

**Representative Michael K. McKell** proposes the following substitute bill:

**CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill defines the term "indecent liberties."

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines the term "indecent liberties";
- ▶ amends provisions of Section 78A-6-105 and Section 78B-2-308 to incorporate the definition of "indecent liberties"; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**78A-6-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 181, 330, and 401

**78B-2-308**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 379

ENACTS:

**76-5-416**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

Section 1. Section **76-5-416** is enacted to read:

**76-5-416. Indecent liberties -- Definition.**

As used in this part, "indecent liberties" means touching, over clothing, of the anus, buttocks, or genitals of another individual, or touching, over clothing, of the breast of a female individual.

Section 2. Section **78A-6-105** is amended to read:

**78A-6-105. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

(1) (a) "Abuse" means:

(i) (A) nonaccidental harm of a child;

(B) threatened harm of a child;

(C) sexual exploitation;

(D) sexual abuse; or

(E) human trafficking of a child in violation of Section [76-5-308.5](#); or

(ii) that a child's natural parent:

(A) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes the death of another parent of the child;

(B) is identified by a law enforcement agency as the primary suspect in an investigation for intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing the death of another parent of the child; or

(C) is being prosecuted for or has been convicted of intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing the death of another parent of the child.

(b) "Abuse" does not include:

(i) reasonable discipline or management of a child, including withholding privileges;

(ii) conduct described in Section [76-2-401](#); or

(iii) the use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or force on a child:

(A) in self-defense;

(B) in defense of others;

(C) to protect the child; or

(D) to remove a weapon in the possession of a child for any of the reasons described in

57 Subsections (1)(b)(iii)(A) through (C).

58 (2) "Abused child" means a child who has been subjected to abuse.

59 (3) "Adjudication" means a finding by the court, incorporated in a decree, that the facts  
60 alleged in the petition have been proved. A finding of not competent to proceed pursuant to  
61 Section 78A-6-1302 is not an adjudication.

62 (4) "Adult" means [~~a person~~] an individual 18 years of age or over, except that [~~a~~  
63 person] an individual 18 years or over under the continuing jurisdiction of the juvenile court  
64 pursuant to Section 78A-6-120 shall be referred to as a minor.

65 (5) "Board" means the Board of Juvenile Court Judges.

66 (6) "Child" means [~~a person~~] an individual under 18 years of age.

67 (7) "Child placement agency" means:

68 (a) a private agency licensed to receive a child for placement or adoption under this  
69 code; or

70 (b) a private agency that receives a child for placement or adoption in another state,  
71 which agency is licensed or approved where such license or approval is required by law.

72 (8) "Clandestine laboratory operation" means the same as that term is defined in  
73 Section 58-37d-3.

74 (9) "Commit" means, unless specified otherwise:

75 (a) with respect to a child, to transfer legal custody; and

76 (b) with respect to a minor who is at least 18 years of age, to transfer custody.

77 (10) "Court" means the juvenile court.

78 (11) "Criminogenic risk factors" means evidence-based factors that are associated with  
79 a minor's likelihood of reoffending.

80 (12) "Delinquent act" means an act that would constitute a felony or misdemeanor if  
81 committed by an adult.

82 (13) "Dependent child" includes a child who is homeless or without proper care  
83 through no fault of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

84 (14) "Deprivation of custody" means transfer of legal custody by the court from a  
85 parent or the parents or a previous legal custodian to another person, agency, or institution.

86 (15) "Detention" means home detention and secure detention as defined in Section  
87 62A-7-101 for the temporary care of a minor who requires secure custody in a physically

88 restricting facility:

89 (a) pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction; or

90 (b) while under the continuing jurisdiction of the court.

91 (16) "Detention risk assessment tool" means an evidence-based tool established under  
92 Section [78A-6-124](#), on and after July 1, 2018, that assesses a minor's risk of failing to appear in  
93 court or reoffending pre-adjudication and designed to assist in making detention  
94 determinations.

95 (17) "Division" means the Division of Child and Family Services.

96 (18) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has had multiple randomized  
97 control studies or a meta-analysis demonstrating that the program or practice is effective for a  
98 specific population or has been rated as effective by a standardized program evaluation tool.

99 (19) "Formal probation" means a minor is under field supervision by the probation  
100 department or other agency designated by the court and subject to return to the court in  
101 accordance with Section [78A-6-123](#) on and after July 1, 2018.

