

Jason B. Kyle proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **Electronic Information Privacy Act Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jason B. Kyle

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill amends the Electronic Information Privacy Act.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

7 ▶ amends and clarifies definitions;

8 ▶ clarifies and amends procedures and requirements for a law enforcement agency that
9 seeks to obtain, use, copy, or disclose certain electronic information or records;

10 ▶ provides that the procedures and requirements described in the Electronic Information
11 Privacy Act (act) are the only permissible methods for a law enforcement agency to
12 obtain, use, copy, disclose, or otherwise access certain electronic information or records,
13 with certain exceptions;

14 ▶ prohibits a law enforcement agency from contracting with or otherwise using a third party
15 to obtain, use, copy, disclose, or otherwise access certain electronic information or
16 records in a manner that the law enforcement agency would be prohibited from doing
17 directly, with certain exceptions;

18 ▶ provides that electronic information or records obtained in violation of the act, as well as
19 any evidence derived from the electronic information or records, are subject to the same
20 rules governing exclusion of evidence obtained in violation of constitutional
21 requirements; and

22 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

23 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

24 None

25 **Other Special Clauses:**

26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **77-23c-101.2**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 382

31 **77-23c-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 382, 514

32 **77-23c-103**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 382

33 **77-23c-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 382

34 **77-23c-105**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 362

35 ENACTS:

36 **77-23c-104.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

39 Section 1. Section **77-23c-101.2** is amended to read:

40 **77-23c-101.2 . Definitions.**

41 As used in this chapter:

42 (1) "Electronic communication service" means a service that provides to users of the
43 service the ability to send or receive wire or electronic communications.

44 (2) "Electronic device" means a device that enables access to or use of an electronic
45 communication service, remote computing service, or location information service.

46 (3)(a) "Electronic information" means information or data including a sign, signal,
47 writing, image, sound, or intelligence of any nature transmitted or stored in whole or
48 in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic, or photooptical system.

49 (b) "Electronic information" includes the location information, stored data, or
50 transmitted data of an electronic device.

51 (c) "Electronic information" does not include:

52 (i) a wire or oral communication;
53 (ii) a communication made through a tone-only paging device; or
54 (iii) electronic funds transfer information stored by a financial institution in a
55 communications system used for the electronic storage and transfer of money.

56 (4) "Law enforcement agency" means:

57 (a) an entity of the state or a political subdivision of the state that exists to primarily
58 prevent, detect, or prosecute crime and enforce criminal statutes or ordinances; or
59 (b) an individual or entity acting for or on behalf of an entity described in Subsection
60 (4)(a).

61 (5)(a) "Location information" means information concerning the geographical location
62 of an electronic device that, in whole or in part, is generated or derived from or

63 obtained by the operation of an electronic device or the operation of a software
64 application on an electronic device.

65 (b) "Location information" includes past, current, and future location information.

66 (6) "Location information service" means the provision of a global positioning service or
67 other mapping, location, or directional information service.

68 (7) "Oral communication" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-23a-3.

69 (8) "Remote computing service" means the provision to the public of computer storage or
70 processing services by means of an electronic communications system.

71 (9) "Subscriber record" means a record or information that:

72 (a)(i) is in the possession of a provider of an electronic communication service or a
73 remote computing service;
74 (ii) is created or maintained by a provider of an electronic communication service or
75 a remote computing service; or
76 (iii) is received from, or derived from, a record or information originally possessed,
77 created, or maintained by a provider of an electronic communication service or a
78 remote computing service; and

79 (b) reveals a subscriber's or customer's:

80 (i) name;
81 (ii) address;
82 (iii) local or long distance telephone connection record, or record of session time and
83 duration;
84 (iv) length of service, including the start date;
85 (v) type of service used;
86 (vi) telephone number, instrument number, or other subscriber or customer number or
87 identification, including a temporarily assigned network address; or
88 (vii) means or source of payment to the electronic communication service or a remote
89 computing service, including a credit card or bank account number.

