

Victim Privacy Amendments

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses a crime victim's right to privacy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- allows a crime victim to request the use of the victim's initials instead of the victim's name in publicly available criminal justice documents;
- requires the creation and maintenance of a database of victim names that is searchable in response to a court order;
- provides that a database of victim names is a protected record under the Government Records Access and Management Act; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

63G-2-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 17

77-38-6, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 16, 237 and 352

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

Section 1. Section **63G-2-305** is amended to read:

63G-2-305 . Protected records.

The following records are protected if properly classified by a governmental entity:

- (1) trade secrets as defined in Section 13-24-2 if the person submitting the trade secret has provided the governmental entity with the information specified in Section 63G-2-309;
- (2) commercial information or nonindividual financial information obtained from a person

31 if:

- 32 (a) disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to result in unfair
33 competitive injury to the person submitting the information or would impair the
34 ability of the governmental entity to obtain necessary information in the future;
35 (b) the person submitting the information has a greater interest in prohibiting access than
36 the public in obtaining access; and
37 (c) the person submitting the information has provided the governmental entity with the
38 information specified in Section 63G-2-309;

- 39 (3) commercial or financial information acquired or prepared by a governmental entity to
40 the extent that disclosure would lead to financial speculations in currencies, securities, or
41 commodities that will interfere with a planned transaction by the governmental entity or
42 cause substantial financial injury to the governmental entity or state economy;

- 43 (4) records, the disclosure of which could cause commercial injury to, or confer a
44 competitive advantage upon a potential or actual competitor of, a commercial project
45 entity as defined in Subsection 11-13-103(4);

- 46 (5) test questions and answers to be used in future license, certification, registration,
47 employment, or academic examinations;

- 48 (6) records, the disclosure of which would impair governmental procurement proceedings
49 or give an unfair advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contract or agreement
50 with a governmental entity, except, subject to Subsections (1) and (2), that this
51 Subsection (6) does not restrict the right of a person to have access to, after the contract
52 or grant has been awarded and signed by all parties:

- 53 (a) a bid, proposal, application, or other information submitted to or by a governmental
54 entity in response to:

- 55 (i) an invitation for bids;
56 (ii) a request for proposals;
57 (iii) a request for quotes;
58 (iv) a grant; or
59 (v) other similar document; or

- 60 (b) an unsolicited proposal, as defined in Section 63G-6a-712;

- 61 (7) information submitted to or by a governmental entity in response to a request for
62 information, except, subject to Subsections (1) and (2), that this Subsection (7) does not
63 restrict the right of a person to have access to the information, after:

- 64 (a) a contract directly relating to the subject of the request for information has been

- 65 awarded and signed by all parties; or
- 66 (b)(i) a final determination is made not to enter into a contract that relates to the
- 67 subject of the request for information; and
- 68 (ii) at least two years have passed after the day on which the request for information
- 69 is issued;
- 70 (8) records that would identify real property or the appraisal or estimated value of real or
- 71 personal property, including intellectual property, under consideration for public
- 72 acquisition before any rights to the property are acquired unless:
- 73 (a) public interest in obtaining access to the information is greater than or equal to the
- 74 governmental entity's need to acquire the property on the best terms possible;
- 75 (b) the information has already been disclosed to persons not employed by or under a
- 76 duty of confidentiality to the entity;
- 77 (c) in the case of records that would identify property, potential sellers of the described
- 78 property have already learned of the governmental entity's plans to acquire the
- 79 property;
- 80 (d) in the case of records that would identify the appraisal or estimated value of
- 81 property, the potential sellers have already learned of the governmental entity's
- 82 estimated value of the property; or
- 83 (e) the property under consideration for public acquisition is a single family residence
- 84 and the governmental entity seeking to acquire the property has initiated negotiations
- 85 to acquire the property as required under Section 78B-6-505;
- 86 (9) records prepared in contemplation of sale, exchange, lease, rental, or other compensated
- 87 transaction of real or personal property including intellectual property, which, if
- 88 disclosed prior to completion of the transaction, would reveal the appraisal or estimated
- 89 value of the subject property, unless:
- 90 (a) the public interest in access is greater than or equal to the interests in restricting
- 91 access, including the governmental entity's interest in maximizing the financial
- 92 benefit of the transaction; or
- 93 (b) when prepared by or on behalf of a governmental entity, appraisals or estimates of
- 94 the value of the subject property have already been disclosed to persons not
- 95 employed by or under a duty of confidentiality to the entity;
- 96 (10) records created or maintained for civil, criminal, or administrative enforcement
- 97 purposes or audit purposes, or for discipline, licensing, certification, or registration
- 98 purposes, if release of the records:

