

Nicholeen P. Peck proposes the following substitute bill:

**Human Trafficking Hotline Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Nicholeen P. Peck**

Senate Sponsor: Heidi Balderree

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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:

- no later than December 31, 2026, requires the attorney general, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), 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);
- if the FCC approves a three-digit dialing code for the hotline:
  - requires DHHS to coordinate with a federal agency and nonprofit entity to support implementation of three-digit access to the hotline; and
  - authorizes the attorney general 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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30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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

32 **67-5-41 . National Human Trafficking Hotline -- Three-digit access.**

33 (1) As used in this section:

34 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health and Human Services created in  
35 Section 26B-1-201.

36 (b) "National Human Trafficking Hotline" means the federally established, nationally  
37 available hotline that:

38 (i) provides assistance to victims of human trafficking and individuals seeking to  
39 report suspected human trafficking; and

40 (ii) is accessible through a 10-digit telephone number.

41 (2) No later than December 31, 2026, the attorney general shall, in coordination with the  
42 department, petition the Federal Communications Commission, in accordance with the  
43 federal Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 551 et seq., and 47 C.F.R. Sec.  
44 1.401, to initiate a rulemaking for the designation, reservation, or use of a three-digit  
45 dialing code to provide access to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

46 (3) If the Federal Communications Commission authorizes a three-digit dialing code for  
47 access to the National Human Trafficking Hotline:

48 (a) the department shall coordinate with the United States Department of Health and  
49 Human Services and the nonprofit entity that operates the National Human  
50 Trafficking Hotline to support implementation of access to the hotline through the  
51 three-digit dialing code; and

52 (b) the attorney general may:

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

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

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

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

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

62 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

63 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.