90 [(9)] (10) "Transmitted data" means electronic information that is transmitted wirelessly:

91 (a) from an electronic device to another electronic device without the use of an
92 intermediate connection or relay; or

93 (b) from an electronic device to a nearby antenna or from a nearby antenna to an
94 electronic device.

95 [(10)] (11) "Wire communication" means the same as that term is defined in Section
96 77-23a-3.

97 Section 2. Section **77-23c-102** is amended to read:

98 **77-23c-102 . Electronic information privacy -- Warrant required for disclosure.**

99 (1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)[-or] , (4), or Section 77-23c-104.1, and
100 subject to Section 77-23c-105, for a criminal investigation or prosecution, a law
101 enforcement agency may not obtain, [without] copy, or use the following information
102 or data except through the use of a search warrant issued by a court upon probable
103 cause:
104 (i) the location information, stored data, or transmitted data of an electronic device; or
105 (ii) electronic information transmitted by the owner of the electronic information:
106 (A) to a provider of a remote computing service; or
107 (B) through a provider of an electronic communication service.

108 (b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii) and subject to Subsection (1)(c), [a]
109 if a law enforcement agency, in response to a warrant obtained under Subsection
110 (1)(a), obtains information or data described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) or (ii), the law
111 enforcement agency may not use, copy, or disclose, for any purpose, [the location
112 information, stored data, or transmitted data of an electronic device, or electronic
113 information provided by a provider of a remote computing service or an electronic
114 communication service,] any information or data described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)
115 or (ii) that:

116 [(i)] (A) is not the subject of the warrant obtained under Subsection (1)(a); and
117 [(ii)] (B) is collected as part of an effort to obtain the [location information, stored
118 data, or transmitted data of an electronic device, or electronic information
119 provided by a provider of a remote computing service or an electronic
120 communication service] information or data described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) or
121 (ii) that is the subject of the warrant [in] obtained under Subsection (1)(a).

122 [(e)] (ii) A law enforcement agency may use, copy, or disclose the transmitted data of
123 an electronic device used to communicate with the electronic device that is the
124 subject of the warrant if the law enforcement agency reasonably believes that the
125 transmitted data is necessary to achieve the objective of the warrant.

126 [(d)] (c) The electronic information described in Subsection (1)(b) shall be destroyed in
127 an unrecoverable manner by the law enforcement agency as soon as reasonably
128 possible after the electronic information is collected.

129 (2)(a) [A-] Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c) or Section 77-23c-104.1 and subject
130 to Section 77-23c-105, a law enforcement agency may obtain location information

131 without a warrant for an electronic device only:

- 132 (i) in accordance with Section 53-10-104.5;
- 133 (ii) if the device is reported stolen by the owner;
- 134 (iii) with the informed, affirmative consent of the owner or user of the electronic
- 135 device;
- 136 (iv) except for the automobile exception to the warrant requirement, in accordance
- 137 with a judicially recognized exception to warrant requirements;
- 138 (v) if the owner has voluntarily and publicly disclosed the location information; or
- 139 (vi) from a provider of a remote computing service or an electronic communications
- 140 service if the provider voluntarily discloses the location information:
 - 141 (A) under a belief that an emergency exists involving an imminent risk to an
 - 142 individual of death, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, live-streamed sexual
 - 143 exploitation, kidnapping, or human trafficking; or
 - 144 (B) that is inadvertently discovered by the provider and appears to pertain to the
 - 145 commission of a felony, or of a misdemeanor involving physical violence,
 - 146 sexual abuse, or dishonesty.

147 (b) [A-] Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c) or Section 77-23c-104.1 and subject to
148 Section 77-23c-105, a law enforcement agency may obtain stored data or transmitted
149 data from an electronic device or electronic information transmitted by the owner of
150 the electronic information to a provider of a remote computing service or through a
151 provider of an electronic communication service, without a warrant, only:

- 152 (i) with the informed consent of the owner of the electronic device or electronic
- 153 information;
- 154 (ii) except for the automobile exception to the warrant requirement, in accordance
- 155 with a judicially recognized exception to warrant requirements; or
- 156 (iii) subject to Subsection (2)(a)(vi)(B), from a provider of a remote computing
- 157 service or an electronic communication service if the provider voluntarily
- 158 discloses the stored or transmitted data as otherwise permitted under 18 U.S.C.
- 159 Sec. 2702.