- 99 (a) reasonably could be expected to interfere with investigations undertaken for
100 enforcement, discipline, licensing, certification, or registration purposes;
- 101 (b) reasonably could be expected to interfere with audits, disciplinary, or enforcement
102 proceedings;
- 103 (c) would create a danger of depriving a person of a right to a fair trial or impartial
104 hearing;
- 105 (d) reasonably could be expected to disclose the identity of a source who is not generally
106 known outside of government and, in the case of a record compiled in the course of
107 an investigation, disclose information furnished by a source not generally known
108 outside of government if disclosure would compromise the source; or
- 109 (e) reasonably could be expected to disclose investigative or audit techniques,
110 procedures, policies, or orders not generally known outside of government if
111 disclosure would interfere with enforcement or audit efforts;
- 112 (11) records the disclosure of which would jeopardize the life or safety of an individual;
- 113 (12) records the disclosure of which would jeopardize the security of governmental
114 property, governmental programs, or governmental recordkeeping systems from
115 damage, theft, or other appropriation or use contrary to law or public policy;
- 116 (13) records that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the security or safety of a correctional
117 facility, or records relating to incarceration, treatment, probation, or parole, that would
118 interfere with the control and supervision of an offender's incarceration, treatment,
119 probation, or parole;
- 120 (14) records that, if disclosed, would reveal recommendations made to the Board of
121 Pardons and Parole by an employee of or contractor for the Department of Corrections,
122 the Board of Pardons and Parole, or the Department of Health and Human Services that
123 are based on the employee's or contractor's supervision, diagnosis, or treatment of any
124 person within the board's jurisdiction;
- 125 (15) records and audit workpapers that identify audit, collection, and operational procedures
126 and methods used by the State Tax Commission, if disclosure would interfere with
127 audits or collections;
- 128 (16) records of a governmental audit agency relating to an ongoing or planned audit until
129 the final audit is released;
- 130 (17) records that are subject to the attorney client privilege;
- 131 (18) records prepared for or by an attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer,
132 employee, or agent of a governmental entity for, or in anticipation of, litigation or a

- judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative proceeding;
- (19)(a)(i) personal files of a state legislator, including personal correspondence to or from a member of the Legislature; and
- (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (19)(a)(i), correspondence that gives notice of legislative action or policy may not be classified as protected under this section; and
- (b)(i) an internal communication that is part of the deliberative process in connection with the preparation of legislation between:
- (A) members of a legislative body;
- (B) a member of a legislative body and a member of the legislative body's staff; or
- (C) members of a legislative body's staff; and
- (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (19)(b)(i), a communication that gives notice of legislative action or policy may not be classified as protected under this section;
- (20)(a) records in the custody or control of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, that, if disclosed, would reveal a particular legislator's contemplated legislation or contemplated course of action before the legislator has elected to support the legislation or course of action, or made the legislation or course of action public; and
- (b) notwithstanding Subsection (20)(a), the form to request legislation submitted to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel is a public document unless a legislator asks that the records requesting the legislation be maintained as protected records until such time as the legislator elects to make the legislation or course of action public;
- (21) a research request from a legislator to a legislative staff member and research findings prepared in response to the request;
- (22) drafts, unless otherwise classified as public;
- (23) records concerning a governmental entity's strategy about:
- (a) collective bargaining; or
- (b) imminent or pending litigation;
- (24) records of investigations of loss occurrences and analyses of loss occurrences that may be covered by the Risk Management Fund, the Employers' Reinsurance Fund, the Uninsured Employers' Fund, or similar divisions in other governmental entities;
- (25) records, other than personnel evaluations, that contain a personal recommendation concerning an individual if disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion

of personal privacy, or disclosure is not in the public interest;

