



# 2026 Passed Bills

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## Introduction

The following document contains a high-level summary of legislation passed during the 2026 General Session that relates to law enforcement and criminal justice. The list and bill descriptions are not comprehensive (for example, budget bills are excluded).

The bills below are listed by category with House bills followed by Senate bills.

<b>Corrections and Supervision</b>		
<b>Bill Number and Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">H.B. 48, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Changes</a>	Rep. Lisonbee Sen. Cullimore	Modifies the requirements for provisionally housing a minor who is tried as an adult for aggravated murder in a secure care facility. Allows a prosecutor to file a motion with the Board of Pardons and Parole regarding the provisional housing of a minor in a secure care facility.
<a href="#">H.B. 110, Offender Modifications</a>	Rep. Clancy Sen. McKell	Allows AP&P to supervise individuals convicted of class B misdemeanors under certain circumstances. Requires the Board of Pardons and Parole, if considering whether to parole an offender who has previously been paroled and had the offender's parole revoked due to a new criminal offense, to consider the facts and circumstances of the new criminal offense in determining whether the offender should be paroled again. Allows the board to consider pardons for some on the Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry only after certain waiting periods.
<a href="#">H.B. 122, Pregnant and Postpartum Inmate Amendments</a>	Rep. Pierucci Sen. Balderree	Requires prisons and jails to report on the number of known pregnant inmates in custody and the number of female inmates in custody who are parents to a minor child. Clarifies that the postpartum recovery period is 12 weeks after giving birth. Prohibits restraining an inmate during postpartum recovery unless an individualized determination of certain security risks is made that details why the restraints are necessary. Increases the period of time that the department and each county jail is required to provide access to a social worker to an inmate who is pregnant or who has recently given birth.
<a href="#">H.B. 123, Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registration Amendments</a>	Rep. Acton Sen. Winterton	Clarifies that an individual who has committed an offense in another jurisdiction that would require the individual to register on that state's Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registry is required to register in this state.



<a href="#">H.B. 134, Offender Transfer Amendments</a>	Rep. Acton Sen. Stratton	Amends the fee for an individual on probation or parole who is applying for a transfer of supervision to another state under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (the compact). Clarifies that under the compact, an individual on probation or parole in this state who seeks a transfer of supervision to another state due to a felony or qualifying misdemeanor is required to be under the supervision of the Division of Adult Probation and Parole before the individual may apply for the transfer. Enacts requirements for a court or the Board of Pardons and Parole when issuing an arrest warrant for an individual on probation or parole who has violated the terms of the individual's supervision and is being supervised in another state under the compact. Requires the Bureau of Criminal Identification to submit an arrest warrant for an individual on probation or parole being supervised in another state under the compact to the National Crime Information Center.
<a href="#">H.B. 230, Offender Amendments</a>	Rep. Ballard Sen. Brammer	Requires a county jail to assist certain inmates in obtaining an ID. Requires substance abuse treatment providers to share certain probationer and parolee drug test results with a supervising officer. Requires the Department of Corrections to provide inmates with housing resources. Requires AP&P to track and annually report parolee housing data.
<a href="#">H.B. 370, Sex Offender Oversight Amendments</a>	Rep. Lisonbee Sen. Brammer	Requires DPS to create a monitoring program for sex offenders who are unable to provide a required residential address to the registry and to delegate monitoring oversight responsibility to other agencies or AP&P. Requires agencies to request an arrest warrant for offenders who do not comply with the program.
<a href="#">H.J.R. 4, Resolution Regarding Prison Security and Successful Inmate Reentry</a>	Rep. Ballard Sen. Escamilla	Calls upon Congress to vote in favor of the 2025 Second Chance Reauthorization Act and the 2025 Cell Phone Jamming Reform Act. Requests that Congress criminalize the flying of drones over correctional facilities and allow law enforcement and correctional agencies to implement a pilot program to mitigate drones that fly over critical infrastructure.
<a href="#">S.B. 93, Corrections Amendments</a>	Sen. Owens Rep. Burton	Amends provisions related to direct supervision. Amends the criminal offense of unlawful operation of an unmanned aircraft near a correctional facility by prohibiting an individual from removing any item from inside the property of a correctional facility. Removes unpaid probation and parole supervision fees from an offender's criminal accounts receivable and requires the Department of Corrections to turn any unpaid supervision fees over to the Office of State Debt Collection.
<b><u>Law Enforcement and Public Safety</u></b>		
<b>Bill Number and Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">H.B. 136, Unlicensed Driver Amendments</a>	Rep. MacPherson Sen. McCay	Modifies the circumstances in which law enforcement is required to impound a vehicle. Addresses identification of an individual who operates a vehicle without a valid driving credential. Amends certain penalties associated with driving without a driver license. Amends provisions related to administrative suspension of a driver license. Requires a vendor providing software service for a fingerprint device to ensure the software is compatible with law enforcement database software.



