

Karianne Lisonbee proposes the following substitute bill:

Sex Offender Oversight Amendments

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses oversight of sex offenders on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse

Offender Registry.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires local law enforcement agencies to have specific responsibilities for certain sex offenders;
- ▶ revises definitions concerning a residence for purposes of the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry (registry);

- requires the Department of Public Safety (department) to:

- create a monitoring program for sex offenders who are unable to provide a required residential address to the registry;

- delegate monitoring oversight responsibility to a local law enforcement agency or to Division of Adult Probation and Parole;

- establish a process for a local law enforcement agency or the Division of Adult
bation and Parole to be notified of the need for an arrest warrant for certain sex
offenders; and

- develop and provide an online training program for certain individuals who work with offenders;

- requires specific entities to coordinate with the department regarding the monitoring of, seeking an arrest warrant for, certain sex offenders;

- requires a sex offender to comply with the monitoring program;

- ▶ creates criminal penalties for a sex offender's failure to comply with the monitoring program;

29 ▶ requires a court to consider and, if the court finds probable cause, issue an arrest warrant
30 for certain sex offenders;

31 ▶ requires the Division of Adult Probation and Parole to have specific responsibilities for
32 certain sex offenders;

33 ▶ provides a presumption for the issuance of an arrest warrant in lieu of a summons for
34 certain sex offenders; and

35 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

36 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

37 None

38 **Other Special Clauses:**

39 None

40 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

41 **AMENDS:**

42 **17-72-301 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2025,
43 First Special Session, Chapter 13

44 **53-10-403 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 173,
45 208 and 291

46 **53-29-101 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

47 **53-29-301 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

48 **53-29-302 (Effective 05/06/26) (Partially Repealed 01/01/30)**, as enacted by Laws of
49 Utah 2025, Chapter 291

50 **53-29-303 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

51 **53-29-304 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

52 **53-29-305 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

53 **53-29-402 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 291

54 **64-14-203 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 214

55 **77-7-5 (Effective 05/06/26)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 314

56 **ENACTS:**

57 **53-29-308 (Effective 05/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

58 **53-29-309 (Effective 05/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

59 **53-29-406 (Effective 05/06/26)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

62 Section 1. Section **17-72-301** is amended to read:

63 **17-72-301 (Effective 05/06/26). General duties.**

64 (1) The sheriff shall:

65 (a) preserve the peace;

66 (b) make all lawful arrests;

67 (c)(i) attend in person or by deputy:

68 (A) the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals when required; or

69 (B) when the court is held within the sheriff's county, all courts of record, and

70 court commissioner and referee sessions held within the sheriff's county;

71 (ii) obey a court's lawful orders and directions; and

72 (iii) comply with the court security rule, Rule 3-414, of the Utah Code of Judicial

73 Administration;

74 (d) upon request of the juvenile court, aid the court in maintaining order during hearings

75 and transport a minor to and from youth corrections facilities, other institutions, or

76 other designated places;

77 (e) attend county justice courts if the judge finds that the matter before the court requires

78 the sheriff's attendance for security, transportation, and escort of prisoners in the

79 sheriff's custody, or for the custody of jurors;

80 (f) command the aid of as many inhabitants of the sheriff's county as the sheriff

81 considers necessary in the execution of duties described in this section;

82 (g) take charge of and keep the county jail and prisoners in the county jail as described

83 in Part 4, County Jails, and Part 5, Responsibility for Prisoners;

84 (h)(i) receive and safely keep all prisoners committed to the sheriff's custody;

85 (ii) file and preserve the commitments of prisoners; and

86 (iii) record the name, age, place of birth, and description of each prisoner;

87 (i) release on the record all attachments of real property when the attachment the sheriff

88 receives has been released or discharged;

89 (j) endorse on all process and notices the year, month, day, hour, and minute of

90 reception, and, upon payment of fees, issue a certificate to the individual delivering

91 process or notice showing the names of the parties, title of paper, and the time of

92 receipt;

93 (k) serve all process and notices as prescribed by Part 7, Process Service and Duty to the

94 Court, or any other provision of law;

95 (l)(i) if the sheriff makes service of process or notice, certify on the process or notices

96 the manner, time, and place of service; or

- (ii) if the sheriff fails to make service, certify the reason upon the process or notice, and return them without delay;
- (m) extinguish fires occurring in the undergrowth, trees, or wooded areas on the public land within the sheriff's county;
- (n) perform as required by any contracts between the county and private contractors for management, maintenance, operation, and construction of county jails entered into under the authority of Section 17-65-405;
- (o) manage and direct search and rescue services in the sheriff's county, including emergency medical responders and other related incident response activities;
- (p) obtain saliva DNA specimens as required under Section 53-10-404;
- (q) on or before January 1, 2003, adopt a written policy that prohibits the stopping, detention, or search of any person when the action is solely motivated by considerations of race, color, ethnicity, age, or gender;
- (r) as applicable, select a representative of law enforcement to serve as a member of a child protection team, as defined in Section 80-1-102;
- (s) appoint a county security chief in accordance with Section 53-22-103 and ensure the county security chief fulfills the county security chief's duties;
- (t) ensure that a prisoner who is awaiting trial, sentencing, or disposition of criminal charges has:
 - (i) a private and confidential space to review discovery and other evidence or documents related to the prisoner's criminal case with the prisoner's counsel; and
 - (ii) the means to access and review discovery and other evidence or documents related to the prisoner's criminal case, with or without the prisoner's counsel, including the means to access and review digital, audio, video, or other technological evidence or documents; and
- (u) perform any other duties that are required by law.

(a) Violation of Subsection (1)(j) is a class C misdemeanor.