(26) records that reveal the location of historic, prehistoric, paleontological, or biological resources that if known would jeopardize the security of those resources or of valuable historic, scientific, educational, or cultural information;

(27) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of the records would conflict with the fiduciary obligations of the agency;

(28) records of an institution of higher education defined in Section 53H-1-101 regarding tenure evaluations, appointments, applications for admissions, retention decisions, and promotions, which could be properly discussed in a meeting closed in accordance with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act, provided that records of the final decisions about tenure, appointments, retention, promotions, or those students admitted, may not be classified as protected under this section;

(29) records of the governor's office, including budget recommendations, legislative proposals, and policy statements, that if disclosed would reveal the governor's contemplated policies or contemplated courses of action before the governor has implemented or rejected those policies or courses of action or made them public;

(30) records of the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst relating to budget analysis, revenue estimates, and fiscal notes of proposed legislation before issuance of the final recommendations in these areas;

(31) records provided by the United States or by a government entity outside the state that are given to the governmental entity with a requirement that they be managed as protected records if the providing entity certifies that the record would not be subject to public disclosure if retained by it;

(32) transcripts, minutes, recordings, or reports of the closed portion of a meeting of a public body except as provided in Section 52-4-206;

(33) records that would reveal the contents of settlement negotiations but not including final settlements or empirical data to the extent that they are not otherwise exempt from disclosure;

(34) memoranda prepared by staff and used in the decision-making process by an administrative law judge, a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole, or a member of any other body charged by law with performing a quasi-judicial function;

(35) records that would reveal negotiations regarding assistance or incentives offered by or requested from a governmental entity for the purpose of encouraging a person to expand or locate a business in Utah, but only if disclosure would result in actual economic harm

to the person or place the governmental entity at a competitive disadvantage, but this section may not be used to restrict access to a record evidencing a final contract;

(36) materials to which access must be limited for purposes of securing or maintaining the governmental entity's proprietary protection of intellectual property rights including patents, copyrights, and trade secrets;

(37) the name of a donor or a prospective donor to a governmental entity, including an institution of higher education defined in Section 53H-1-101, and other information concerning the donation that could reasonably be expected to reveal the identity of the donor, provided that:

(a) the donor requests anonymity in writing;

(b) any terms, conditions, restrictions, or privileges relating to the donation may not be classified protected by the governmental entity under this Subsection (37); and

(c) except for an institution of higher education defined in Section 53H-1-101, the governmental unit to which the donation is made is primarily engaged in educational, charitable, or artistic endeavors, and has no regulatory or legislative authority over the donor, a member of the donor's immediate family, or any entity owned or controlled by the donor or the donor's immediate family;

(38) accident reports, except as provided in Sections 41-6a-404, 41-12a-202, and 73-18-13;

(39) a notification of workers' compensation insurance coverage described in Section 34A-2-205;

(40) subject to Subsections (40)(g) and (h), the following records of an institution of higher education defined in Section 53H-1-101, which have been developed, discovered, disclosed to, or received by or on behalf of faculty, staff, employees, or students of the institution:

(a) unpublished lecture notes;

(b) unpublished notes, data, and information:

(i) relating to research; and

(ii) of:

(A) the institution of higher education defined in Section 53H-1-101; or

(B) a sponsor of sponsored research;

(c) unpublished manuscripts;

(d) creative works in process;

(e) scholarly correspondence; and

(f) confidential information contained in research proposals;

