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**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

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**LONG TITLE**

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**General Description:**

5 This bill addresses provisions regarding female genital mutilation.

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**Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

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

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**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

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**Other Special Clauses:**

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**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

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**AMENDS:**

19 **76-1-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 173, 174

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**REPEALS:**

21 **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:*

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

25 **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 [(u)] (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.