(b) Violation of any other subsection under Subsection (1) is a class A misdemeanor.

(a) A prisoner may access or review discovery, evidence, or other documents under Subsection (1)(t) with:

- (i) technology provided by the jail; or
- (ii) technology, including a computer, that is approved by the jail and is provided by the prisoner's counsel.

(b) If a prisoner's counsel leaves discovery, evidence, or other documents with the

131 prisoner at the jail, the prisoner's counsel shall ensure that the discovery, evidence, or
132 other documents does not include:

133 (i) any visual depiction of an individual who is younger than 18 years old;
134 (ii) any personal identifying information of an individual other than the prisoner;
135 (iii) any financial information of a person other than the prisoner;
136 (iv) any child sexual abuse material as defined in Section 76-5b-103;
137 (v) any intimate image as defined in Section 76-5b-203; or
138 (vi) any visual depiction or information for which possession is prohibited, by policy,
139 at the jail.

140 (4) A sheriff shall comply with the requirements described in Section 53-29-308 for
141 specific registered sex offenders.

142 Section 2. Section **53-10-403** is amended to read:

143 **53-10-403 (Effective 05/06/26). DNA specimen analysis -- Application to**
144 **offenders, including minors.**

145 (1) Sections 53-10-403.6, 53-10-404, 53-10-404.5, 53-10-405, and 53-10-406 apply to:
146 (a) a person who has pled guilty to or has been convicted of any of the offenses under
147 Subsection (2)(a) or (b) on or after July 1, 2002;
148 (b) a person who has pled guilty to or has been convicted by any other state or by the
149 United States government of an offense which if committed in this state would be
150 punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) on or after
151 July 1, 2003;
152 (c) a person who has been booked on or after January 1, 2011, through December 31,
153 2014, for any offense under Subsection (2)(c);
154 (d) a person who has been booked:
155 (i) by a law enforcement agency that is obtaining a DNA specimen on or after May
156 13, 2014, through December 31, 2014, under Subsection 53-10-404(4)(b) for any
157 felony offense; or
158 (ii) on or after January 1, 2015, for any felony offense; or
159 (e) a minor:
160 (i)(A) who is adjudicated by the juvenile court for an offense described in
161 Subsection (2) that is within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court on or after
162 July 1, 2002; or
163 (B) who is adjudicated by the juvenile court for an offense described in
164 Subsection (2) and is in the legal custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice

165 and Youth Services for the offense on or after July 1, 2002; and
166 (ii) who is 14 years old or older at the time of the commission of the offense
167 described in Subsection (2).

168 (2) Offenses referred to in Subsection (1) are:

169 (a) any felony or class A misdemeanor under the Utah Code;
170 (b) any offense under Subsection (2)(a):

171 (i) for which the court enters a judgment for conviction to a lower degree of offense
172 under Section 76-3-402; or

173 (ii) regarding which the court allows the defendant to enter a plea in abeyance as
174 defined in Section 77-2a-1; or

175 (c)(i) any violent felony as defined in Section 53-10-403.5;
176 (ii) sale or use of body parts, Section 26B-8-315;
177 (iii) failure to stop at an accident that resulted in death, Section 41-6a-401.5;
178 (iv) operating a motor vehicle with any amount of a controlled substance in an
179 individual's body and causing serious bodily injury or death, as codified before
180 May 4, 2022, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 236, Section 1, Subsection
181 58-37-8(2)(g);
182 (v) a felony violation of enticing a minor, Section 76-5-417;
183 (vi) negligently operating a vehicle resulting in injury, Subsection 76-5-102.1(2)(b);
184 (vii) a felony violation of propelling a substance or object at a correctional officer, a
185 peace officer, or an employee or a volunteer, including health care providers,
186 Section 76-5-102.6;
187 (viii) automobile homicide, Subsection 76-5-207(2)(b);
188 (ix) aggravated human trafficking, Section 76-5-310, and aggravated human
189 smuggling, Section 76-5-310.1;
190 (x) a felony violation of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, Section 76-5-401;
191 (xi) a felony violation of sexual abuse of a minor, Section 76-5-401.1;
192 (xii) unlawful sexual contact with a 16 or 17-year old, Section 76-5-401.2;
193 (xiii) sale of a child, Section 76-7-203;
194 (xiv) aggravated escape, Section 76-8-309.3;
195 (xv) a felony violation of threatened or attempted assault on an elected official,
196 Section 76-8-313;
197 (xvi) threat with intent to impede, intimidate, interfere, or retaliate against a judge or
198 a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole or acting against a family member

199 of a judge or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole, Section 76-8-316;
200 (xvii) assault with intent to impede, intimidate, interfere, or retaliate against a judge
201 or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole or acting against a family
202 member of a judge or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole, Section
203 76-8-316.2;
204 (xviii) aggravated assault with intent to impede, intimidate, interfere, or retaliate
205 against a judge or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole or acting against
206 a family member of a judge or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole,
207 Section 76-8-316.4;
208 (xix) attempted murder with intent to impede, intimidate, interfere, or retaliate
209 against a judge or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole or acting against
210 a family member of a judge or a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole,
211 Section 76-8-316.6;
212 (xx) advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-902;
213 (xxi) assembling for advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-903;
214 (xxii) a felony violation of sexual battery, Section 76-5-418;
215 (xxiii) a felony violation of lewdness involving a child, Section 76-5-420;
216 (xxiv) a felony violation of abuse or desecration of a dead human body, Section
217 76-5-802;
218 (xxv) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a weapon of mass destruction, Section
219 76-15-302;
220 (xxvi) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a hoax weapon of mass destruction,
221 Section 76-15-303;
222 (xxvii) possession of a concealed firearm in the commission of a violent felony,
223 Subsection 76-11-202(3)(c);
224 (xxviii) assault with the intent to commit bus hijacking with a dangerous weapon as
225 described in Subsection 76-9-1503(3)(b);
226 (xxix) aggravated commercial obstruction, Section 76-9-114;
227 (xxx) a felony violation of failure to register as a sex or kidnap offender or comply
228 with the sex offender monitoring program, Section 53-29-305;
229 (xxxi) repeat violation of a protective order, Subsection 77-36-1.1(4); or
230 (xxxii) violation of condition for release after arrest under Section 78B-7-802.