<a href="#">H.B. 153, Law Enforcement Officer Employment Amendments</a>	Rep. Gwynn Sen. McKell	Requires municipalities to provide certain procedures to a law enforcement officer before the municipality may terminate or otherwise significantly impact the law enforcement officer's employment.
<a href="#">S.B. 19, Digital Evidence Amendments</a>	Sen. Weiler Rep. Wilcox	Requires local law enforcement agencies to have one of the following: mobile device forensics services; a contract, partnership, or agreement with another entity that allows the agency to share services; or staff working at the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.
<a href="#">S.B. 27, Assault or Threat of Violence Amendments</a>	Sen. Ipson Rep. Gwynn	Separates the offenses of assault or threat of violence against peace officers and military service members and expands both to cover off-duty personnel and their family members when targeted because of their official status, even when not wearing uniforms.
<a href="#">S.B. 71, Evidence Retention Amendments</a>	Sen. Harper Rep. Ivory	Amends requirements related to a request by a law enforcement agency to return or dispose of evidence in a misdemeanor case. Amends the timelines that a law enforcement agency is required to retain evidence of felony offenses.
<a href="#">S.B. 128, Public Alert Amendments</a>	Sen. Plumb Rep. Clancy	Creates the Purple Alert Notification System, administered by DPS, to assist with locating missing and endangered vulnerable individuals in certain circumstances.
<a href="#">S.B. 172, Airport and Air Amendments</a>	Sen. Harper Rep. Welton	Amends a restriction on how law enforcement can use a drone.
<a href="#">S.B. 183, Surveillance Camera Amendments</a>	Sen. Pitcher Rep. Teuscher	Prohibits a law enforcement officer, or an individual acting on behalf of a law enforcement officer, from tampering with, changing the viewing direction of, or disabling a person's surveillance camera on the person's private property and creates exceptions to the prohibition.
<a href="#">S.B. 226, Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Amendments</a>	Sen. Millner Rep. Eliason	Requires a peace officer to direct an individual to submit to a chemical test if the peace officer has reasonable suspicion that the individual was operating a vehicle in violation of certain alcohol or drug related offenses. Requires a peace officer investigating a fatal motor vehicle accident to review the facts of the accident with a senior officer before declining to seek a warrant for a chemical test.
<b>Offenses and Penalties</b>		
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<a href="#">H.B. 24, Criminal Penalty Amendments</a>	Rep. Wilcox Sen. Musselman	Reduces the criminal offense of operating a vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour in a school zone from a class C misdemeanor to an infraction if the person is operating the vehicle from 21 to 29 miles per hour. Reduces the penalty for careless driving from a class C misdemeanor to an infraction.