102 (20) "Formal referral" means a written report from a peace officer or other person  
103 informing the court that a minor is or appears to be within the court's jurisdiction and that a  
104 case must be reviewed.

105 (21) "Group rehabilitation therapy" means psychological and social counseling of one  
106 or more [~~persons~~] individuals in the group, depending upon the recommendation of the  
107 therapist.

108 (22) "Guardianship of the person" includes the authority to consent to:

109 (a) marriage;

110 (b) enlistment in the armed forces;

111 (c) major medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment; or

112 (d) legal custody, if legal custody is not vested in another person, agency, or institution.

113 (23) "Habitual truant" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53A-11-101](#).

114 (24) "Harm" means:

115 (a) physical or developmental injury or damage;

116 (b) emotional damage that results in a serious impairment in the child's growth,  
117 development, behavior, or psychological functioning;

118 (c) sexual abuse; or

119 (d) sexual exploitation.

120 (25) (a) "Incest" means engaging in sexual intercourse with ~~[a person]~~ an individual  
121 whom the perpetrator knows to be the perpetrator's ancestor, descendant, brother, sister, uncle,  
122 aunt, nephew, niece, or first cousin.

123 (b) The relationships described in Subsection (25)(a) include:

124 (i) blood relationships of the whole or half blood, without regard to legitimacy;

125 (ii) relationships of parent and child by adoption; and

126 (iii) relationships of stepparent and stepchild while the marriage creating the  
127 relationship of a stepparent and stepchild exists.

128 (26) "Intake probation" means a period of court monitoring that does not include field  
129 supervision, but is overseen by a juvenile probation officer, during which a minor is subject to  
130 return to the court in accordance with Section [78A-6-123](#) on and after July 1, 2018.

131 (27) "Intellectual disability" means:

132 (a) significantly subaverage intellectual functioning, an IQ of approximately 70 or  
133 below on an individually administered IQ test, for infants, a clinical judgment of significantly  
134 subaverage intellectual functioning;

135 (b) concurrent deficits or impairments in present adaptive functioning, the ~~[person's]~~  
136 individual's effectiveness in meeting the standards expected for the ~~[person's]~~ individual's age  
137 by the ~~[person's]~~ individual's cultural group, in at least two of the following areas:  
138 communication, self-care, home living, social/interpersonal skills, use of community resources,  
139 self-direction, functional academic skills, work, leisure, health, and safety; and

140 (c) the onset is before the ~~[person]~~ individual reaches the age of 18 years.

141 (28) "Legal custody" means a relationship embodying the following rights and duties:

142 (a) the right to physical custody of the minor;

143 (b) the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the minor;

144 (c) the duty to provide the minor with food, clothing, shelter, education, and ordinary  
145 medical care;

146 (d) the right to determine where and with whom the minor shall live; and

147 (e) the right, in an emergency, to authorize surgery or other extraordinary care.

148 (29) "Material loss" means an uninsured:

149 (a) property loss;

- 150 (b) out-of-pocket monetary loss;
- 151 (c) lost wages; or
- 152 (d) medical expenses.
- 153 (30) "Mental disorder" means a serious emotional and mental disturbance that severely
- 154 limits a minor's development and welfare over a significant period of time.
- 155 (31) "Minor" means:
- 156 (a) a child; or
- 157 (b) ~~[a person]~~ an individual who is:
- 158 (i) at least 18 years of age and younger than 21 years of age; and
- 159 (ii) under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
- 160 (32) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means a crisis intervention service for minors or
- 161 families of minors experiencing behavioral health or psychiatric emergencies.
- 162 (33) "Molestation" means that ~~[a person]~~ an individual, with the intent to arouse or
- 163 gratify the sexual desire of any ~~[person]~~ individual:
- 164 (a) touches the anus or any part of the genitals of a child;
- 165 (b) takes indecent liberties, as defined in Section 76-5-416, with a child; or
- 166 (c) causes a child to take indecent liberties, as defined in Section 76-5-416, with the
- 167 perpetrator or another individual.
- 168 (34) "Natural parent" means a minor's biological or adoptive parent, and includes the
- 169 minor's noncustodial parent.
- 170 (35) (a) "Neglect" means action or inaction causing:
- 171 (i) abandonment of a child, except as provided in Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Part 8, Safe
- 172 Relinquishment of a Newborn Child;
- 173 (ii) lack of proper parental care of a child by reason of the fault or habits of the parent,
- 174 guardian, or custodian;
- 175 (iii) failure or refusal of a parent, guardian, or custodian to provide proper or necessary
- 176 subsistence, education, or medical care, or any other care necessary for the child's health,
- 177 safety, morals, or well-being;
- 178 (iv) a child to be at risk of being neglected or abused because another child in the same
- 179 home is neglected or abused; or
- 180 (v) abandonment of a child through an unregulated custody transfer.