231 Section 3. Section **53-29-101** is amended to read:

232 **53-29-101 (Effective 05/06/26). Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the Department of Public Safety established in Section 53-10-201.
- (2) "Certificate of eligibility" means the certificate issued by the bureau described in Section 53-29-207.
- (3) "Child abuse offender" means an individual who meets the requirements under Subsection 53-29-202(2)(a).
- (4)(a) "Convicted" means a plea or conviction of:
 - (i) guilty;
 - (ii) guilty with a mental illness; or
 - (iii) no contest.
- (b) "Convicted" includes, except as provided in Subsection 53-29-202(4), the period a plea is held in abeyance pursuant to a plea in abeyance agreement as defined in Section 77-2a-1.
- (c) "Convicted" does not include:
 - (i) a withdrawn or dismissed plea in abeyance;
 - (ii) a diversion agreement; or
 - (iii) an adjudication of a minor for an offense under Section 80-6-701.
- (5) "Division" means the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services.
- (6) "Employed" means employment that is full time or part time, whether financially compensated, volunteered, or for the purpose of government or educational benefit.
- (7) "Kidnap offender" means an individual who meets the requirements under Subsection 53-29-202(2)(c).
- (8) "Offender" means an individual who qualifies as a sex offender, a kidnap offender, or a child abuse offender as described in Section 53-29-202.
- (9)(a) "Online identifier" means any electronic mail, chat, instant messenger, social networking, or similar name used for Internet communication.
- (b) "Online identifier" does not include date of birth, social security number, PIN number, or Internet passwords.
- (10) "Primary residence" means the [location] residence where an offender regularly resides, even if the offender intends to move to another [location] residence or return to another [location] residence at a future date.
- (11) "Registrable offense" means an offense described in Subsection 53-29-202(1).
- (12) "Registration website" means the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Notification

267 and Registration website described in Section 53-29-404.

268 (13) "Registry" means the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry maintained by
269 the department and created in Section 53-29-102 to monitor and track offenders.

270 (14) "Registry office" means the office within the department that manages the Sex,
271 Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry.

272 (15)(a) "Residence" means a structure, or a portion of a structure, that is designed and
273 intended for occupancy as a dwelling by one or more individuals.

274 (b) "Residence" does not include a temporary structure, a vehicle, or an area of
275 unimproved real property.

276 [(15)] (16) "Sex offender" means an individual who meets the requirements under
277 Subsection 53-29-202(2)(b).

278 [(16)] (17) "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle, an aircraft, or a watercraft subject to
279 registration in any jurisdiction.

280 Section 4. Section **53-29-301** is amended to read:

281 **53-29-301 (Effective 05/06/26). Definitions.**

282 As used in this part:

283 (1) "Business day" means a day on which state offices are open for regular business.

284 (2) "Correctional facility" means:

285 (a) a county jail;

286 (b) a secure correctional facility as defined by Section 64-13-1; or

287 (c) a secure care facility as defined in Section 80-1-102.

288 (3) "Secondary residence" means real property that an offender owns or has a financial
289 interest in, or a [location] residence where the offender stays overnight a total of 10 or
290 more nights in a 12-month period when not staying at the offender's primary residence.

291 Section 5. Section **53-29-302** is amended to read:

292 **53-29-302 (Effective 05/06/26) (Partially Repealed 01/01/30). Law enforcement
293 and agency responsibilities related to the registry.**

294 (1) As used in this section:

295 (a) "Dynamic factors" means an individual's individual characteristics, issues, resources,
296 or circumstances that:

297 (i) can change or be influenced; and

298 (ii) affect the risk of:

299 (A) recidivism; or

300 (B) violating conditions of probation or parole.

301 (b) "Multi-domain assessment" means an evaluation process or tool that reports in
302 quantitative and qualitative terms an offender's condition, stability, needs, resources,
303 dynamic factors, and static factors that affect the offender's transition into the
304 community and compliance with conditions of probation or parole.

305 (c) "Static factors" means an individual's individual characteristics, issues, resources, or
306 circumstances that:

307 (i) are unlikely to be changeable or influenced; and

308 (ii) affect the risk of:

309 (A) recidivism; or

310 (B) violating conditions of probation or parole.

311 (2) A law enforcement agency shall[,-] :

312 (a) in the manner prescribed by the department, inform the department of:

313 [(a)] (i) the receipt of a report or complaint of a registrable offense, within three
314 business days after the day on which the law enforcement agency received the
315 report or complaint; and

316 [(b)] (ii) the arrest of an individual suspected of a registrable offense, within five
317 business days after the day on which the law enforcement agency arrested the
318 individual[,-] ;

319 (b) comply with Subsection (10); and

320 (c) comply with the requirements described in Section 53-29-308.