<a href="#">H.B. 103, Underage Marriage Amendments</a>	Rep. Ballard Sen. Weiler	Creates the criminal offenses of unlawfully marrying a minor, transporting a minor out of state for an illegal marriage, and traveling out of state to marry a minor. Provides that the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution for these offenses is 15 years after the minor turns 18. Provides that marriage of a minor performed in another country, state, or territory is invalid in Utah unless the marriage meets certain requirements.
<a href="#">H.B. 113, Emergency Reporting Abuse Amendments</a>	Rep. Monson Sen. Fillmore	Modifies the offense of emergency reporting abuse to include conduct in which an actor contacts a 911 emergency response service when the actor knows, or reasonably should know, that no actual or perceived emergency exists.
<a href="#">H.B. 158, Unlawful Tracking Amendments</a>	Rep. Owens Sen. Weiler	Broadens the offense of unlawful installation of a tracking device by: renaming the offense; including tracking devices on certain personal property and using a tracking application to track another individual's movements; and clarifying it is still an offense if the victim previously gave consent for the tracking device or application and later revoked the consent.
<a href="#">H.B. 221, Coercion Amendments</a>	Rep. Wilcox Sen. Musselman	Separates the offense of aiding or encouraging suicide from manslaughter and adds a new criminal offense. Separates the offenses of sexual extortion and aggravated sexual extortion and adds new criminal elements to both. Creates mandatory fines for certain convictions of aiding or encouraging suicide, sexual extortion, and aggravated sexual extortion.
<a href="#">H.B. 284, Murder Offense Amendments</a>	Rep. Maloy Sen. Brammer	Amends the offense of murder when the actor acts with a depraved indifference to human life to clarify that the actor does not need to have a specific intent to kill a specific individual.
<a href="#">H.B. 289, Child Sexual Abuse Material Amendments</a>	Rep. Defay Sen. Musselman	Separates definitions and penalties for three types of CSAM: CSAM (depicting a real minor); apparent CSAM (AI depicting apparent minors); and obscene CSAM (other depictions that are not constitutionally protected).
<a href="#">H.B. 331, Criminal Offenses Modifications</a>	Rep. Clancy Sen. Grover	Creates the offense of unlawfully advancing foreign organizations and governments. Creates the offense of intentional concealment of identity while committing an offense in public. Creates the offense of unlawful deprivation of religious rights with a corresponding civil right of action by a victim that may be brought against an actor.
<a href="#">H.B. 354, Rescue Tracking Equipment Offense Amendments</a>	Rep. Hawkins Sen. Ipson	Creates a criminal offense for certain actions taken with respect to rescue tracking equipment and establishes a criminal penalty.
<a href="#">H.B. 423, Hit and Run and DUI Offense Amendments</a>	Rep. Eliason Sen. Weiler	Increases penalties for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage or injury if the operator has been previously convicted of the same offense or driving under the influence.
<a href="#">H.B. 454, Public Assistance Fraud Amendments</a>	Rep. Wilcox Sen. Brammer	Creates the offense of public assistance fraud by a person facilitating an inaccurate public assistance application.



<a href="#">H.B. 536, Criminal Conduct on Public Lands Amendments</a>	Rep. Barlow Sen. Ipson	Amends the criminal offense of defacing by graffiti on public lands to include damaging or destroying natural and archaeological features. Allows a court to order a fine or paid restitution for this offense and the offense of antiquities alteration, removal, injury, or destruction.
<a href="#">S.B. 30, Human Trafficking, Exploitation, and Smuggling Amendments</a>	Sen. Musselman Rep. Wilcox	Amends the offenses of human trafficking for labor, human trafficking for sexual exploitation, human trafficking of a child (for labor and for sexual exploitation) and human trafficking of a vulnerable adult (for labor and for sexual exploitation offenses), including revising the names and elements of the offenses, and, for some offenses, requiring specific conduct for a violation. Divides the offense of aggravated human trafficking for labor or sexual exploitation into two separate offenses. Creates new offenses of patronizing a victim of human labor trafficking, patronizing a child victim of human labor trafficking, and patronizing a vulnerable adult victim of human labor trafficking.
<a href="#">S.B. 63, Assault Modifications</a>	Sen. Brammer Rep. Chevrier	Provides that a chokehold under certain circumstances does not constitute the offense of assault or aggravated assault.
<a href="#">S.B. 125, Theft Amendments</a>	Sen. Musselman Rep. Wilcox	Amends, in certain circumstances, when a previous conviction for a theft, robbery, burglary, or fraud may enhance the penalty for the offense of theft of service to a third degree felony.
<b>School Security</b>		
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<a href="#">H.B. 44, School Security Personnel Standards</a>	Rep. Wilcox Sen. Millner	Allows county security chiefs to designate approved private security companies to administer required school safety personnel training. Requires a local education agency to provide a panic alert device for certain school safety personnel. Expands the definition of an armed school security guard to include a special function officer.
<a href="#">H.B. 84, Dangerous Weapon Amendments</a>	Rep. Brooks Sen. Ipson	Allows an individual 21 years old or older to conceal a dangerous weapon at an institution of higher education without a concealed carry permit. Amends the offense of carrying a dangerous weapon at an institution of higher education by renaming the offense to "Openly carrying a dangerous weapon at an institution of higher education," by removing private institutions of higher education from locations where the offense is applicable, and by prohibiting an individual, including an individual with any type of concealed carry permit, from openly carrying a dangerous weapon at an institution of higher education unless the individual is lawfully responding to an active threat. Clarifies that an individual 18 years old or older but younger than 21 years old may carry, in an open manner, an unloaded firearm in any public location not prohibited by state statute or federal law. Clarifies that an individual who has a concealed carry permit that allows the individual to carry on the grounds of an elementary school or secondary school may not open carry a dangerous weapon on the grounds of an elementary school or secondary school unless the individual is lawfully responding to an active threat.