- (g) this Subsection (40) may not be construed to prohibit disclosure of public information required pursuant to Subsection 53H-14-202(2)(a) or (b); and
- (h) this Subsection (40) may not be construed to affect the ownership of a record;
- (41)(a) records in the custody or control of the Office of the Legislative Auditor General that would reveal the name of a particular legislator who requests a legislative audit prior to the date that audit is completed and made public; and
- (b) notwithstanding Subsection (41)(a), a request for a legislative audit submitted to the Office of the Legislative Auditor General is a public document unless the legislator asks that the records in the custody or control of the Office of the Legislative Auditor General that would reveal the name of a particular legislator who requests a legislative audit be maintained as protected records until the audit is completed and made public;
- (42) records that provide detail as to the location of an explosive, including a map or other document that indicates the location of:
- (a) a production facility; or
- (b) a magazine;
- (43) information contained in the statewide database of the Division of Aging and Adult Services created by Section 26B-6-210;
- (44) information contained in the Licensing Information System described in Title 80, Chapter 2, Child Welfare Services;
- (45) information regarding National Guard operations or activities in support of the National Guard's federal mission;
- (46) records provided by any pawn or secondhand business to a law enforcement agency or to the central database in compliance with Title 13, Chapter 32a, Pawnshop, Secondhand Merchandise, and Catalytic Converter Transaction Information Act;
- (47) information regarding food security, risk, and vulnerability assessments performed by the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- (48) except to the extent that the record is exempt from this chapter pursuant to Section 63G-2-106, records related to an emergency plan or program, a copy of which is provided to or prepared or maintained by the Division of Emergency Management, and the disclosure of which would jeopardize:
- (a) the safety of the general public; or
- (b) the security of:
- (i) governmental property;

- 269 (ii) governmental programs; or
- 270 (iii) the property of a private person who provides the Division of Emergency
- 271 Management information;
- 272 (49) records of the Department of Agriculture and Food that provides for the identification,
- 273 tracing, or control of livestock diseases, including any program established under Title
- 274 4, Chapter 24, Utah Livestock Brand and Anti-Theft Act, or Title 4, Chapter 31, Control
- 275 of Animal Disease;
- 276 (50) as provided in Section 26B-2-709:
- 277 (a) information or records held by the Department of Health and Human Services related
- 278 to a complaint regarding a provider, program, or facility which the department is
- 279 unable to substantiate; and
- 280 (b) information or records related to a complaint received by the Department of Health
- 281 and Human Services from an anonymous complainant regarding a provider, program,
- 282 or facility;
- 283 (51) unless otherwise classified as public under Section 63G-2-301 and except as provided
- 284 under Section 41-1a-116, an individual's home address, home telephone number, or
- 285 personal mobile phone number, if:
- 286 (a) the individual is required to provide the information in order to comply with a law,
- 287 ordinance, rule, or order of a government entity; and
- 288 (b) the subject of the record has a reasonable expectation that this information will be
- 289 kept confidential due to:
- 290 (i) the nature of the law, ordinance, rule, or order; and
- 291 (ii) the individual complying with the law, ordinance, rule, or order;
- 292 (52) the portion of the following documents that contains a candidate's residential or
- 293 mailing address, if the candidate provides to the filing officer another address or phone
- 294 number where the candidate may be contacted:
- 295 (a) a declaration of candidacy, a nomination petition, or a certificate of nomination,
- 296 described in Section 20A-9-201, 20A-9-202, 20A-9-203, 20A-9-404, 20A-9-405,
- 297 20A-9-408, 20A-9-408.5, 20A-9-502, or 20A-9-601;
- 298 (b) an affidavit of impecuniosity, described in Section 20A-9-201; or
- 299 (c) a notice of intent to gather signatures for candidacy, described in Section 20A-9-408;
- 300 (53) the name, home address, work addresses, and telephone numbers of an individual that
- 301 is engaged in, or that provides goods or services for, medical or scientific research that is:
- 302 (a) conducted within the state system of higher education, as described in Section