160 (c) A prosecutor may obtain a judicial order as described in Section 77-22-2.5 for the
161 purposes described in Section 77-22-2.5.

162 (3) A provider of an electronic communication service or a remote computing service, the
163 provider's officers, employees, or agents, or other specified persons may not be held
164 liable for providing information, facilities, or assistance in good faith reliance on the

terms of [the] a warrant issued under this section or without a warrant in accordance with Subsection (2).

[~~(4) Nothing in this chapter:~~]

[(a) limits or affects the disclosure of public records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act;]

[b) affects the rights of an employer under Subseection 34-48-202(1)(e) or an administrative rule adopted under Section 63A-16-205; or]

[e) limits the ability of a law enforcement agency to receive or use information, without a warrant or subpoena, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2258A.]

Section 3. Section **77-23c-103** is amended to read:

77-23c-103 . Notification required -- Exceptions -- Delayed notification.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b) or (2), a law enforcement agency that executes a warrant under [Subsection 77-23c-102(1) or 77-23c-104(3)] Section 77-23c-102 or 77-23c-104 shall serve the owner of the electronic device or electronic information specified in the warrant with a notice described in Subsection (3):

(i) within 90 days after the day on which the electronic device or the electronic information is obtained by the law enforcement agency but in no case more than three days after the day on which the investigation is concluded; or

(ii) if the owner of the electronic device or electronic information specified in the warrant is unknown to the law enforcement agency, within 90 days after the day on which the law enforcement agency identifies, or reasonably could identify, the owner.

(b) A law enforcement agency is not required to serve a notice described in Subsection (1)(a) to the owner of the electronic device or electronic information if the owner is located outside of the United States.

(2)(a)(i) A law enforcement agency seeking a warrant in accordance with [Subsection 77-23c-102(1)(a) or 77-23c-104(3)] Section 77-23c-102 or 77-23c-104 may submit a request, and the court may grant permission, to delay service of the notice required under Subsection (1) for a period not to exceed 30 days, if the court determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the notification may:

- (A) endanger the life or physical safety of an individual;
- (B) cause a person to flee from prosecution;
- (C) lead to the destruction of or tampering with evidence

199 (D) intimidate a potential witness; or
200 (E) otherwise seriously jeopardize an investigation or unduly delay a trial.
201 (ii) When a delay of notification is granted under Subsection (2)(a)(i) and upon
202 application by the law enforcement agency, the court may grant additional
203 extensions of up to 30 days each.
204 (b)(i) A law enforcement agency that seeks a warrant for an electronic device or
205 electronic information in accordance with ~~Subseetion 77-23c-102(1)(a) or~~
206 ~~77-23c-104(3)~~ Section 77-23c-102 or 77-23c-104 may submit a request to the
207 court, and the court may grant permission, to delay service of the notice required
208 under Subsection (1), if the purpose of delaying the notification is to apprehend an
209 individual:
210 (A) who is a fugitive from justice under Section 77-30-13; and
211 (B) for whom an arrest warrant has been issued for a violent felony offense as
212 defined in Section 76-3-203.5.
213 (ii)(A) The court may grant the request under Subsection (2)(b)(i) to delay
214 notification until the individual who is a fugitive from justice under Section
215 77-30-13 is apprehended by the law enforcement agency.
216 (B) A law enforcement agency shall serve the notice required under Subsection (1)
217 to the owner of the electronic device or electronic information within 14 days
218 after the day on which the law enforcement agency apprehends the individual
219 described in Subsection (2)(b)(i).
220 (3) A notice required under Subsection (1) shall include:
221 (a) a copy of the warrant; and
222 (b) a written statement identifying:
223 (i) the offense specified in the warrant application;
224 (ii) the identity of the law enforcement agency that filed the application;
225 (iii) the date on which the electronic information was obtained; and
226 (iv) the number and length of any authorized delays in serving the notice required
227 under Subsection (1), including, if applicable, the name of the court that
228 authorized the delay and a reference to the provision of this chapter that permitted
229 the delay.
230 (4) A law enforcement agency shall serve the notice required under Subsection (1) to the
231 owner of the electronic device or electronic information by:
232 (a) personal service on the owner;