181 (b) The aspect of neglect relating to education, described in Subsection (35)(a)(iii),  
182 means that, after receiving a notice of compulsory education violation under Section  
183 53A-11-101.5, the parent or guardian fails to make a good faith effort to ensure that the child  
184 receives an appropriate education.

185 (c) A parent or guardian legitimately practicing religious beliefs and who, for that  
186 reason, does not provide specified medical treatment for a child, is not guilty of neglect.

187 (d) (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (35)(a), a health care decision made for a child by  
188 the child's parent or guardian does not constitute neglect unless the state or other party to the  
189 proceeding shows, by clear and convincing evidence, that the health care decision is not  
190 reasonable and informed.

191 (ii) Nothing in Subsection (35)(d)(i) may prohibit a parent or guardian from exercising  
192 the right to obtain a second health care opinion and from pursuing care and treatment pursuant  
193 to the second health care opinion, as described in Section 78A-6-301.5.

194 (36) "Neglected child" means a child who has been subjected to neglect.

195 (37) "Nonjudicial adjustment" means closure of the case by the assigned probation  
196 officer without judicial determination upon the consent in writing of:

197 (a) the assigned probation officer; and

198 (b) (i) the minor; or

199 (ii) the minor and the minor's parent, legal guardian, or custodian.

200 (38) "Not competent to proceed" means that a minor, due to a mental disorder,  
201 intellectual disability, or related condition as defined, lacks the ability to:

202 (a) understand the nature of the proceedings against them or of the potential disposition  
203 for the offense charged; or

204 (b) consult with counsel and participate in the proceedings against them with a  
205 reasonable degree of rational understanding.

206 (39) "Physical abuse" means abuse that results in physical injury or damage to a child.

207 (40) "Probation" means a legal status created by court order following an adjudication  
208 on the ground of a violation of law or under Section 78A-6-103, whereby the minor is  
209 permitted to remain in the minor's home under prescribed conditions.

210 (41) "Protective supervision" means a legal status created by court order following an  
211 adjudication on the ground of abuse, neglect, or dependency, whereby the minor is permitted to

212 remain in the minor's home, and supervision and assistance to correct the abuse, neglect, or  
213 dependency is provided by the probation department or other agency designated by the court.

214 (42) "Related condition" means a condition closely related to intellectual disability in  
215 accordance with 42 C.F.R. Part 435.1010 and further defined in Rule R539-1-3, Utah  
216 Administrative Code.

217 (43) (a) "Residual parental rights and duties" means those rights and duties remaining  
218 with the parent after legal custody or guardianship, or both, have been vested in another person  
219 or agency, including:

- 220 (i) the responsibility for support;
- 221 (ii) the right to consent to adoption;
- 222 (iii) the right to determine the child's religious affiliation; and
- 223 (iv) the right to reasonable parent-time unless restricted by the court.

224 (b) If no guardian has been appointed, "residual parental rights and duties" also include  
225 the right to consent to:

- 226 (i) marriage;
- 227 (ii) enlistment; and
- 228 (iii) major medical, surgical, or psychiatric treatment.

229 (44) "Secure facility" means any facility operated by or under contract with the  
230 Division of Juvenile Justice Services, that provides 24-hour supervision and confinement for  
231 youth offenders committed to the division for custody and rehabilitation pursuant to Subsection  
232 [78A-6-117\(2\)\(d\)](#).

233 (45) "Severe abuse" means abuse that causes or threatens to cause serious harm to a  
234 child.

235 (46) "Severe neglect" means neglect that causes or threatens to cause serious harm to a  
236 child.