- 53H-1-102; and
- (b) conducted using animals;
- (54) in accordance with Section 78A-12-203, any record of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission concerning an individual commissioner's vote, in relation to whether a judge meets or exceeds minimum performance standards under Subsection 78A-12-203(4), and information disclosed under Subsection 78A-12-203(5)(e);
- (55) information collected and a report prepared by the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission concerning a judge, unless Section 20A-7-702 or Title 78A, Chapter 12, Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission Act, requires disclosure of, or makes public, the information or report;
- (56) records provided or received by the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office in furtherance of any contract or other agreement made in accordance with Section 63L-11-202;
- (57) information requested by and provided to the 911 Division under Section 63H-7a-302;
- (58) in accordance with Section 73-10-33:
- (a) a management plan for a water conveyance facility in the possession of the Division of Water Resources or the Board of Water Resources; or
- (b) an outline of an emergency response plan in possession of the state or a county or municipality;
- (59) the following records in the custody or control of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services, created in Section 63A-13-201:
- (a) records that would disclose information relating to allegations of personal misconduct, gross mismanagement, or illegal activity of a person if the information or allegation cannot be corroborated by the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services through other documents or evidence, and the records relating to the allegation are not relied upon by the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services in preparing a final investigation report or final audit report;
- (b) records and audit workpapers to the extent they would disclose the identity of a person who, during the course of an investigation or audit, communicated the existence of any Medicaid fraud, waste, or abuse, or a violation or suspected violation of a law, rule, or regulation adopted under the laws of this state, a political subdivision of the state, or any recognized entity of the United States, if the information was disclosed on the condition that the identity of the person be protected;

- (c) before the time that an investigation or audit is completed and the final investigation or final audit report is released, records or drafts circulated to a person who is not an employee or head of a governmental entity for the person's response or information;
- (d) records that would disclose an outline or part of any investigation, audit survey plan, or audit program; or
- (e) requests for an investigation or audit, if disclosure would risk circumvention of an investigation or audit;
- (60) records that reveal methods used by the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services, the fraud unit, or the Department of Health and Human Services, to discover Medicaid fraud, waste, or abuse;
- (61) information provided to the Department of Health and Human Services or the Division of Professional Licensing under Subsections 58-67-304(3) and (4) and Subsections 58-68-304(3) and (4);
- (62) a record described in Section 63G-12-210;
- (63) captured plate data that is obtained through an automatic license plate reader system used by a governmental entity as authorized in Section 41-6a-2003;
- (64) an audio or video recording created by a body-worn camera, as that term is defined in Section 77-7a-103, that records sound or images inside a hospital or health care facility as those terms are defined in Section 78B-3-403, inside a clinic of a health care provider, as that term is defined in Section 78B-3-403, or inside a human ~~[service]~~ services program as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-101, except for recordings that:
- (a) depict the commission of an alleged crime;
- (b) record any encounter between a law enforcement officer and a person that results in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
- (c) record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
- (d) contain an ~~[officer-involved]~~ officer-involved critical incident as defined in Subsection 76-2-408(1)(f); or
- (e) have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording;
- (65) a record pertaining to the search process for a president of an institution of higher education described in Section 53H-3-302;
- (66) an audio recording that is:
- (a) produced by an audio recording device that is used in conjunction with a device or

- 371 piece of equipment designed or intended for resuscitating an individual or for treating
372 an individual with a life-threatening condition;
- 373 (b) produced during an emergency event when an individual employed to provide law
374 enforcement, fire protection, paramedic, emergency medical, or other first responder
375 service:
- 376 (i) is responding to an individual needing resuscitation or with a life-threatening
377 condition; and
- 378 (ii) uses a device or piece of equipment designed or intended for resuscitating an
379 individual or for treating an individual with a life-threatening condition; and
- 380 (c) intended and used for purposes of training emergency responders how to improve
381 their response to an emergency situation;
- 382 (67) records submitted by or prepared in relation to an applicant seeking a recommendation
383 by the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee, the Budget Subcommittee, or the
384 Legislative Audit Subcommittee, established under Section 36-12-8, for an employment
385 position with the Legislature;
- 386 (68) work papers as defined in Section 31A-2-204;
- 387 (69) a record made available to Adult Protective Services or a law enforcement agency
388 under Section 61-1-206;
- 389 (70) a record submitted to the Insurance Department in accordance with Section
390 31A-37-201;
- 391 (71) a record described in Section 31A-37-503;
- 392 (72) any record created by the Division of Professional Licensing as a result of Subsection
393 58-37f-304(5) or 58-37f-702(2)(a)(ii);
- 394 (73) a record described in Section 72-16-306 that relates to the reporting of an injury
395 involving an amusement ride;
- 396 (74) except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305.5(1), the signature of an individual on a
397 political petition, or on a request to withdraw a signature from a political petition,
398 including a petition or request described in the following titles:
- 399 (a) Title 10, Utah Municipal Code;
- 400 (b) Title 17, Counties;
- 401 (c) Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Special Districts;
- 402 (d) Title 17D, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Other Entities; and
- 403 (e) Title 20A, Election Code;
- 404 (75) except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305.5(2), the signature of an individual in a