233 (b) first-class mail to the owner's last-known address; or
234 (c) other reasonable means if the owner's last-known address is unknown.

235 Section 4. Section **77-23c-104** is amended to read:

236 **77-23c-104 . Third-party electronic information and records.**

237 [(1) As used in this section, "subscriber record" means a record or information of a provider
238 of an electronic communication service or remote computing service that reveals the
239 subscriber's or customer's:]

240 [(a) name;]

241 [(b) address;]

242 [(c) local and long distance telephone connection record, or record of session time and
243 duration;]

244 [(d) length of service, including the start date;]

245 [(e) type of service used;]

246 [(f) telephone number, instrument number, or other subscriber or customer number or
247 identification, including a temporarily assigned network address; and]

248 [(g) means and source of payment for the service, including a credit card or bank
249 account number.]

250 [(2)] (1) Except as provided in [Chapter 22, Subpoena Powers for Aid of Criminal
251 Investigation and Grants of Immunity or Section 77-23f-105,] Subsection (2) or Section
252 77-22-2.5 or 77-23c-104.1, and subject to Section 77-23c-105, a law enforcement
253 agency may not, except through the use of a search warrant issued by a court upon
254 probable cause, obtain, use, copy, or disclose[-] :

255 (a) a subscriber record[.] ; or

256 [(3)] (b) [A law enforcement agency may not obtain, use, copy, or disclose,] for a
257 criminal investigation or prosecution, any record or information related to a
258 subscriber or a customer, other than a subscriber record, [of a] that is:

259 (i) in the possession of a provider of an electronic communication service or a remote
260 computing service[related to a subscriber or customer without a warrant.] ;

261 (ii) created or maintained by a provider of an electronic communication service or a
262 remote computing service; or

263 (iii) received from, or derived from, a record or information originally possessed,
264 created, or maintained by a provider of an electronic communication service or a
265 remote computing service.

266 [(4)] (2) [Notwithstanding Subsections (2) and (3), a] Except as provided in Section

267 77-23c-104.1 and subject to Section 77-23c-105, a law enforcement agency may obtain,
268 use, copy, or disclose a subscriber record, or other record or information related to a
269 subscriber or customer described in Subsection (1)(b), without an investigative subpoena
270 or a warrant, only:

271 (a) with the informed, affirmed consent of the subscriber or customer;
272 (b) in accordance with a judicially recognized exception to warrant requirements;
273 (c) if the subscriber or customer voluntarily discloses the record in a manner that is
274 publicly accessible; or
275 (d) if the provider of an electronic communication service or remote computing service
276 voluntarily discloses the record:
277 (i) under a belief that an emergency exists involving the imminent risk to an
278 individual of:
279 (A) death;
280 (B) serious physical injury;
281 (C) sexual abuse;
282 (D) live-streamed sexual exploitation;
283 (E) kidnapping; or
284 (F) human trafficking;
285 (ii) that is inadvertently discovered by the provider, if the record appears to pertain to
286 the commission of:
287 (A) a felony; or
288 (B) a misdemeanor involving physical violence, sexual abuse, or dishonesty; or
289 (iii) subject to Subsection [77-23e-104(4)(d)(ii)] (2)(d)(ii), as otherwise permitted
290 under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2702.

291 [({5})] (3) A provider of an electronic communication service or remote computing service, or
292 the provider's officers, employees, agents, or other specified persons may not be held
293 liable for providing information, facilities, or assistance in good faith reliance on the
294 terms of a warrant issued under this section, or without a warrant in accordance with
295 Subsection [({3})] (2).

