

Law Enforcement Quota Amendments

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill concerns impermissible law enforcement quotas.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to collect reports of alleged violations of the impermissible law enforcement quota prohibition and annually report the data to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee;
- prohibits a political subdivision or law enforcement agency from:
 - requiring or directing a peace officer to meet an impermissible quota; or
 - transferring, promoting, disciplining, or taking other actions against a peace officer for reasons relating to an impermissible quota; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63M-7-204, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 51, 135, 252, 494, and 510

77-7-27, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 289

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

Section 1. Section **63M-7-204** is amended to read:

63M-7-204 . Duties of commission.

(1) The commission shall:

- (a) promote the commission's purposes as enumerated in Section 63M-7-201;

- (b) promote the communication and coordination of all criminal and juvenile justice agencies;
- (c) study, evaluate, and report on the status of crime in the state and on the effectiveness of criminal justice policies, procedures, and programs that are directed toward the reduction of crime in the state;
- (d) study, evaluate, and report on programs initiated by state and local agencies to address reducing recidivism, including changes in penalties and sentencing guidelines intended to reduce recidivism, costs savings associated with the reduction in the number of inmates, and evaluation of expenses and resources needed to meet goals regarding the use of treatment as an alternative to incarceration, as resources allow;
- (e) study, evaluate, and report on policies, procedures, and programs of other jurisdictions [~~which~~] that have effectively reduced crime;
- (f) identify and promote the implementation of specific policies and programs the commission determines will significantly reduce crime in Utah;
- (g) provide analysis and recommendations on all criminal and juvenile justice legislation, state budget, and facility requests, including program and fiscal impact on all components of the criminal and juvenile justice system;
- (h) provide analysis, accountability, recommendations, and supervision for state and federal criminal justice grant money;
- (i) provide public information on the criminal and juvenile justice system and give technical assistance to agencies or local units of government on methods to promote public awareness;
- (j) promote research and program evaluation as an integral part of the criminal and juvenile justice system;
- (k) provide a comprehensive criminal justice plan annually;
- (l) review agency forecasts regarding future demands on the criminal and juvenile justice systems, including specific projections for secure bed space;
- (m) promote the development of criminal and juvenile justice information systems that are consistent with common standards for data storage and are capable of appropriately sharing information with other criminal justice information systems by:
 - (i) developing and maintaining common data standards for use by all state criminal justice agencies;
 - (ii) annually performing audits of criminal history record information maintained by

- 65 state criminal justice agencies to assess their accuracy, completeness, and
66 adherence to standards;
- 67 (iii) defining and developing state and local programs and projects associated with
68 the improvement of information management for law enforcement and the
69 administration of justice; and
- 70 (iv) establishing general policies concerning criminal and juvenile justice information
71 systems and making rules as necessary to carry out the duties under Subsection
72 (1)(k) and this Subsection (1)(m);
- 73 (n) allocate and administer grants, from money made available, for approved education
74 programs to help prevent the sexual exploitation of children;
- 75 (o) allocate and administer grants for law enforcement operations and programs related
76 to reducing illegal drug activity and related criminal activity;
- 77 (p) request, receive, and evaluate data and recommendations collected and reported by:
78 (i) agencies and contractors related to policies recommended by the commission
79 regarding recidivism reduction, including the data described in Section 13-53-111
80 and Subsection 26B-5-102(2)(jj); and
81 (ii) state agencies under Section 67-28-102;
- 82 (q) establish and administer a performance incentive grant program that allocates funds
83 appropriated by the Legislature to programs and practices implemented by counties
84 that reduce recidivism and reduce the number of offenders per capita who are
85 incarcerated;
- 86 (r) oversee or designate an entity to oversee the implementation of juvenile justice
87 reforms;
- 88 (s) make rules and administer the juvenile holding room standards and juvenile jail
89 standards to align with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act
90 requirements pursuant to ~~[42 U.S.C. Sec. 5633]~~ 34 U.S.C. Sec. 11133;
- 91 (t) allocate and administer grants, from money made available, for pilot qualifying
92 education programs;
- 93 (u) request, receive, and evaluate the aggregate data collected from prosecutorial
94 agencies and the Administrative Office of the Courts, in accordance with Sections
95 63M-7-216, 63M-7-216.1, and 78A-2-109.5;
- 96 (v) report annually to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee on
97 the progress made on each of the following goals of the Justice Reinvestment
98 Initiative:

- 99 (i) ensuring oversight and accountability;
- 100 (ii) supporting local corrections systems;
- 101 (iii) improving and expanding reentry and treatment services; and
- 102 (iv) strengthening probation and parole supervision;
- 103 (w) compile a report of findings based on the data and recommendations provided under
- 104 Section 13-53-111 that separates the data provided under Section 13-53-111 by each
- 105 residential vocational or life skills program;
- 106 (x) publish the report described in Subsection (1)(w) on the commission's website and
- 107 annually provide the report to the Judiciary Interim Committee, the Health and
- 108 Human Services Interim Committee, the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
- 109 Interim Committee, and the related appropriations subcommittees;
- 110 (y) receive, compile, and publish on the commission's website the data provided under:
- 111 (i) Section 53-25-202;
- 112 (ii) Section 53-25-301; and
- 113 (iii) Section 53-25-401;
- 114 (z) review, research, advise, and make recommendations to the three branches of
- 115 government regarding evidence-based sex offense management policies and
- 116 practices, including supervision standards, treatment standards, and the sex offender
- 117 registry;
- 118 (aa) receive and evaluate a referral from the Department of Public Safety received under
- 119 Section 53-21-104.3 involving a denial of mental health resources to an eligible
- 120 individual, including, if appropriate in the commission's discretion, deny the relevant
- 121 entity from receiving any grant of state funds under Section 63M-7-218 for a
- 122 specified period of time;[~~and~~]
- 123 (bb) receive, compile, and annually submit a report to the Law Enforcement and
- 124 Criminal Justice Interim Committee of alleged violations of the impermissible law
- 125 enforcement quota prohibition under Subsection 77-7-27(4); and
- 126 [~~(bb)~~] (cc) accept public comment.
- 127 (2)(a) The commission may designate an entity to perform the duties described in this
- 128 part.
- 129 (b) If the commission designates an entity under Subsection (2)(a), the commission shall
- 130 ensure that the membership of the designated entity includes representation from
- 131 relevant stakeholder groups from the parts of the justice system implicated in the
- 132 policy area.

- (3) In fulfilling the commission's duties under Subsection (1), the commission may seek input and request assistance from groups with knowledge and expertise in criminal justice, including other boards and commissions affiliated or housed within the commission.

Section 2. Section **77-7-27** is amended to read:

77-7-27 . Quotas for arrest, citation prohibited.

- (1) As used in this section:

(a)(i) "Impermissible quota" means a requirement or minimum standard regarding the number or percentage of citations made by a law enforcement officer.

(ii) "Impermissible quota" does not include targeted overtime shifts for which a law enforcement agency receives grant money or other reimbursement.

(b) "Law enforcement agency" means an entity of the state, or a political subdivision of the state, that exists primarily to prevent and detect crime and enforce criminal laws, statutes, or ordinances.

~~[(b) "Law enforcement quota" means any requirement or minimum standard regarding the number or percentage of citations or arrests made by a law enforcement officer.]~~

- (2) A political subdivision or law enforcement agency employing a peace officer may not:

~~(a) require or direct that a peace officer meet [a law enforcement] an impermissible quota[-] ;~~

~~(b) evaluate, promote, compensate, reward, or discipline a peace officer on the basis of an impermissible quota; or~~

~~(c) transfer a peace officer's employment assignment on the basis of an impermissible quota.~~

- (3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit a political subdivision or law enforcement agency from including a peace officer's engagement with the community or enforcement activity, including a metric based on the peace officer's interactions with members of the community, as part of an overall determination of the peace officer's performance.

- (4) A person may report an alleged violation of this section to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.