voter registration record;

(76) except as provided in Subsection 63G-2-305.5(3), any signature, other than a signature described in Subsection (74) or (75), in the custody of the lieutenant governor or a local political subdivision collected or held under, or in relation to, Title 20A, Election Code;

(77) a Form I-918 Supplement B certification as described in Title 77, Chapter 38, Part 5, Victims Guidelines for Prosecutors Act;

(78) a record submitted to the Insurance Department under Section 31A-48-103;

(79) personal information, as defined in Section 63G-26-102, to the extent disclosure is prohibited under Section 63G-26-103;

(80) an image taken of an individual during the process of booking the individual into jail, unless:

(a) the individual is convicted of a criminal offense based upon the conduct for which the individual was incarcerated at the time the image was taken;

(b) a law enforcement agency releases or disseminates the image:

(i) after determining that [-]the individual is a fugitive or an imminent threat to an individual or to public safety and releasing or disseminating the image will assist in apprehending the individual or reducing or eliminating the threat; or

(ii) to a potential witness or other individual with direct knowledge of events relevant to a criminal investigation or criminal proceeding for the purpose of identifying or locating an individual in connection with the criminal investigation or criminal proceeding;

(c) a judge orders the release or dissemination of the image based on a finding that the release or dissemination is in furtherance of a legitimate law enforcement interest; or

(d) the image is displayed to a person who is permitted to view the image under Section 17-72-802;

(81) a record:

(a) concerning an interstate claim to the use of waters in the Colorado River system;

(b) relating to a judicial proceeding, administrative proceeding, or negotiation with a representative from another state or the federal government as provided in Section 63M-14-205; and

(c) the disclosure of which would:

(i) reveal a legal strategy relating to the state's claim to the use of the water in the Colorado River system;

(ii) harm the ability of the Colorado River Authority of Utah or river commissioner to

- 439 negotiate the best terms and conditions regarding the use of water in the Colorado
440 River system; or
- 441 (iii) give an advantage to another state or to the federal government in negotiations
442 regarding the use of water in the Colorado River system;
- 443 (82) any part of an application described in Section 63N-16-201 that the Governor's Office
444 of Economic Opportunity determines is nonpublic, confidential information that if
445 disclosed would result in actual economic harm to the applicant, but this Subsection (82)
446 may not be used to restrict access to a record evidencing a final contract or approval
447 decision;
- 448 (83) the following records of a drinking water or wastewater facility:
- 449 (a) an engineering or architectural drawing of the drinking water or wastewater facility;
450 and
- 451 (b) except as provided in Section 63G-2-106, a record detailing tools or processes the
452 drinking water or wastewater facility uses to secure, or prohibit access to, the records
453 described in Subsection (83)(a);
- 454 (84) a statement that an employee of a governmental entity provides to the governmental
455 entity as part of the governmental entity's personnel or administrative investigation into
456 potential misconduct involving the employee if the governmental entity:
- 457 (a) requires the statement under threat of employment disciplinary action, including
458 possible termination of employment, for the employee's refusal to provide the
459 statement; and
- 460 (b) provides the employee assurance that the statement cannot be used against the
461 employee in any criminal proceeding;
- 462 (85) any part of an application for a Utah Fits All Scholarship account described in Section
463 53F-6-402 or other information identifying a scholarship student as defined in Section
464 53F-6-401;
- 465 (86) a record:
- 466 (a) concerning a claim to the use of waters in the Great Salt Lake;
- 467 (b) relating to a judicial proceeding, administrative proceeding, or negotiation with a
468 person concerning the claim, including a representative from another state or the
469 federal government; and
- 470 (c) the disclosure of which would:
- 471 (i) reveal a legal strategy relating to the state's claim to the use of the water in the
472 Great Salt Lake;