<a href="#">H.B. 547, Transnational Repression Amendments</a>	Rep. Clancy Sen. McKell	Requires the Utah Board of Higher Education to direct the state's institutions of higher education to provide information on transnational repression to international students and how to report transnational repression to law enforcement. Creates a criminal penalty enhancement for any crime if the crime is committed by an individual at the direction of a foreign government or an agent of a foreign terrorist organization in order to cause a victim to undertake, or refrain from undertaking, certain conduct.
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**Victims**

Bill Number and Title	Sponsors	Description
<a href="#">H.B. 89, Use of Polygraph Amendments</a>	Rep. Romero Sen. McKell	Limits the use of a polygraph on a victim of a sexual offense.
<a href="#">H.B. 102, Victim Privacy Amendments</a>	Rep. Hayes Sen. Pitcher	Allows a crime victim to request the use of the victim's initials instead of the victim's name in publicly available criminal justice documents under certain circumstances.
<a href="#">H.B. 139, Female Genital Mutilation Amendments</a>	Rep. Ballard Sen. Balderree	Repeals the requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a community education program regarding female genital mutilation. Removes the statute of limitation for the prosecution of the offense of female genital mutilation.
<a href="#">H.B. 539, Public Safety Modifications</a>	Rep. MacPherson Sen. Brammer	Clarifies the definition of cohabitant for the battered person mitigation statute. Defines and modifies terms related to domestic violence, including expanding the definition of a domestic violence offense. Addresses the right to bail for a domestic violence offense. Clarifies a term regarding a predominant aggressor when a law enforcement officer is responding to multiple incidents of domestic violence. Modifies the requirements for responding to an allegation of a domestic violence offense.

**Animals**

Bill Number and Title	Sponsors	Description
<a href="#">H.B. 87, Animal Crime Victim Amendments</a>	Rep. Mauga Sen. Plumb	Amends provisions related to the placement of an animal that is seized as a result of an animal abuse offense.
<a href="#">S.B. 72, Obscene Animal Abuse Material Amendments</a>	Sen. Vickers Rep. Gricius	Separates animal sexual abuse from the current definition of pornographic and creates a new definition of obscene animal abuse material. Creates a standalone criminal offense of distributing obscene animal abuse material. Adds animal crushing to the criminal offense of distributing obscene animal abuse material. Ensures that obscene animal abuse material is treated the same throughout the code as pornographic materials.



