

**Human Trafficking Hotline Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Nicholeen P. Peck**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill directs the attorney general to seek a three-digit dialing code for the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the attorney general, by December 31, 2026, to coordinate with a federal agency and nonprofit entity to petition the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to initiate a rulemaking regarding the designation or use of a three-digit dialing code to access the National Human Trafficking Hotline (hotline);

- authorizes the attorney general, if the FCC approves a three-digit dialing code, to coordinate with telecommunications providers and to conduct public education and outreach regarding the availability of the dialing code; and

- clarifies that the state is not authorized to control numbering resources or require call routing, except as permitted under federal law.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**67-5-41**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **67-5-41** is enacted to read:

**67-5-41 . National Human Trafficking Hotline -- Three-digit access.**

(1) As used in this section, "National Human Trafficking Hotline" means the federally established, nationally available hotline that:

(a) provides assistance to victims of human trafficking and individuals seeking to report suspected human trafficking; and

(b) operates through a 10-digit telephone number.

(2)(a) No later than December 31, 2026, the attorney general shall:

(i) coordinate with the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the nonprofit entity that operates the National Human Trafficking Hotline; and

(ii) petition the Federal Communications Commission, in accordance with the federal Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 551 et seq., and 47 C.F.R. Sec. 1.401, to initiate a rulemaking for the designation, reservation, or use of a three-digit dialing code to provide access to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

(b) In preparing the petition described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the attorney general may rely on data already available to the attorney general for inclusion in the administrative record supporting the petition.

(3) If the Federal Communications Commission authorizes a three-digit dialing code for access to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, the attorney general may:

(a) coordinate with telecommunications providers operating in the state to facilitate call routing in compliance with federal requirements; and

(b) conduct public education and outreach to inform residents of the availability of the three-digit dialing code.

(4) Nothing in this section authorizes the state to:

(a) exercise authority over numbering resources, including the designation or reservation of a three-digit dialing code; or

(b) require call routing to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, except as authorized under federal law.

## **Section 2. Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.