the nature and degree of violence involved in the offense that requires registration;
- 209 (B) the age and number of victims of the offense that requires registration;
- 210 (C) the age of the offender at the time of the offense that requires registration;
- 211 (D) the offender's performance while on supervision for the offense that requires registration;
- 213 (E) the offender's stability in employment and housing;
- 214 (F) the offender's community and personal support system;
- 215 (G) other criminal and relevant noncriminal behavior of the offender both before and after the offense
that requires registration;
- 217 (H) the level of risk posed by the offender as evidenced by the evidence-based risk assessment
described in Subsection (1)(c)(vi); and
- 219 (I) any other relevant factors.
- 220 (c) In determining whether removal is contrary to the interests of the public, the court may not consider
removal unless the offender has substantially complied with all registration requirements under this
chapter at all times.
- 223 (d) If the court grants the petition, the court shall forward a copy of the order directing removal of the
offender from the registry to the department and the office of the prosecutor.
- 226 (e)
- . (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(e)(ii), if the court denies the petition, the offender may not
submit another petition for three years.
- 228 (ii) If the offender files a petition under Subsection (1)(c) and the court denies the petition, the offender
may not submit another petition for ~~eight~~ five years.
- 230 (7) The court shall notify the victim and the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry office in
the department of the court's decision within three days after the day on which the court issues the
court's decision in the same manner described in Subsection (5).
- 234 (8) Except as provided in Subsection (9), an offender required to register under Subsection
77-41-105(3)(b) may petition for early removal from the registry under Subsection (1)(b) if the
offender:
- 237 (a) meets the requirements of Subsections (1)(b)(ii) through (v);
- 238 (b) has resided in this state for at least 183 days in a year for two consecutive years; and
- 239 (c) intends to primarily reside in this state.

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- 240 (9) An offender required to register under Subsection 77-41-105(3)(b) for life may petition for early
removal from the registry under Subsection (1)(c) if:
- 242 (a) the offense requiring the offender to register is substantially equivalent to an offense listed in
Section 77-41-106;
- 244 (b) the offender meets the requirements of Subsections (1)(c)(ii) through (vi);
- 245 (c) the offender has resided in this state for at least 183 days in a year for two consecutive years; and
- 247 (d) the offender intends to primarily reside in this state.
- 248 ~~{(10) Subsection (1)(b) applies to:}~~
- 249 ~~{(a) an offender who was sentenced before May 7, 2025, for an offense that required the offender, at the
time the offender's sentence was entered, to register for the offender's lifetime in accordance with
Subsection 77-41-105(3)(c) and Section 77-41-106; and}~~
- 252 ~~{(b) the offense for which the offender was convicted is no longer listed as an offense that requires
lifetime registration as described in Section 77-41-106.}~~
- 254 ~~{Section 3. Section 77-41-113 is amended to read: }~~
- 255 **77-41-113. Removal for offenses or convictions for which registration is no longer required.**
- 257 (1) The department shall automatically remove an individual who is [currently] on the Sex, Kidnap, and
Child Abuse Offender Registry because of a conviction if:
- 259 (a) the only offense or offenses for which the individual is on the registry are listed in Subsection (2);[
or]
- 261 (b) the department receives a formal notification or order from the court or the Board of Pardons and
Parole that the conviction for the offense or offenses for which the individual is on the registry have
been reversed, vacated, or pardoned.
- 264 (2) The offenses described in Subsection (1)(a) are:
- 265 (a) a class B or class C misdemeanor for enticing a minor under Section 76-4-401;
- 266 (b) kidnapping under Subsection 76-5-301(2)(a) or (b);
- 267 (c) child kidnapping under Section 76-5-301.1, if the offender was the natural parent of the child victim;
- 269 (d) unlawful detention under Section 76-5-304;
- 270 (e) a third degree felony for unlawful sexual intercourse before 1986, or a class B misdemeanor for
unlawful sexual intercourse, under Section 76-5-401; or
- 272 (f) sodomy, but not forcible sodomy, under Section 76-5-403.
- 273 (3)