<a href="#">S.R. 3, Senate Resolution Regarding Animal Sheltering During Disasters</a>	Sen. Plumb	Encourages local governments within the state to incorporate into emergency management and disaster planning the needs of individuals with household pets.
<b>Firearms</b>		
<b>Bill Number and Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">H.B. 101, Firearm Background Check Amendments</a>	Rep. Maloy Sen. Hinkins	Exempts an individual from undergoing a background check for the sale or transfer of a firearm that is regulated under the National Firearms Act if the individual has received an approved application within the last 30 days for the sale or transfer of the firearm from ATF.
<a href="#">H.B. 214, Firearms Liability Amendments</a>	Rep. Teuscher Sen. Hinkins	Amends provisions and requirements for certain claims arising from a firearm or firearm-related item brought against a seller or manufacturer of a firearm or a firearm-related item or a trade association.
<a href="#">H.B. 314, Firearm Purchase Amendments</a>	Rep. MacPherson Sen. Stratton	Removes a requirement that a federal firearms licensee use a certain form provided by the Bureau of Criminal Identification when selling a firearm. Extends the amount of time that the bureau may maintain records from a criminal history background check from 20 days to 30 days.
<b>Recodifications, Reports, Records and Data</b>		
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<a href="#">H.B. 90, Sexual Offenses Amendments</a>	Rep. Gwynn Sen. Musselman	Clarifies what constitutes a sexual offense throughout the Utah Code.
<a href="#">H.B. 220, Public Safety Data Amendments</a>	Rep. Wilcox Sen. Cullimore	Removes certain reporting requirements and instead requires the reports to be submitted to the public safety portal. Requires the Department of Criminal Justice to make de-identified data more accessible to the public.
<a href="#">H.B. 261, Electronic Information Privacy Act Amendments</a>	Rep. Kyle Sen. Weiler	Clarifies and amends procedures and requirements for a law enforcement agency that seeks to obtain, use, copy, or disclose certain electronic information or records. Prohibits a law enforcement agency from contracting with or otherwise using a third party to obtain, use, copy, disclose, or otherwise access certain electronic information or records in a manner that the law enforcement agency would be prohibited from doing directly, with certain exceptions.
<a href="#">H.B. 301, Drug Recodification</a>	Rep. Gwynn Sen. Musselman	Technically reorganizes, revises, and clarifies provisions concerning drugs, including moving certain criminal offenses concerning drugs from Title 58, Occupations and Professions, into Title 76, Utah Criminal Code.



<a href="#">S.B. 13, Statutorily Required Reports and Presentations Amendments</a>	Sen. Musselman Rep. Wilcox	Removes requirements for expired reports and moves other reporting requirements to the public safety data portal.
<a href="#">S.B. 18, Criminal Offense Modifications</a>	Sen. Musselman Rep. Wilcox	Makes technical corrections regarding certain criminal offenses.
<a href="#">S.B. 32, Child Abuse Homicide Corrections</a>	Sen. Ipson Rep. Wilcox	Corrects the erroneous inclusion of the offense of child torture in the child abuse homicide statute, based on the child torture offense already having been included in the offense of murder.
<a href="#">S.B. 86, Firearm Safe Harbor Amendments</a>	Sen. Wilson Rep. Eliason	Requires a law enforcement agency to collect and report anonymous, aggregate data regarding the use of the firearm safe harbor program to the Department of Criminal Justice. Provides that a record created by an agency under the firearm safe harbor program is a private record until the agency disposes of the record.
<a href="#">S.B. 323, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recodification</a>	Sen. Weiler Rep. Lisonbee	Creates Title 75E, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Administration, and the Department of Criminal Justice. Reassigns certain responsibilities of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to the Department of Criminal Justice. Removes obsolete programs, responsibilities, and reporting requirements. Provides that the Governor may direct the Department of Criminal Justice to assist with extradition.
<b>Money</b>		
<b>Bill Number and Title</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">H.B. 20, Correctional Facility Capacity Amendments</a>	Rep. Lisonbee Sen. Weiler	Creates the Corrections Facility Expansion Restricted Account to be used for expanding existing, or constructing new, state correctional facilities.
<a href="#">H.B. 72, Criminal Use of Cryptocurrency Amendments</a>	Rep. Wilcox Sen. Brammer	Requires specialized cryptocurrency investigation training and reporting requirements for designated officers. Establishes consumer protection requirements for virtual currency kiosks.
<a href="#">H.B. 137, Violent Crime Clearance Rate Amendments</a>	Rep. Clancy Sen. McKell	Creates the Violent Crime Clearance Rate Fund, administered by the Department of Criminal Justice, to assist law enforcement agencies in solving violent crimes.
<a href="#">H.B. 243, Gambling Revisions</a>	Rep. Elison Sen. Brammer	Clarifies that a proposition bet falls within the definition of gambling.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		



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<a href="#">H.B. 11, Dyed Diesel Fuel Search Amendments</a>	Rep. Gricius Sen. Harper	Establishes that a government official may only inspect a vehicle for a dyed diesel fuel violation if the official has probable cause that a violation has occurred, has consent of the vehicle owner, or is conducting the search at a port-of-entry.
<a href="#">H.B. 240, Carbon Dioxide System Amendments</a>	Rep. Nguyen Sen. Owens	Requires the Utah Fire Prevention Board to establish a licensing and certification program for certain carbon dioxide systems and those who service carbon dioxide systems.