

Driver License Division and Motor Vehicle Division Consolidation Amendments
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Public Safety and the State Tax Commission to conduct a joint study regarding the feasibility of consolidating certain motor vehicle-related divisions under a single umbrella agency.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the Department of Public Safety and the State Tax Commission to jointly study the feasibility of combining the Motor Vehicle Division, the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division, and the Driver License Division under a single umbrella agency;
 - requires the study to evaluate potential cost savings, efficiency gains, and improvements to customer experience;
 - requires a written report of findings and recommendations to the Transportation Interim Committee; and
 - provides a repeal date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-1-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 506

63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, First Special Session, Chapter 9

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

Section 1. Section **53-1-106** is amended to read:

53-1-106 . Department duties -- Powers.

(1) In addition to the responsibilities contained in this title, the department shall:

31 (a) make rules and perform the functions specified in Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code,
32 including:
33 (i) setting performance standards for towing companies to be used by the department,
34 as required by Section 41-6a-1406; and
35 (ii) advising the Department of Transportation regarding the safe design and
36 operation of school buses, as required by Section 41-6a-1304;

37 (b) make rules to establish and clarify standards pertaining to the curriculum and
38 teaching methods of a motor vehicle accident prevention course under Section
39 31A-19a-211;

40 (c) aid in enforcement efforts to combat drug trafficking;

41 (d) meet with the Division of Technology Services to formulate contracts, establish
42 priorities, and develop funding mechanisms for dispatch and telecommunications
43 operations;

44 (e) provide assistance to the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice and the Utah
45 Office for Victims of Crime in conducting research or monitoring victims' programs,
46 as required by Section 63M-7-507;

47 (f) develop sexual assault exam protocol standards in conjunction with the Utah Hospital
48 Association;

49 (g) engage in emergency planning activities, including preparation of policy and
50 procedure and rulemaking necessary for implementation of the federal Emergency
51 Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986, as required by Section
52 53-2a-702;

53 (h) implement the provisions of Section 53-2a-402, the Emergency Management
54 Assistance Compact;

55 (i) ensure that any training or certification required of a public official or public
56 employee, as those terms are defined in Section 63G-22-102, complies with Title
57 63G, Chapter 22, State Training and Certification Requirements, if the training or
58 certification is required:
59 (i) under this title;
60 (ii) by the department; or
61 (iii) by an agency or division within the department;

62 (j) employ a law enforcement officer as a public safety liaison to be housed at the State
63 Board of Education who shall work with the State Board of Education to:
64 (i) support training with relevant state agencies for school resource officers as

described in Section 53G-8-702;

- (ii) coordinate the creation of model policies and memorandums of understanding for a local education agency and a local law enforcement agency; and
- (iii) ensure cooperation between relevant state agencies, a local education agency, and a local law enforcement agency to foster compliance with disciplinary related statutory provisions, including Sections 53E-3-516 and 53G-8-211;
- (k) provide for the security and protection of public officials, public officials' staff, and the capitol hill complex in accordance with the provisions of this part;
- (l) fulfill the duties described in Sections 77-36-2.1 and 78B-7-120 related to lethality assessments; and
- (m) fulfill the duties described in Section 63L-13-201 related to restricted foreign entities.

(a) The department shall establish a schedule of fees as required or allowed in this

(2)(a) The department shall establish a schedule of fees as required or allowed in this title for services provided by the department.

(b) All fees not established in statute shall be established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504.

(3) The department may establish or contract for the establishment of an Organ Procurement Donor Registry in accordance with Section 26B-8-319.

(4)(a) The department and the State Tax Commission shall jointly study the feasibility of combining the motor vehicle-related divisions under a single umbrella agency, including the Driver License Division, the Motor Vehicle Division, and the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.

(b) The study described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include an evaluation of:

(i) potential cost savings, including administrative, operational, and technology-related savings;

(ii) potential efficiency gains in governance, staffing, data sharing, and service delivery;

(iii) potential improvements to customer experience, including service accessibility, processing times, and coordination of services; and

(iv) legal, operational, and fiscal barriers to consolidation.

(c) In conducting the study, the department may:

(i) consult with employees and leadership of each motor vehicle-related division;

(ii) review consolidation and organization models from other states;

(iii) consult with relevant stakeholders;

(iv) conduct surveys or studies with users and customers; and

(v) identify statutory changes that would be required to implement consolidation.

(d) On or before November 30, 2026, the department shall submit a written report of the study described in this section to the Transportation Interim Committee.

(e) The report required under Subsection (4)(d) shall include:

(i) findings and conclusions from the study; and

(ii) recommendations, including whether consolidation should be pursued and, if so, an implementation framework.

Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

63I-2-253 . Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.

(1) Subsection 53.1-106(4), with regard to a feasibility study to consolidate motor vehicle-related divisions, is repealed on July 1, 2027.

[~~(1)~~] (2) Title 53, Chapter 2c, COVID-19 Health and Economic Response Act, is repealed
July 1, 2026.

[(2)] (3) Section 53-22-104.1, School Security Task Force -- Membership -- Duties -- Per diem -- Report -- Expiration, is repealed December 31, 2025.

[(3)] (4) Section 53-22-104.2, The School Security Task Force -- Education Advisory Board, is repealed December 31, 2025.

[~~(4)~~] (5) Section 53-25-103, Airport dangerous weapon possession reporting requirements, is repealed December 31, 2031.

[(5)] (6) Subsection 53-25-602(4)(b), regarding the rights of a peace officer placed onto a prosecution agency's Brady identification system before May 7, 2025, is repealed December 1, 2025.

[(6)] (7) Subsection 53-29-302(2)(b)(ii), regarding the requirement for the Department of Corrections to submit the results of risk assessments for sex offenders to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, is repealed January 1, 2030.

[(7)] (8) Subsection 53E-3-501(7)(e)(ii), regarding a report on the packet method, is repealed July 1, 2028.

[(8)] (9) Subsection 53F-2-504(6), regarding a report on the Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators, is repealed July 1, 2026.

[9] (10) Section 53F-5-221, Management of energy and water use pilot program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

[~~(10)~~] (11) Section 53F-5-222, Mentoring and Supporting Teacher Excellence and Refinement Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

133 [({11})] (12) Section 53F-5-223, Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program, is repealed
134 July 1, 2028.

135 [({12})] (13) Subsection 53G-11-502(1), regarding implementation of the educator evaluation
136 process, is repealed July 1, 2029.

137 [({13})] (14) Section 53G-11-506, Establishment of educator evaluation program -- Joint
138 committee, is repealed July 1, 2029.

139 [({14})] (15) Section 53G-11-507, Components of educator evaluation program, is repealed
140 July 1, 2029.

141 [({15})] (16) Section 53G-11-508, Summative evaluation timelines -- Review of summative
142 evaluations, is repealed July 1, 2029.

143 [({16})] (17) Section 53G-11-509, Mentor for provisional educator, is repealed July 1, 2029.

144 [({17})] (18) Section 53G-11-510, State board to describe a framework for the evaluation of
145 educators, is repealed July 1, 2029.

146 [({18})] (19) Section 53G-11-511, Rulemaking for privacy protection, is repealed July 1, 2029.

147 [({19})] (20) Subsection 53G-11-520(1), regarding optional alternative educator evaluation
148 processes, is repealed July 1, 2029.

149 [({20})] (21) Subsection 53G-11-520(2), regarding an exception from educator evaluation
150 process requirements, is repealed July 1, 2029.

151 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

152 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.