- 473 (ii) harm the ability of the Great Salt Lake commissioner to negotiate the best terms
 474 and conditions regarding the use of water in the Great Salt Lake; or
 475 (iii) give an advantage to another person including another state or to the federal
 476 government in negotiations regarding the use of water in the Great Salt Lake;
 477 (87) a consumer complaint described in Section 13-2-11, unless the consumer complaint is
 478 reclassified as public as described in Subsection [13-2-11(4)] 13-2-11(3);
 479 (88) a record of the Utah water agent, appointed under Section 73-10g-702:
 480 (a) concerning a claim to the use of waters;
 481 (b) relating to a judicial proceeding, administrative proceeding, or negotiation with a
 482 representative from another state, a tribe, the federal government, or other
 483 government entity as provided in Title 73, Chapter 10g, Part 7, Utah Water Agent;
 484 and
 485 (c) the disclosure of which would:
 486 (i) reveal a legal strategy relating to the state's claim to the use of the water;
 487 (ii) harm the ability of the Utah water agent to negotiate the best terms and conditions
 488 regarding the use of water; or
 489 (iii) give an advantage to another state, a tribe, the federal government, or other
 490 government entity in negotiations regarding the use of water;[~~and~~]
 491 (89) a record created or maintained for an investigation of the Prosecutor Conduct
 492 Commission, created in Section 63M-7-1102, that contains any personal identifying
 493 information of a prosecuting attorney, including:
 494 (a) a complaint, or a document that is submitted or created for a complaint, received by
 495 the Prosecutor Conduct Commission; or
 496 (b) a finding by the Prosecutor Conduct Commission[~~;~~] ; and
 497 (90) a record of a list, or from a database, containing victim names as described in
 498 Subsection 77-38-6(3)(c).

499 Section 2. Section **77-38-6** is amended to read:

500 **77-38-6 . Victim's right to privacy -- Option to use victim's initials in publicly**
 501 **available criminal justice documents.**

- 502 (1)(a) The victim of a crime has the right, at any court proceeding, including any
 503 juvenile court proceeding, not to testify regarding the victim's address, telephone
 504 number, place of employment, or other locating information unless the victim
 505 specifically consents or the court orders disclosure on finding that a compelling need
 506 exists to disclose the information.

(b) A court proceeding on whether to order disclosure shall be in camera.

(2)(a) A defendant may not compel any witness to a crime, at any court proceeding, including any juvenile court proceeding, to testify regarding the witness's address, telephone number, place of employment, or other locating information unless the witness specifically consents or the court orders disclosure on finding that a compelling need for the information exists.

(b) A court proceeding on whether to order disclosure shall be in camera.

(3)(a) For an offense occurring on or after July 1, 2026, a victim may request to have the victim's initials rather than the victim's name used in charging documents and any other publicly available filing or document related to the criminal justice process that is created by a prosecuting agency, the Utah State Courts, a law enforcement agency, the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services, the Department of Corrections, the Youth Parole Authority, the Board of Pardons and Parole, or a related entity.

(b)(i) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a), a filing or document is publicly available if the filing or document is available to, and accessible by, the general public, even if a member of the public is required to pay a fee to access the filing or document.

(ii) For purposes of Subsection (3)(a), a filing or document is not publicly available if the filing or document is made available only to certain parties connected to the proceeding, even if a fee is charged to obtain the filing or document.

(c) An entity described in Subsection (3)(a) shall maintain a list or database of victim names for which the victim's initials have been used so that the name of a victim can be searched and identified in response to a court order.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.