321 (3) The Department of Corrections shall:

322 (a) register an offender in the custody of the Department of Corrections with the
323 department upon:

324 (i) placement on probation;

325 (ii) commitment to a secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with
326 the Department of Corrections;

327 (iii) release from confinement to parole status, termination or expiration of sentence,
328 or escape;

329 (iv) entrance to and release from any community-based residential program operated
330 by or under contract with the Department of Corrections; or

331 (v) termination of probation or parole; [and]

332 (b)(i) for an offender convicted after May 7, 2025, of an offense committed in this
333 state that requires the individual to register as a sex offender, conduct, if available,
334 multi-domain assessments that are validated for the population and offense type of

335 the offender to inform the treatment and supervision needs of the offender; and
336 (ii) 30 days after the day on which a calendar quarterly period ends, submit the
337 results of any risk assessments completed under Subsection (3)(b)(i) during the
338 preceding quarter to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice[.] ;

339 (c) comply with Subsection (10); and
340 (d) ensure the Division of Adult Probation and Parole created in Section 64-14-202
341 complies with the requirements described in Sections 53-29-309 and 64-14-203.

342 (4) The sheriff of the county in which an offender is confined shall:

343 (a) [-]register an offender with the department, as required under this chapter, if the
344 offender is not in the custody of the Department of Corrections and is confined in a
345 correctional facility not operated by or under contract with the Department of
346 Corrections upon:
347 [a] (i) commitment to the correctional facility; and
348 [b] (ii) release from confinement[.] ;
349 (b) comply with Subsection (10); and
350 (c) comply with the requirements described in Sections 17-72-301 and 53-29-308.

351 (5)(a) Except as provided in Subsection [(4)(b)] (4)(a)(ii), if an offender is sent on an
352 assignment outside a secure facility, including being assigned for firefighting or
353 disaster control, the official who has physical custody of the offender shall, within a
354 reasonable time after the day of the offender's removal from the secure facility, notify
355 the local law enforcement agencies where the offender is assigned.

356 (b) Subsection [(4)(a)] (4)(a)(i) does not apply to an offender temporarily released from a
357 secure facility setting who is under the supervision of a correctional facility official.

358 (6) The division shall[-] :

359 (a) register an offender in the custody of the division with the department, as required
360 under this chapter, before the offender's release from custody of the division; and
361 (b) comply with Subsection (10).

362 (7) A state mental hospital shall[-] :

363 (a) register an offender committed to the state mental hospital with the department, as
364 required under this chapter, upon the offender's admission and upon the offender's
365 discharge; and

366 (b) comply with Subsection (10).

367 (8)(a) A municipal or county law enforcement agency shall[-] :

368 (i) register an offender who resides within the agency's jurisdiction and is not under

the supervision of the Division of Adult Probation and Parole within the Department of Corrections[.] ;

(ii) comply with Subsection (10); and
(iii) comply with the requirements described in Section 53-29-308.

(b) A municipal or county law enforcement agency may conduct offender registration under this chapter, if the agency ensures that the agency's staff responsible for registration:

- (i) have received initial training by the department and have been certified by the department as qualified and authorized to conduct registrations and enter offender registration information into the registry database; and
- (ii) annually certifies with the department.

An agency in the state that registers with the department an offender on probation, an offender who has been released from confinement to parole status or termination, or an offender whose sentence has expired, shall inform the offender of the duty to comply with the continuing registration requirements of this chapter during the period of registration required in Section 53-29-203, including:

- (a) notification to the state agencies in the states where the registrant presently resides and plans to reside when moving across state lines;
- (b) verification of address at least every 60 days pursuant to a parole agreement for lifetime parolees; and
- (c) notification to the out-of-state agency where the offender is living, regardless of whether the offender is a resident of that state.

) If an entity that is required to register an offender under this section discovers that a sex offender does not have a residential address to provide under Subsection 53-29-304(4)(a)(ii), the entity shall, within one business day after the day on which the entity discovers the information, coordinate with the department, in accordance with Section 53-29-406, to ensure that:

- (a) the sex offender will begin to be monitored under the monitoring program described in Section 53-29-406; or
- (b) the responsible entity under Section 53-29-406 seeks an arrest warrant for the sex offender.

Section 6. Section **53-29-303** is amended to read:

53-29-303 (Effective 05/06/26). Court responsibilities related to the registry.

The court shall, after an offender is convicted of a registrable offense, within three

403 business days after the day on which the conviction is entered, forward a signed copy of
404 the judgment and sentence to the registry office.

405 (2) Upon modifying, withdrawing, setting aside, vacating, or otherwise altering a
406 conviction for a registrable offense, the court shall, within three business days, forward a
407 signed copy of the order to the registry office.

408 (3)(a) An offender may change the offender's name in accordance with Title 42, Chapter
409 1, Change of Name, if the name change is not contrary to the interests of the public.

410 (b) Notwithstanding Section 42-1-2, an offender shall provide notice to the department
411 at least 30 days before the day on which the hearing for the name change is held.

412 (c) The court shall provide a copy of the order granting the offender's name change to
413 the department within 10 days after the day on which the court issues the order.

414 (d) If the court orders an offender's name to be changed, the department shall publish on
415 the registration website the offender's former name and the offender's changed name
416 as an alias.

417 (4) Notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management
418 Act, information under Subsection (2) that is collected and released under Subsection
419 53-29-404(3)(a) is public information, unless otherwise restricted under this chapter.

420 (5) The department shall redact information regarding the identity or location of a victim
421 from information provided under Subsection (2).

422 (6) In accordance with Section 77-7-5, upon receipt of an affidavit seeking an arrest warrant
423 described in Section 53-29-308 or 53-29-309 for a sex offender, the court shall, within a
424 reasonable time, consider and, if the court determines that there is probable cause that
425 the sex offender has committed the violation described in the affidavit seeking the arrest
426 warrant, issue a warrant for the arrest of the sex offender.

