

Melissa G. Ballard proposes the following substitute bill:

Female Genital Mutilation Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Melissa G. Ballard

Senate Sponsor: Heidi Balderree

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses provisions regarding female genital mutilation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- repeals the requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a community education program regarding female genital mutilation;
- removes the statute of limitation for the prosecution of the offense of female genital mutilation; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

REPEALS:

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

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

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Aggravating offense" means any offense incident to which a homicide was committed as described in Subsection 76-5-202(2)(a)(iv) or (v) or Subsection 76-5-202(2)(b).

(b) "Predicate offense" means an offense described in Subsection 76-5-203(1)(a) if a person other than a party as defined in Section 76-2-202 was killed in the course of the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of the offense.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, prosecution for the following offenses may be commenced at any time:

- (a) an offense classified as a capital felony under Section 76-3-103;
- (b) aggravated murder under Section 76-5-202;
- (c) murder under Section 76-5-203;
- (d) manslaughter under Section 76-5-205;
- (e) child abuse homicide under Section 76-5-208;
- (f) aggravated kidnapping under Section 76-5-302;
- (g) child kidnapping under Section 76-5-301.1;
- (h) rape under Section 76-5-402;
- (i) rape of a child under Section 76-5-402.1;
- (j) object rape under Section 76-5-402.2;
- (k) object rape of a child under Section 76-5-402.3;
- (l) forcible sodomy under Section 76-5-403;
- (m) sodomy on a child under Section 76-5-403.1;
- (n) sexual abuse of a child under Section 76-5-404.1;
- (o) aggravated sexual abuse of a child under Section 76-5-404.3;
- (p) aggravated sexual assault under Section 76-5-405;
- (q) any predicate offense to a murder or aggravating offense to an aggravated murder;
- (r) aggravated human trafficking under Section 76-5-310;
- (s) aggravated human smuggling under Section 76-5-310.1;
- (t) human trafficking of a child under Section 76-5-308.5;[~~or~~]
- (u) female genital mutilation under Section 76-5-702; or
- [~~(u)~~] (v) aggravated exploitation of prostitution involving a child under Section 76-5d-208.

Section 2. **Repealer.**

This bill repeals:

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

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.