237 (47) "Sexual abuse" means:

238 (a) an act or attempted act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, incest, or molestation by an  
239 adult directed towards a child;

240 (b) an act or attempted act of sexual intercourse, sodomy, incest, or molestation  
241 committed by a child towards another child if:

- 242 (i) there is an indication of force or coercion;



- 243 (ii) the children are related, as described in Subsection (25);
- 244 (iii) there have been repeated incidents of sexual contact between the two children,
- 245 unless the children are 14 years of age or older; or
- 246 (iv) there is a disparity in chronological age of four or more years between the two
- 247 children; or
- 248 (c) engaging in any conduct with a child that would constitute an offense under any of
- 249 the following, regardless of whether the [person] individual who engages in the conduct is
- 250 actually charged with, or convicted of, the offense:
- 251 (i) Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, except for Section 76-5-401, if the
- 252 alleged perpetrator of an offense described in Section 76-5-401 is a minor;
- 253 (ii) child bigamy, Section 76-7-101.5;
- 254 (iii) incest, Section 76-7-102;
- 255 (iv) lewdness, Section 76-9-702;
- 256 (v) sexual battery, Section 76-9-702.1;
- 257 (vi) lewdness involving a child, Section 76-9-702.5; or
- 258 (vii) voyeurism, Section 76-9-702.7.
- 259 (48) "Sexual exploitation" means knowingly:
- 260 (a) employing, using, persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing any child to:
- 261 (i) pose in the nude for the purpose of sexual arousal of any [person] individual; or
- 262 (ii) engage in any sexual or simulated sexual conduct for the purpose of photographing,
- 263 filming, recording, or displaying in any way the sexual or simulated sexual conduct;
- 264 (b) displaying, distributing, possessing for the purpose of distribution, or selling
- 265 material depicting a child:
- 266 (i) in the nude, for the purpose of sexual arousal of any [person] individual; or
- 267 (ii) engaging in sexual or simulated sexual conduct; or
- 268 (c) engaging in any conduct that would constitute an offense under Section 76-5b-201,
- 269 sexual exploitation of a minor, regardless of whether the [person] individual who engages in
- 270 the conduct is actually charged with, or convicted of, the offense.
- 271 (49) "Shelter" means the temporary care of a child in a physically unrestricted facility
- 272 pending court disposition or transfer to another jurisdiction.
- 273 (50) "Status offense" means a violation of the law that would not be a violation but for

274 the age of the offender.

275 (51) "Substance abuse" means the misuse or excessive use of alcohol or other drugs or  
276 substances.

277 (52) "Substantiated" means the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-4a-101.

278 (53) "Supported" means the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-4a-101.

279 (54) "Termination of parental rights" means the permanent elimination of all parental  
280 rights and duties, including residual parental rights and duties, by court order.

281 (55) "Therapist" means:

282 (a) [~~a person~~] an individual employed by a state division or agency for the purpose of  
283 conducting psychological treatment and counseling of a minor in its custody; or

284 (b) any other [~~person~~] individual licensed or approved by the state for the purpose of  
285 conducting psychological treatment and counseling.

286 (56) "Unregulated custody transfer" means the placement of a child:

287 (a) with [~~a person~~] an individual who is not the child's parent, step-parent, grandparent,  
288 adult sibling, adult uncle or aunt, or legal guardian, or a friend of the family who is an adult and  
289 with whom the child is familiar, or a member of the child's federally recognized tribe;

290 (b) with the intent of severing the child's existing parent-child or guardian-child  
291 relationship; and

292 (c) without taking:

293 (i) reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the child and permanency of the placement;  
294 and

295 (ii) the necessary steps to transfer the legal rights and responsibilities of parenthood or  
296 guardianship to the [~~person~~] individual taking custody of the child.

297 (57) "Unsubstantiated" means the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-4a-101.

298 (58) "Validated risk and needs assessment" means an evidence-based tool that assesses  
299 a minor's risk of reoffending and a minor's criminogenic needs.

300 (59) "Without merit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 62A-4a-101.

301 Section 3. Section 78B-2-308 is amended to read:

302 **78B-2-308. Legislative findings -- Civil actions for sexual abuse of a child --**

303 **Window for revival of time barred claims.**

304 (1) The Legislature finds that:

305 (a) child sexual abuse is a crime that hurts the most vulnerable in our society and  
306 destroys lives;

307 (b) research over the last 30 years has shown that it takes decades for children and  
308 adults to pull their lives back together and find the strength to face what happened to them;

309 (c) often the abuse is compounded by the fact that the perpetrator is a member of the  
310 victim's family and when such abuse comes out, the victim is further stymied by the family's  
311 wish to avoid public embarrassment;

312 (d) even when the abuse is not committed by a family member, the perpetrator is rarely  
313 a stranger and, if in a position of authority, often brings pressure to bear on the victim to ensure  
314 silence;

315 (e) in 1992, when the Legislature enacted the statute of limitations requiring victims to  
316 sue within four years of majority, society did not understand the long-lasting effects of abuse  
317 on the victim and that it takes decades for the healing necessary for a victim to seek redress;

318 (f) the Legislature, as the policy-maker for the state, may take into consideration  
319 advances in medical science and understanding in revisiting policies and laws shown to be  
320 harmful to the citizens of this state rather than beneficial; and

321 (g) the Legislature has the authority to change old laws in the face of new information,  
322 and set new policies within the limits of due process, fairness, and justice.