427 Section 7. Section **53-29-304** is amended to read:

428 **53-29-304 (Effective 05/06/26). Offender responsibilities related to the registry.**

429 (1) An offender shall:

430 (a) if the offender is on probation or parole under the supervision of the Department of
431 Corrections, register in person with the Division of Adult Probation and Parole; or
432 (b) if the offender is not on probation or parole under the supervision of the Department
433 of Corrections, register in person with the police department or sheriff's office that
434 has jurisdiction over the area where the offender resides.

435 (2) An offender registering under Subsection (1) shall register for the duration of the
436 offender's applicable registration period described in Section 53-29-203:

437 (a) each year during the month of the offender's date of birth;

438 (b) during the month that is the sixth month after the offender's birth month; and

439 (c) within three business days after the day on which there is a change of the offender's

440 primary residence, any secondary residences, place of employment, vehicle

441 information, or educational information described in Subsection (4).

442 (3) An offender who enters this state from another jurisdiction is required to register with

443 the department within 10 days after the day on which the offender enters the state,

444 regardless of the offender's length of stay.

445 (4)(a) When registering under Subsection (1), an offender shall provide the following

446 information:

447 (i) all names and aliases by which the offender is or has been known;

448 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), the addresses of the offender's primary

449 and secondary residences;

450 (iii) a physical description, including the offender's date of birth, height, weight, eye

451 color, and hair color;

452 (iv) the make, model, color, year, plate number, and vehicle identification number of

453 a vehicle or vehicles the offender owns or drives more than 12 times per year;

454 (v) a current photograph of the offender;

455 (vi) a set of fingerprints, if a set has not already been provided;

456 (vii) a DNA specimen, taken in accordance with Section 53-10-404, if a set has not

457 already been provided;

458 (viii) telephone numbers and any other designations used by the offender for routing

459 or self-identification in telephonic communications from fixed locations or

460 cellular telephones;

461 (ix) online identifiers and the addresses the offender uses for routing or

462 self-identification in Internet communications or postings;

463 (x) the name and Internet address of all websites on which the offender is registered

464 using an online identifier, including all online identifiers used to access those

465 websites;

466 (xi) a copy of the offender's passport, if a passport has been issued to the offender;

467 (xii) if the offender is an alien, all documents establishing the offender's immigration

468 status;

469 (xiii) all professional licenses that authorize the offender to engage in an occupation

470 or carry out a trade or business, including any identifiers, such as numbers;

471 (xiv) each educational institution in Utah at which the offender is employed or is a
472 student, and a change of enrollment or employment status of the offender at an
473 educational institution;

474 (xv) the name, the telephone number, and the address of a place where the offender is
475 employed or will be employed;

476 (xvi) the name, the telephone number, and the address of a place where the offender
477 works as a volunteer or will work as a volunteer; and

478 (xvii) the offender's social security number.

479 (b) The department shall redact information regarding the identity or location of a victim
480 from information provided under Subsection (4)(a).

481 (c) If an offender is a sex offender and does not have a residential address to provide
482 under Subsection (4)(a)(ii), the sex offender shall comply with the monitoring
483 program described in Section 53-29-406.

484 (5) Notwithstanding Subsections (4)(a)(ix) and (x) and 53-29-404(7), an offender is not
485 required to provide the department with:

486 (a) the offender's online identifier and password used exclusively for the offender's
487 employment on equipment provided by an employer and used to access the
488 employer's private network; or

489 (b) online identifiers for the offender's financial accounts, including a bank, retirement,
490 or investment account.

491 (6) Notwithstanding Title 77, Chapter 40a, Expungement of Criminal Records, an offender
492 convicted of a registrable offense is required to register in accordance with this section
493 unless the offender is removed from the registry under Section 53-29-207.

494 (7) Except as provided in Subsection 53-29-404(7), in the case of an offender adjudicated in
495 another jurisdiction as a juvenile and required to register under this chapter, the offender
496 shall register in the time period and in the frequency consistent with the requirements of
497 Subsection (3).

498 (8)(a) An offender required to register on the registry shall, in the month of the
499 offender's birth:

500 (i) pay to the department each year the offender is subject to the registration
501 requirements of this chapter:
502 (A) before July 1, 2026, an annual fee of \$125; and
503 (B) on or after July 1, 2026, an annual fee determined by the department in
504 accordance with the process in Section 63J-1-504; and

- (ii) pay to the registering agency, if the registering agency is an agency other than the department, an annual fee of not more than \$25, which may be assessed by that agency for providing registration.
- (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (8)(a), an offender who is confined in a secure facility or in a state mental hospital is not required to pay the annual fee.
- (c) The department shall deposit fees collected in accordance with this chapter into the General Fund as a dedicated credit, to be used by the department for maintaining the offender registry under this chapter and monitoring offender registration compliance, including the costs of:
 - (i) data entry;
 - (ii) processing registration packets;
 - (iii) updating registry information; and
 - (iv) reporting an offender not in compliance with registration requirements to a law enforcement agency.

Section 8. Section **53-29-305** is amended to read:

53-29-305 (Effective 05/06/26). Failing to register or providing false or incomplete information -- Failing to comply with monitoring program -- Penalties.

1) An offender who knowingly fails to register under this chapter[-or], provides false or incomplete information, or fails to comply with the sex offender monitoring program described in Section 53-29-406, is guilty of:

(a) a third degree felony and shall be sentenced to serve a term of incarceration of not less than 30 days and also at least one year of probation if:

(i) the offender is required to register for a registrable offense that is a felony or adjudicated delinquent for a registrable offense committed before May 3, 2023, that would be a felony if the juvenile were an adult; or

(ii) the offender is required to register for the offender's lifetime as described in Subsection 53-29-203(1)(b); or

(b) a class A misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to serve a term of incarceration of not less than 30 days and also at least one year of probation if the offender is required to register for a misdemeanor conviction that is a registrable offense or is adjudicated delinquent for a registrable offense committed before May 3, 2023, that would be a misdemeanor if the juvenile were an adult.

