

# Utah App Store Accountability Act Amendments

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# STATE OF UTAH

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## LONG TITLE

### **General Description:**

This bill amends the App Store Accountability Act.

## **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ provides exceptions from certain developer requirements for family account applications;
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

## **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

## Other Special Clauses:

None

## Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

**13-76-101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 446  
**13-76-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 446  
**13-76-301**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 446

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

Section 1. Section **13-76-101** is amended to read:

### 13-76-101 . Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Age category" means one of the following categories of individuals based on age:

- (a) "child" which means an individual who is under 13 years old;
- (b) "younger teenager" which means an individual who is at least 13 years old and under 16 years old;
- (c) "older teenager" which means an individual who is at least 16 years old and under 18 years old;

31                   years old; or

32                   (d) "adult" which means an individual who is at least 18 years old.

33                   (2) "Age category data" means information about a user's age category that is:

34                   (a) collected by an app store provider; and

35                   (b) shared with a developer.

36                   (3) "Age rating" means a classification that provides an assessment of the suitability of an  
37                   app's content for different age groups.

38                   (4) "App" means a software application or electronic service that a user may run or direct  
39                   on a mobile device.

40                   (5) "App store" means a publicly available website, software application, or electronic  
41                   service that allows users to download apps from third-party developers onto a mobile  
42                   device.

43                   (6) "App store provider" means a person that owns, operates, or controls an app store that  
44                   allows users in the state to download apps onto a mobile device.

45                   (7) "Content description" means a description of the specific content elements that informed  
46                   an app's age rating.

47                   (8) "Developer" means a person that owns or controls an app made available through an  
48                   app store in the state.

49                   (9) "Division" means the Division of Consumer Protection, established in Section 13-2-1.

50                   (10) "Family account application" means an application that:

51                   (a) offers subaccounts or profiles within the application;

52                   (b) requires a paid subscription or account creation with payment method verification as  
53                   the application's primary business model;

54                   (c) does not permit account creation by individuals under 18 years old; and

55                   (d) verifies that the primary account holder is an adult using:

56                   (i) commercially available methods that are reasonably designed to ensure accuracy;  
57                   or

58                   (ii) an age verification method or process that complies with rules made by the  
59                   division under Section 13-76-301.

60                   [~~(10)~~] (11) "Knowingly" means to act with actual knowledge or to act with knowledge fairly  
61                   inferred based on objective circumstances.

62                   [~~(11)~~] (12) "Minor" means an individual under 18 years old.

63                   [~~(12)~~] (13) "Minor account" means an account with an app store provider that:

64                   (a) is established by an individual who the app store provider has determined is under 18

65                   years old through the app store provider's age verification methods; and  
66                   (b) requires affiliation with a parent account.

67                   [(13)] (14) "Mobile device" means a phone or general purpose tablet that:  
68                   (a) provides cellular or wireless connectivity;  
69                   (b) is capable of connecting to the[ Internet] internet;  
70                   (c) runs a mobile operating system; and  
71                   (d) is capable of running apps through the mobile operating system.

72                   [(14)] (15) "Mobile operating system" means software that:  
73                   (a) manages mobile device hardware resources;  
74                   (b) provides common services for mobile device programs;  
75                   (c) controls memory allocation; and  
76                   (d) provides interfaces for applications to access device functionality.

77                   [(15)] (16) "Parent" means, with respect to a minor, any of the following individuals who  
78                   have legal authority to make decisions on behalf of the minor:  
79                   (a) an individual with a parent-child relationship under Section 78B-15-201;  
80                   (b) a legal guardian; or  
81                   (c) an individual with legal custody.

82                   [(16)] (17) "Parent account" means an account with an app store provider that:  
83                   (a) is verified to be established by an individual who the app store provider has  
84                   determined is at least 18 years old through the app store provider's age verification  
85                   methods; and  
86                   (b) may be affiliated with one or more minor accounts.

87                   [(17)] (18) "Parental consent disclosure" means the following information that an app store  
88                   provider is required to provide to a parent before obtaining parental consent:  
89                   (a) if the app store provider has an age rating for the app or in-app purchase, the app's or  
90                   in-app purchase's age rating;  
91                   (b) if the app store provider has a content description for the app or in-app purchase, the  
92                   app's or in-app purchase's content description;  
93                   (c) a description of:  
94                        (i) the personal data collected by the app from a user; and  
95                        (ii) the personal data shared by the app with a third party; and  
96                   (d) if personal data is collected by the app, the methods implemented by the developer to  
97                   protect the personal data.

98                   (19) "Primary account holder" means the individual who created or controls the account for

99       purposes of billing and account management for a family account application.

100    [~~(18)~~] (20) "Significant change" means a material modification to an app's terms of service  
101    or privacy policy that:

102    (a) changes the categories of data collected, stored, or shared;

103    (b) alters the app's age rating or content descriptions;

104    (c) adds new monetization features, including:

105      (i) in-app purchases; or

106      (ii) advertisements; or

107    (d) materially changes the app's:

108      (i) functionality; or

109      (ii) user experience.

110    [~~(19)~~] (21) "Verifiable parental consent" means authorization that:

111    (a) is provided by an individual who the app store provider has verified is an adult;

112    (b) is given after the app store provider has clearly and conspicuously provided the  
113       parental consent disclosure to the individual; and

114    (c) requires the parent to make an affirmative choice to:

115      (i) grant consent; or

116      (ii) decline consent.

117    Section 2. Section **13-76-202** is amended to read:

118    **13-76-202 . Developer requirements.**

119    (1) A developer shall:

120      (a) verify through the app store's data sharing methods:

121       (i) the age category of users located in the state; and

122       (ii) for a minor account, whether verifiable parental consent has been obtained;

123      (b) notify app store providers of a significant change to the app;

124      (c) use age category data received from an app store provider to:

125       (i) enforce any developer-created age-related restrictions;

126       (ii) ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and

127       (iii) implement any developer-created safety-related features or defaults; and

128      (d) request personal age verification data or parental consent:

129       (i) at the time a user:

130          (A) downloads an app; or

131          (B) purchases an app;

132       (ii) when implementing a significant change to the app; or

(iii) to comply with applicable laws or regulations.

(2) A developer may request personal age verification data or parental consent:

- (a) no more than once during each 12-month period to verify:
  - (i) accuracy of user age verification data; or
  - (ii) continued account use within the verified age category;
- (b) when there is reasonable suspicion of:
  - (i) account transfer; or
  - (ii) misuse outside the verified age category; or
- (c) at the time a user creates a new account with the developer.

(3) When implementing any developer-created safety-related features or defaults, a developer shall use the lowest age category indicated by:

- (a) age verification data provided by an app store provider; or
- (b) age data independently collected by the developer.

(4) A developer may not:

- (a) enforce a contract or terms of service against a minor unless the developer has verified through the app store provider that verifiable parental consent has been obtained;
- (b) knowingly misrepresent any information in the parental consent disclosure; or
- (c) share age category data with any person.

(5)(a) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a)(ii), (1)(c), and (3), a developer of a family account application may:

- (i) use the age range of the primary account holder as the age category for purposes of applying age-related safety defaults and access to features within the application; and
- (ii) permit the primary account holder to attest to the age categories of associated subaccounts.

(b) A developer of a family account application remains subject to all other requirements of this section.

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Section 4. **Effective Date.**

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This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.