323 (2) As used in this section:

324 (a) "Child" means [~~a person~~] an individual under 18 years of age.

325 (b) "Discovery" means when [~~a person~~] a victim knows or reasonably should know that  
326 the injury or illness was caused by the intentional or negligent sexual abuse.

327 (c) "Injury or illness" means either a physical injury or illness or a psychological injury  
328 or illness. A psychological injury or illness need not be accompanied by physical injury or  
329 illness.

330 (d) "Molestation" means that [~~a person~~] an individual, with the intent to arouse or  
331 gratify the sexual desire of any [~~person~~] individual:

332 (i) touches the anus, buttocks, or genitalia of any child, or the breast of a female child;

333 (ii) takes indecent liberties, as defined in Section [76-5-416](#), with a child; or

334 (iii) causes a child to take indecent liberties, as defined in Section [76-5-416](#), with the  
335 perpetrator or another [~~person~~] individual.

336 (e) "Negligently" means a failure to act to prevent the child sexual abuse from further  
337 occurring or to report the child sexual abuse to law enforcement when the adult who could act  
338 knows or reasonably should know of the child sexual abuse and is the victim's parent,  
339 stepparent, adoptive parent, foster parent, legal guardian, ancestor, descendant, brother, sister,  
340 uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, grandparent, stepgrandparent, or any [person]  
341 individual cohabiting in the child's home.

342 (f) "Perpetrator" means an individual who has committed an act of sexual abuse.

343 (g) "Sexual abuse" means acts or attempted acts of sexual intercourse, sodomy, or  
344 molestation by an adult directed towards a child.

345 (h) "Victim" means an individual who was intentionally or negligently sexually abused.  
346 It does not include individuals whose claims are derived through another individual who was  
347 sexually abused.

348 (3) (a) A victim may file a civil action against a perpetrator for intentional or negligent  
349 sexual abuse suffered as a child at any time.

350 (b) A victim may file a civil action against a non-perpetrator for intentional or  
351 negligent sexual abuse suffered as a child:

352 (i) within four years after the [person] individual attains the age of 18 years; or

353 (ii) if a victim discovers sexual abuse only after attaining the age of 18 years, that  
354 [person] individual may bring a civil action for such sexual abuse within four years after  
355 discovery of the sexual abuse, whichever period expires later.

356 (4) The victim need not establish which act in a series of continuing sexual abuse  
357 incidents caused the injury complained of, but may compute the date of discovery from the date  
358 of discovery of the last act by the same perpetrator which is part of a common scheme or plan  
359 of sexual abuse.

360 (5) The knowledge of a custodial parent or guardian may not be imputed to [a person]  
361 an individual under the age of 18 years.

362 (6) A civil action may be brought only against a living [person] individual who:

363 (a) intentionally perpetrated the sexual abuse;

364 (b) would be criminally responsible for the sexual abuse in accordance with Section  
365 76-2-202; or

366 (c) negligently permitted the sexual abuse to occur.

367 (7) A civil action against ~~[a person listed]~~ an individual described in Subsection (6)(a)  
368 or (b) for sexual abuse that was time barred as of July 1, 2016, may be brought within 35 years  
369 of the victim's 18th birthday, or within three years of the effective date of this Subsection (7),  
370 whichever is longer.

371 (8) A civil action may not be brought as provided in Subsection (7) for:

372 (a) any claim that has been litigated to finality on the merits in a court of competent  
373 jurisdiction prior to July 1, 2016, however termination of a prior civil action on the basis of the  
374 expiration of the statute of limitations does not constitute a claim that has been litigated to  
375 finality on the merits; and

376 (b) any claim where a written settlement agreement was entered into between a victim  
377 and a defendant or perpetrator, unless the settlement agreement was the result of fraud, duress,  
378 or unconscionability. There is a rebuttable presumption that a settlement agreement signed by  
379 the victim when the victim was not represented by an attorney admitted to practice law in this  
380 state at the time of the settlement was the result of fraud, duress, or unconscionability.