2)(a) The court or Board of Pardons and Parole may not release an individual who violates this chapter from serving the term required under Subsection (1).

539 (b) This Subsection (2) supersedes any other provision of the law contrary to this chapter.
540 (3) The offender shall register for an additional year for every year in which the offender
541 does not comply with the registration requirements of this chapter.

542 Section 9. Section **53-29-308** is enacted to read:

543 **53-29-308 (Effective 05/06/26). Local law enforcement agency responsibilities for**
544 **sex offender registrant monitoring and arrest.**

545 **(1) As used in this section:**

546 **(a) "County of the first class" means a county that is classified by population as a county**
547 **of the first class under Section 17-60-104.**

548 **(b) "Law enforcement interlocal entity" means an interlocal entity under Title 11,**
549 **Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, that provides law enforcement services.**

550 **(c) "Law enforcement special district" means a district that provides law enforcement**
551 **services under:**

552 **(i) Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Special Districts; or**
553 **(ii) Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act.**

554 **(d) "Monitoring program" means the same as the term "program" is defined in Section**
555 **53-29-406.**

556 **(e) "Municipal law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement agency that is**
557 **operated by:**

558 **(i) a municipality;**

559 **(ii) a law enforcement interlocal entity; or**

560 **(iii) a law enforcement special district.**

561 **(f) "Municipality" means the same as that term is defined in Section 10-1-104.**

562 **(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a sheriff shall accept and begin monitoring**
563 **program oversight responsibility for a sex offender who is on the monitoring program if**
564 **the sheriff receives notice from:**

565 **(a) the department under Section 53-29-406; or**

566 **(b) a sheriff of a different county, or a municipal law enforcement agency, that is**
567 **transferring monitoring program oversight responsibility for a sex offender based on**
568 **the sex offender's change in jurisdiction as described in Subsection (7).**

569 **(3)(a) A municipal law enforcement agency shall accept and begin monitoring program**
570 **oversight responsibility as described in Subsection (3)(b) if the municipal law**
571 **enforcement agency:**

572 **(i) is located in a county of the first class; or**

(ii) has accepted responsibility for the monitoring program for sex offenders in the municipal law enforcement agency's jurisdiction under a written agreement with the sheriff of the county in which the municipal law enforcement agency is located.

(b) A municipal law enforcement agency described in Subsection (3)(a) shall accept and begin monitoring program oversight responsibility for a sex offender who is on the monitoring program if the municipal law enforcement agency receives notice from:

- (i) the department under Section 53-29-406; or
- (ii) a sheriff or another municipal law enforcement agency that is transferring monitoring program oversight responsibility for a sex offender based on the sex offender's change in jurisdiction as described in Subsection (7).

(4) A sheriff or a municipal law enforcement agency described in Subsection (3) that has monitoring program oversight responsibility for a sex offender under Subsection (2) or
(3) shall:

(a) monitor the sex offender as required by the department;

(b) if the sex offender leaves the sheriff's or municipal law enforcement agency's area of jurisdiction as described in Subsection (7), notify:

(i) the department; and

(ii) the sheriff or the municipal law enforcement agency described in Subsection (3)
that has jurisdiction over the sex offender's current or last known location;

- (c) follow the procedures described in Subsection (5); and
- (d) comply with other procedures established by the department

(5) A sheriff or a municipal law enforcement agency described in Subsection (3) shall comply with the requirements established by the department in Subsection 53-29-406(6), including:

(a) submitting an affidavit requesting an arrest warrant in accordance with Section 77-7-5;
and

(b) in coordination with other state and local law enforcement agencies, attempting to locate and arrest the sex offender who is the subject of the warrant described in Subsection (5)(a).

(6) A civilian employee of a sheriff or a municipal law enforcement agency may conduct the monitoring required by this section.

(7) Unless the department specifies a different time frame by rule, a sex offender is considered to have transferred jurisdictions for purposes of the monitoring program after

607 spending seven consecutive days in a different jurisdiction.

608 Section 10. Section **53-29-309** is enacted to read:

609 **53-29-309 (Effective 05/06/26). Division of Adult Probation and Parole**
610 **responsibilities for sex offender registrant monitoring and arrest.**

611 **(1) As used in this section:**

612 (a) "Division" means the Division of Adult Probation and Parole created in Section
613 64-14-202.

614 (b) "Monitoring program" means the same as the term "program" is defined in Section
615 53-29-406.

616 (2) The division shall accept and begin monitoring program oversight responsibility for an
617 offender who is a sex offender on the monitoring program if the division receives notice
618 from:

619 (a) the department under Section 53-29-406; or

620 (b) another entity in accordance with monitoring program procedures established by the
621 department.

622 (3) For a sex offender described in Subsection (2), the division shall:

623 (a) monitor the sex offender as required by the department; and

624 (b) comply with other procedures established by the department.

625 (4) The division shall comply with the requirements established by the department in
626 Subsection 53-29-406(6), including:

627 (a) submitting an affidavit requesting an arrest warrant in accordance with Section 77-7-5;
628 and

629 (b) in coordination with other state and local law enforcement agencies, attempting to
630 locate and arrest the sex offender who is the subject of the warrant described in
631 Subsection (4)(a).

