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Female Genital Mutilation Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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This bill addresses provisions regarding female genital mutilation.

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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▸ repeals the requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a community education program regarding female genital mutilation;

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▸ removes the statute of limitation for the prosecution of the offense of female genital mutilation; and

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▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

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Other Special Clauses:

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None

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

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AMENDS:

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76-1-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 173, 174

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REPEALS:

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76-5-703, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 335

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

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Section 1. Section **76-1-301** is amended to read:

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76-1-301 . Offenses for which prosecution may be commenced at any time.

- 26 (1) As used in this section:
- 27 (a) "Aggravating offense" means any offense incident to which a homicide was
- 28 committed as described in Subsection 76-5-202(2)(a)(iv) or (v) or Subsection
- 29 76-5-202(2)(b).
- 30 (b) "Predicate offense" means an offense described in Subsection 76-5-203(1)(a) if a
- 31 person other than a party as defined in Section 76-2-202 was killed in the course of
- 32 the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or
- 33 attempted commission of the offense.
- 34 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, prosecution for the following
- 35 offenses may be commenced at any time:
- 36 (a) an offense classified as a capital felony under Section 76-3-103;
- 37 (b) aggravated murder under Section 76-5-202;
- 38 (c) murder under Section 76-5-203;
- 39 (d) manslaughter under Section 76-5-205;
- 40 (e) child abuse homicide under Section 76-5-208;
- 41 (f) aggravated kidnapping under Section 76-5-302;
- 42 (g) child kidnapping under Section 76-5-301.1;
- 43 (h) rape under Section 76-5-402;
- 44 (i) rape of a child under Section 76-5-402.1;
- 45 (j) object rape under Section 76-5-402.2;
- 46 (k) object rape of a child under Section 76-5-402.3;
- 47 (l) forcible sodomy under Section 76-5-403;
- 48 (m) sodomy on a child under Section 76-5-403.1;
- 49 (n) sexual abuse of a child under Section 76-5-404.1;
- 50 (o) aggravated sexual abuse of a child under Section 76-5-404.3;
- 51 (p) aggravated sexual assault under Section 76-5-405;
- 52 (q) any predicate offense to a murder or aggravating offense to an aggravated murder;
- 53 (r) aggravated human trafficking under Section 76-5-310;
- 54 (s) aggravated human smuggling under Section 76-5-310.1;
- 55 (t) human trafficking of a child under Section 76-5-308.5;[-or]
- 56 (u) female genital mutilation under Section 76-5-702; or
- 57 ~~(v)~~ (v) aggravated exploitation of prostitution involving a child under Section 76-5d-208.

58 Section 2. **Repealer.**

59 This bill repeals:

60 Section **76-5-703, Community education program.**

61 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

62 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.