

Ryan D. Wilcox proposes the following substitute bill:

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**Law Enforcement Investigation Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill prohibits law enforcement access to and use of reverse-keyword information.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits certain entities from seeking or granting a reverse-keyword court order;
- prohibits certain entities from requesting reverse-keyword information;
- prohibits certain entities from using evidence derived from reverse-keyword information;
- includes a five-year repeal; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63I-2-277**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Third Special Session, Chapter 5

ENACTS:

**77-23g-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**77-23g-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**77-23g-103**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**77-23g-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**77-23g-105**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**77-23g-106**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

30 Section 1. Section **63I-2-277** is amended to read:

31 **63I-2-277 . Repeal dates: Title 77.**

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33 (1) Subsection 77-23f-102(2)(a)(ii), regarding a notice for certain reverse-location search  
34 warrant applications, is repealed January 1, 2033.

35 (2) Subsection 77-23f-103(2)(a)(ii), regarding a notice for certain reverse-location search  
36 warrant applications, is repealed January 1, 2033.

37 (3) Title 77, Chapter 23g, Prohibition on Reverse-keyword Information, is repealed July 1,  
38 2030.

39 Section 2. Section **77-23g-101** is enacted to read:

40 **CHAPTER 23g. PROHIBITION ON REVERSE-KEYWORD INFORMATION**

41 **77-23g-101 . Definitions.**

42 (1) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
43 77-23c-101.2.

44 (2) "Reverse-keyword court order" means a court order, including a search warrant, that  
45 compels the disclosure of reverse-keyword information.

46 (3)(a) "Reverse-keyword information" means information that:

47 (i) identifies an unnamed individual, by name or other unique identifier, who:

48 (A) electronically searched for a particular word, phrase, character string, or  
49 website; or

50 (B) visited a particular website through a link generated by an electronic search  
51 for a particular word, phrase, character string, or website; and

52 (ii) is or is not limited to a specific geographic area or time frame.

53 (b) "Reverse-keyword information" does not include keyword information concerning a  
54 known individual or a specified electronic device that may be obtained pursuant to  
55 Chapter 23c, Electronic Information Privacy Act.

56 (4) "Reverse-keyword request" means a request by a law enforcement agency, in the  
57 absence of a court order, that seeks the voluntary provision of reverse-keyword  
58 information.

59 Section 3. Section **77-23g-102** is enacted to read:

60 **77-23g-102 . Prohibition on reverse-keyword court orders.**

61 (1) A law enforcement agency may not seek, from any court, a reverse-keyword court order.

62 (2) A court may not issue a reverse-keyword court order.

63 (3) A law enforcement agency may not seek, secure, obtain, borrow, purchase, or review  
64 any information obtained through a reverse-keyword court order.

65 Section 4. Section **77-23g-103** is enacted to read:

66 **77-23g-103 . Prohibition on reverse-keyword requests.**

67 (1) A law enforcement agency may not make a reverse-keyword request.

68 (2) A law enforcement agency may not seek, secure, obtain, borrow, purchase, or review  
69 any information obtained through a reverse-keyword request.

70 Section 5. Section **77-23g-104** is enacted to read:

71 **77-23g-104 . Assistance prohibited.**

72 A law enforcement agency may not seek the assistance of another person to obtain  
73 reverse-keyword information, including any information obtained from a reverse-keyword  
74 court order or a reverse-keyword request.

75 Section 6. Section **77-23g-105** is enacted to read:

76 **77-23g-105 . Exceptions to reverse-keyword prohibitions.**

77 Nothing in this chapter:

78 (1) limits or affects the disclosure of public records under Title 63G, Chapter 2,

79 Government Records Access and Management Act;

80 (2) affects the rights of an employer under Subsection 34-48-202(1)(e) or an administrative  
81 rule adopted under Section 63A-16-205; or

82 (3) limits the ability of a law enforcement agency to receive or use information from the  
83 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2258A.

84 Section 7. Section **77-23g-106** is enacted to read:

85 **77-23g-106 . Exclusion of reverse-keyword information.**

86 Reverse-keyword information obtained in violation of this chapter shall be subject to the  
87 rules governing exclusion as if the information was obtained in violation of the Fourth  
88 Amendment to the United States Constitution or Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 14.

89 Section 8. **Effective date.**

90 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.