632 Section 11. Section **53-29-402** is amended to read:

633 **53-29-402 (Effective 05/06/26). Department responsibilities related to the**
634 **registry.**

635 (1) The department shall:

636 (a) maintain the registration website;

637 (b) establish and maintain the monitoring program described in Section 53-29-406;

638 (c) develop and provide an online training program for an individual who, as part of the
639 individual's regular job responsibilities:

640 (i) registers sex offenders;

- (ii) provides probation or parole supervision of sex offenders; or
- (iii) investigates sex offender compliance with existing laws and requirements;
-](d) ensure that the registration information collected regarding an offender's enrollment or employment at an educational institution is:
 - (i)(A) promptly made available to any law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where the institution is located if the educational institution is an institution of higher education; or
 - (B) promptly made available to the district superintendent of the school district where the offender is employed if the educational institution is an institution of primary education; and
- (ii) entered into the appropriate state records or data system; and
-](e) make available to an offender the name of the local law enforcement agency or state agency that the offender should contact to register, the location for registering, and the requirements of registration.

(2)(a) When the department receives offender registration information regarding a change of an offender's primary residence, the department shall, within five days after the day on which the department receives the information, electronically notify the law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over the area where:

- (i) the residence that the offender is leaving is located; and
- (ii) the residence to which the offender is moving is located.

(b) The department shall provide notification under Subsection (2)(a) if the offender's change of address is:

- (i) between law enforcement agency jurisdictions; or
- (ii) within one law enforcement agency jurisdiction.

(3) The department may make administrative rules necessary to implement this chapter, including:

- (a) the method for dissemination of the information; and
- (b) instructions to the public regarding the use of the information.

Section 12. Section **53-29-406** is enacted to read:

53-29-406 (Effective 05/06/26). Monitoring program for sex offenders -- Arrest warrant procedures.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Division" means the Division of Adult Probation and Parole created in Section 64-14-202.

675 (b) "Monitoring" means time-correlated tracking of the geographic location of a
676 monitored individual using GPS-based satellite or other location technology.

677 (c) "Program" means the monitoring program created under this section.

678 (2)(a) To deter recidivism and protect the community, the department shall establish a
679 program for the monitoring of sex offenders who are unable to provide the required
680 residence information under Subsection 53-29-304(4)(a)(ii).

681 (b) The program described in Subsection (2)(a) shall apply to a sex offender if the sex
682 offender's registrable offense is committed on or after July 1, 2026.

683 (3) The program shall include:

684 (a) a requirement that the monitoring of a sex offender under the program begin within
685 one business day after the day on which a law enforcement officer, a probation or
686 parole officer, the department, or an entity described in Section 53-29-302, discovers
687 that the sex offender is unable to provide the required residence information under
688 Subsection 53-29-304(4)(a)(ii);

689 (b) a procedure for the department to send notification of program oversight
690 responsibility for a sex offender who is required to be monitored under the program
691 to:

692 (i) if the sex offender is currently on probation or parole, the division, in accordance
693 with Sections 53-29-309 and 64-14-203; or

694 (ii) if the sex offender is no longer on probation or parole, the law enforcement
695 agency with jurisdiction over the sex offender's current or last known location, as
696 determined under Section 53-29-308;

697 (c) except as provided in Subsection (4), a requirement that a sex offender is responsible
698 for paying all or part of the cost incurred by the sex offender's participation in the
699 program;

700 (d) a process for a sex offender who is in the program to request a redetermination by
701 the department as to whether the sex offender is required to continue in the program;

702 (e) a requirement that the location of a sex offender under the program may only be
703 tracked as often as once per 12-hour period;

704 (f) where possible, the use of monitoring systems and technology that have minimal
705 charging, battery, or maintenance requirements; and

706 (g) a procedure for obtaining an arrest warrant for, and locating, a sex offender who:
707 (i) does not provide the required residence information under Subsection
708 53-29-304(4)(a)(ii); and

(ii) fails to comply with the program.

(4) A sex offender is not required to pay the cost described in Subsection (3)(c) if the sex offender demonstrates to the department that the sex offender does not have the ability to pay.

(5) A sex offender required to be monitored under this section who fails to comply with the program is guilty of a violation of Section 53-29-305.

(6)(a) The procedure described in Subsection (3)(g) shall require the department, upon learning of a sex offender described in Subsection (3)(g), to notify, as soon as practicable:

(i) if the sex offender is currently on probation or parole, the division, in accordance with Sections 53-29-309 and 64-14-203; or

(ii) if the sex offender is no longer on probation or parole, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the sex offender's current or last known location, as determined under Section 53-29-308.

(b) After receiving a notification from the department under Subsection (6)(a), the division or the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction under Section 53-29-308, as applicable, shall:

(i) submit an affidavit requesting an arrest warrant for the sex offender in accordance with Section 77-7-5; and

(ii) in coordination with other state and local law enforcement agencies, attempt to locate and arrest the sex offender who is the subject of the warrant described in Subsection (6)(b)(i).

(c) An arrest warrant described in Subsection (6)(b)(i) shall be enforceable by any law enforcement agency that locates the sex offender who is the subject of the arrest warrant.

(7) The department shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to establish the requirements, procedures, and processes under this section.

Section 13. Section **64-14-203** is amended to read:

64-14-203 (Effective 05/06/26). Duties of division.