296 Section 5. Section **77-23c-104.1** is enacted to read:

297 **77-23c-104.1 . Exceptions from chapter requirements.**

298 (1) A law enforcement agency may obtain, use, copy, disclose, or otherwise access
299 electronic information or a record described in this chapter without complying with the
300 requirements and procedures described in this chapter if the law enforcement agency

301 obtains the electronic information or record:

302 (a)(i) from a federal law enforcement agency, a law enforcement agency in a different
303 state, or a law enforcement agency in a different country; and
304 (ii) the law enforcement agency described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) obtained the
305 electronic information or record:
306 (A) in a legal manner under the constitutional requirements and any applicable
307 laws, rules, and procedures of that jurisdiction; and
308 (B) as part of an investigation of conduct that was occurring in that jurisdiction or
309 of a person over which the law enforcement agency had jurisdiction;
310 (b) as part of a written interagency agreement that:
311 (i) establishes a joint task force or investigative partnership with a federal law
312 enforcement agency, a law enforcement agency in a different state, or a law
313 enforcement agency in a different country; and
314 (ii) defines the scope and purpose of the joint task force or investigative partnership;
315 or
316 (c) at the law enforcement agency's request:
317 (i) from a federal law enforcement agency, a law enforcement agency in a different
318 state, or a law enforcement agency in a different country; and
319 (ii) if the procedures employed to obtain the electronic information or record by the
320 law enforcement agency described in Subsection (1)(c)(i) comply with the level of
321 legal process that is required under this chapter.

322 (2) Nothing in this chapter:

323 (a) limits or affects the disclosure of public records under Title 63G, Chapter 2,
324 Government Records Access and Management Act;
325 (b) affects the rights of an employer under Subsection 34-48-202(1)(e) or an
326 administrative rule adopted under Section 63A-16-205; or
327 (c) limits the ability of a law enforcement agency to receive or use information, without
328 a warrant or subpoena, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
329 under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2258A.

330 Section 6. Section **77-23c-105** is amended to read:

331 **77-23c-105 . Chapter is exclusive method of obtaining, using, copying, or**
332 **disclosing electronic information or records -- Exclusion of electronic information or**
333 **records obtained, used, copied, or disclosed in violation of this chapter.**

334 [All electronic-]

335 (1) A law enforcement agency may only obtain, use, copy, disclose, or otherwise access
336 electronic information or a record described in this chapter if the law enforcement
337 agency has:
338 (a) complied with the applicable procedures and requirements provided under this
339 chapter; or
340 (b) obtained the electronic information or record under an exception described in Section
341 77-23c-104.1.

342 (2) Except as provided in Section 77-23c-104.1, a law enforcement agency may not
343 approach, solicit, direct, or contract with or otherwise use a third party, including a
344 federal agency, an agency in a different state, or an agency in a different country, to
345 obtain, use, copy, disclose, or otherwise access electronic information or a record
346 described in this chapter:
347 (a) in a manner that the law enforcement agency would be prohibited from doing
348 directly under this chapter; or
349 (b) in an attempt to circumvent or subvert the requirements of this chapter.

350 (3)(a) Electronic information [or data and records of a provider of an electronic
351 communications service or remote computing service pertaining to a subscriber or
352 customer] or records described in this chapter that are obtained, used, copied,
353 disclosed, or otherwise accessed in violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be
354 subject to the rules governing exclusion as if the electronic information or records
355 were obtained, used, copied, disclosed, or otherwise accessed in violation of the
356 Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Utah Constitution, Article I,
357 Section 14.

358 (b) Evidence derived from electronic information or records described in Subsection
359 (3)(a) shall be subject to the rules governing exclusion as if the evidence were
360 obtained, used, copied, disclosed, or otherwise accessed in violation of the Fourth
361 Amendment to the United States Constitution and Utah Constitution, Article I,
362 Section 14.

363 **Section 7. Effective Date.**

364 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.