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- . (a) The department shall notify an individual who has been removed from the registry in accordance with Subsection (1).
- 275 (b) The notice described in Subsection (3)(a) shall include a statement that the individual is no longer required to register as a sex offender or kidnap offender.
- 277 (4) An individual who is currently on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry may submit a request to the department to be removed from the registry if the individual believes that the individual qualifies for removal under ~~[this section]~~ Subsection (1).
- 280 (5) The department shall remove an individual who is on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry if:
- 282 (a) the department receives a request from an offender who was sentenced for an offense before May 7, 2025, that required the offender, at the time the offender's sentence was entered, to register for the offender's lifetime in accordance with Subsection 77-41-105(3)(c) and Section 77-41-106;
- 286 (b) the offense described in Subsection (5)(a) is no longer listed as an offense that requires lifetime registration as described in Section 77-41-106;
- 288 (c) the offender has met the registration requirements described in Subsection 77-41-105(3)(a) for the duration of the offender's sentence and for 10 years after termination of the offender's sentence; and
- 291 (d) the offender is not required to register on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry for another offense.
- 293 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The department, upon receipt of a request for removal from the registry shall:
- 294 (a) check the registry for the individual's current status;
- 295 (b) determine whether the individual qualifies for removal based upon this section; and
- 296 (c) notify the individual in writing of the department's determination and whether the individual:
- 298 (i) qualifies for removal from the registry; or
- 299 (ii) does not qualify for removal.
- 300 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) If the department determines that the individual qualifies for removal from the registry, the department shall remove the offender from the registry.
- 302 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) If the department determines that the individual does not qualify for removal from the registry, the department shall provide an explanation in writing for the department's determination. The department's determination is final and not subject to administrative review.
- 306 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) Neither the department nor an employee of the department may be civilly liable for a determination made in good faith in accordance with this section.

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308 [~~9~~] (10)

(a) The department shall provide a response to a request for removal within 30 days of receipt of the request.

310 (b) If the response under Subsection [~~9~~](a) (10)(a) cannot be provided within 30 days, the department shall notify the individual that the response may be delayed up to 30 additional days.

206 Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.

208 Section 3. **Coordinating S.B. 155 with S.B. 41.**

If S.B. 155, Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Adjustments, and S.B. 41, Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry Amendments, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that, on May 7, 2025:

(1) Subsection 53-29-205(3)(y), enacted in S.B. 41, be amended to read:

"(y) an offense described in Subsection 53-29-203(1)(b) that would otherwise be subject to a 12-year petition for removal as described in Section 53-29-206, if:

(i) the sentencing court determines that the offender was under 21 years old at the time the offense was committed; and

(ii) the offense did not involve force or coercion as described in Subsection

218 53-29-203(3).";

(2) Subsection 53-29-206(1), enacted in S.B. 41, be amended to read:

"(1) An offender who is required to register on the registry for a registrable offense subject to a lifetime registration period described in Subsection 53-29-203(1)(b) is eligible to petition the court under Section 53-29-207 for an order of removal from the registry at a 12-year entrance into the community period described in Subsection (2) if:

(a) the offender has not been convicted of another offense that is a class A misdemeanor, felony, or capital felony within the most recent 12-year period after the date described in Subsection (2), as evidenced by a certificate of eligibility issued by the bureau;

(b) the offender successfully completed all treatment ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole relating to the offense;

(c) the offender has paid all restitution ordered by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole relating to the offense; and

(d) the offender submits to an evidence-based risk assessment that:

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- (i) meets the standards for the current risk assessment, score, and risk level required by the Board of Pardons and Parole for parole termination requests;
- (ii) is completed within the six months before the date on which the petition is filed; and
- (iii) describes the evidence-based risk assessment of the current level of risk to the safety of the public posed by the offender.";

(3) Subsection 53-29-206(2), enacted in S.B. 41, be amended to read:

"(2) An offender who qualifies under Subsection (1) may petition the court under Section 53-29-207 for an order of removal from the registry if 12 years have passed after the later of the following events in which the offender has entered into the community:

- (a) the day on which the offender was placed on probation;
- (b) the day on which the offender was released from incarceration to parole;
- (c) the day on which the offender's sentence was terminated without parole;
- (d) the day on which the offender entered a community-based residential program;

or

(e) for a minor, as defined in Section 80-1-102, the day on which the division's custody of the offender was terminated.";

(4) Subsection 53-29-207(2)(a)(iii), enacted in S.B. 41, be amended to read:

"(iii) Subsections 53-29-206(1) and (2), if the offender is seeking a 12-year petition for removal; and";

(5) Subsection 53-29-207(6)(b)(ii), enacted in S.B. 41, be amended to read:

"(ii) When considering a petition filed by an offender subject to a lifetime registration requirement and eligible for a 12-year petition for removal from the registry as described in Section 53-29-206, the court shall determine whether the offender has demonstrated, by clear and convincing evidence, that the offender is rehabilitated and does not pose a threat to the safety of the public."; and

(6) Subsection 53-29-207(6)(e)(ii), enacted in S.B. 41, be amended to read:

"(ii) If the offender is an offender subject to a lifetime registration requirement and eligible for a 12-year petition for removal from the registry as described in Section 53-29-206 and files a petition for removal that is denied by the court, the offender may not submit another petition for five years after the day on which the court denied the petition.".

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