(1) The division shall:

(a) assist the department in fulfilling the department's duty to supervise, as described in Subsection 64-13-6(1)(i), probationers and parolees as directed by statute and implemented by the courts and the Board of Pardons and Parole;

743 (b) comply with the requirements described in this part;

744 (c) supply the information described in Section 53-10-209 that is required to be
745 submitted to the Criminal Investigations and Technical Services Division created in
746 Subsection 53-10-103(2);

747 (d) comply with the use of funds requirement for outpatient treatment services for those
748 convicted of an offense under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, as
749 described in Subsection 59-27-105(4)(c);

750 (e) monitor the status of an offender with a mental condition who has been placed on
751 parole as described in Subsection 77-16a-205(4);

752 (f) comply with the requirements described in Title 77, Chapter 18, The Judgment;

753 (g) in accordance with the adult sentencing and supervision length guidelines described
754 in Section 63M-7-404.3, notify the Board of Pardons and Parole of parole violations;

755 (h) for an individual who is on probation for a domestic violence offense that the
756 division is supervising, report to the court and notify the victim of the domestic
757 violence offense if the individual fails to comply with any condition imposed by the
758 court or commits a violation of a sentencing protective order as required by
759 Subsection 77-36-5.1(4);

760 (i) comply with the notice requirement to a prosecuting agency described in Subsection
761 77-38-3(6) if the division is the moving party on a motion for modification of any
762 determination made at any of the criminal justice hearings provided in Subsections
763 77-38-2(5)(a) through (g);

764 (j) collect restitution information in preparing a presentence investigation report as
765 described in Section 77-38b-203;

766 (k) for an individual under supervision by the division who violates a sentencing
767 protective order issued under Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 8, Criminal Protective
768 Orders, report the violation to the court and notify the victim protected by the order
769 of the violation as required by Section 78B-7-807;

770 (l) comply with the requirements described in Section 53-29-309 for specific registered
771 sex offenders; and

772 [t] (m) comply with any other requirement established by applicable statute or
773 regulation or a directive from the executive director.

774 (2) The division may, in the course of supervising individuals on probation and parole:
775 (a) respond to an individual's violation of one or more terms of the probation or parole in
776 accordance with the graduated and evidence-based processes established by the adult

777 sentencing and supervision length guidelines, as defined in Section 63M-7-401.1; and
778 (b) upon approval by the court or the Board of Pardons and Parole, impose as a sanction
779 for an individual's violation of the terms of probation or parole a period of
780 incarceration of not more than three consecutive days and not more than a total of six
781 days within a period of 30 days.

782 Section 14. Section **77-7-5** is amended to read:

783 **77-7-5 (Effective 05/06/26). Issuance of summons or warrant -- Time and place**
784 **arrests may be made -- Contents of warrant or summons -- Responsibility for**
785 **transporting prisoners.**

786 (1) As used in this section:

787 (a) "Daytime hours" means the hours after 6 a.m. and before 10 p.m.
788 (b) "Nighttime hours" means the hours after 10 p.m. and before 6 a.m.

789 (2)(a) A magistrate may issue a warrant for arrest in lieu of a summons for the
790 appearance of the accused only upon finding:

791 [(a) (i) probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a
792 public offense; and
793 (b) (ii) under Rule 6 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure and this section that a
794 warrant is necessary to:
795 (i) (A) prevent risk of injury to a person or property;
796 (ii) (B) secure the appearance of the accused; or
797 (iii) (C) protect the public safety and welfare of the community or an individual.

798 (b) There is a presumption in favor of issuing a warrant in lieu of a summons under the
799 procedures described in Subsection 53-29-406(6) if the accused is a sex offender
800 described in Subsection 53-29-406(5).

801 (3) There is a presumption against the issuance of a warrant in lieu of a summons if:

802 (a) after being booked into jail on conduct that would constitute an offense, the accused
803 was released from jail because the prosecuting attorney did not file an information
804 within the time period required under Rule 9 of the Utah Rules of Criminal
805 Procedure; and
806 (b) the prosecuting attorney filed an information more than 60 days after the day on
807 which the accused was released from jail.

808 (4) The presumption described in Subsection (3) may be overcome if:

809 (a) the accused fails to appear on a served summons;
810 (b) a summons is unable to be served after good faith efforts; or

811 (c) the prosecuting attorney establishes good cause for issuing a warrant in lieu of a
812 summons to:

813 (i) prevent risk of injury to a person or property; or

814 (ii) protect the public safety and welfare of the community or an individual.

815 (5) If the offense charged is:

816 (a) a felony, the arrest upon a warrant may be made at any time of the day or night; or

817 (b) a misdemeanor, the arrest upon a warrant may be made during nighttime hours only
818 if:

819 (i) the magistrate has endorsed authorization to do so on the warrant;

820 (ii) the person to be arrested is upon a public highway, in a public place, or in a place
821 open to or accessible to the public; or

822 (iii) the person to be arrested is encountered by a peace officer in the regular course
823 of that peace officer's investigation of a criminal offense unrelated to the
824 misdemeanor warrant for arrest.

825 (6)(a) If the magistrate determines that the accused must appear in court, the magistrate
826 shall include in the arrest warrant the name of the law enforcement agency in the
827 county or municipality with jurisdiction over the offense charged.

828 (b)(i) The law enforcement agency identified by the magistrate under Subsection

829 (6)(a) is responsible for providing inter-county transportation of the defendant, if
830 necessary, from the arresting law enforcement agency to the court site.

831 (ii) The law enforcement agency named on the warrant may contract with another
832 law enforcement agency to have a defendant transported.

833 (7) The law enforcement agency identified by the magistrate under Subsection (6)(a) shall
834 indicate to the court within 48 hours of the issuance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and
835 legal holidays if a warrant issued in accordance with this section is an extradition
836 warrant.

837 (8) The law enforcement agency identified by the magistrate under Subsection (6)(a) shall
838 report any changes to the status of a warrant issued in accordance with this section to the
839 Bureau of Criminal Identification.

840 **Section 15. Effective Date.**

841 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.