1	WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE IN A MOTOR
2	VEHICLE
3	2022 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Chief Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson
6	House Sponsor: Mike Schultz
7 8	LONG TITLE
9	General Description:
10	This bill amends provisions related to the use of a wireless communication device while
11	operating a motor vehicle.
12	Highlighted Provisions:
13	This bill:
14	<ul> <li>amends definitions;</li> </ul>
15	<ul> <li>prohibits an individual from using a wireless communication device to view or take</li> </ul>
16	a photograph while operating a moving motor vehicle;
17	<ul> <li>modifies provisions related to suspending an individual's driver license upon a</li> </ul>
18	conviction of using a wireless communication device while operating a moving
19	motor vehicle;
20	<ul> <li>modifies the conduct that constitutes automobile homicide involving using a</li> </ul>
21	wireless communication device while operating a moving motor vehicle; and
22	<ul> <li>makes technical and conforming changes.</li> </ul>
23	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
24	None
25	Other Special Clauses:
26	None
27	Utah Code Sections Affected:
28	AMENDS:
29	41-6a-1716, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 232

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	53-3-218, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 120
	53-3-402, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 52 and 422
	76-5-207.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 193
	80-6-712, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 261
	80-6-804, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 2
В	e it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section <b>41-6a-1716</b> is amended to read:
	41-6a-1716. Prohibition on using a wireless communication device while
0]	perating a motor vehicle Exceptions Penalties.
	(1) As used in this section:
	[(a) "Handheld wireless communication device" means a handheld device used for the
tr	ansfer of information without the use of electrical conductors or wires.]
	[(b) "Handheld wireless communication device" includes a:]
	[(i) wireless telephone;]
	[(ii) text messaging device;]
	[ <del>(iii) laptop; or</del> ]
	[(iv) any substantially similar communication device that is readily removable from the
v	ehicle and is used to write, send, or read text or data through manual input.]
	[(c) "Handheld wireless communication device" does not include a two-way radio
d	evice described in 47 C.F.R. Part 90, 95, or 97.]
	(a) "Wireless communication device" means:
	(i) a cellular phone;
	(ii) a portable telephone;
	(iii) a text messaging device;
	(iv) a personal digital assistant;
	(v) a stand-alone computer, including a tablet, laptop, or notebook computer;
	(vi) a global positioning receiver;

58	(vii) a device used to display a video, movie, broadcast television image, or visual
59	image; or
60	(viii) a substantially similar communication device used to initiate or receive
61	communication, information, or data.
62	(b) "Wireless communication device" does not include a two-way radio device
63	described in 47 C.F.R. Part 90, 95, or 97, or a functional equivalent.
64	(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), [a person] an individual may not use a
65	[handheld] wireless communication device while operating a moving motor vehicle on a
66	highway in this state to manually:
67	[(a) write, send, or read a written communication, including:]
68	[(i) a text message;]
69	[(ii) an instant message; or]
70	[(iii) electronic mail;]
71	[(b) dial a phone number;]
72	[(c) access the Internet;]
73	[(d) view or record video; or]
74	[(e) enter data into a handheld wireless communication device.]
75	(a) (i) write or send a written communication, including:
76	(A) a text message;
77	(B) an instant message; or
78	(C) electronic mail;
79	(ii) dial a phone number;
80	(iii) access the internet;
81	(iv) record video;
82	(v) take a photograph; or
83	(vi) enter data into a wireless communication device;
84	(b) read a written communication, including:
85	(i) a text message;

86	(ii) an instant message; or
87	(iii) electronic mail; or
88	(c) view a video or photograph.
89	(3) Subsection (2) does not prohibit [a person] an individual from using a [handheld]
90	wireless communication device while operating a moving motor vehicle:
91	(a) when using a [handheld] wireless communication device for voice communication;
92	(b) to view a global positioning or navigation device or a global positioning or
93	navigation application;
94	(c) during a medical emergency;
95	(d) when reporting a safety hazard or requesting assistance relating to a safety hazard;
96	(e) when reporting criminal activity or requesting assistance relating to a criminal
97	activity;
98	(f) when used by a law enforcement officer or emergency service personnel acting
99	within the course and scope of the law enforcement officer's or emergency service personnel's
100	employment; or
101	(g) to operate:
102	(i) hands-free or voice operated technology; or
103	(ii) a system that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle.
104	(4) [A person] An individual convicted of a violation of this section is guilty of a:
105	(a) class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$100; or
106	(b) class B misdemeanor if the [person] individual:
107	(i) has also inflicted serious bodily injury upon another as a proximate result of using a
108	[handheld] wireless communication device in violation of this section while operating a
109	moving motor vehicle on a highway in this state; or
110	(ii) has a prior conviction under this section, that is within three years of:
111	(A) the current conviction under this section; or
112	(B) the commission of the offense upon which the current conviction is based.
113	Section 2. Section <b>53-3-218</b> is amended to read:

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53-3-218. Court to report convictions and may recommend suspension of license 115 -- Severity of speeding violation defined.

116 (1) As used in this section, "conviction" means conviction by the court of first impression or final administrative determination in an administrative traffic proceeding. 117

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), a court having jurisdiction over 118 119 offenses committed under this chapter or any other law of this state, or under any municipal 120 ordinance regulating driving motor vehicles on highways or driving motorboats on the water, shall forward to the division within five days, an abstract of the court record of the conviction 121 122 or plea held in abevance of any person in the court for a reportable traffic or motorboating 123 violation of any laws or ordinances, and may recommend the suspension of the license of the person convicted. 124

125 (b) When the division receives a court record of a conviction or plea in abevance for a 126 motorboat violation, the division may only take action against a person's driver license if the 127 motorboat violation is for a violation of Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the 128 Influence and Reckless Driving.

129 (c) A court may not forward to the division an abstract of a court record of a conviction 130 for a violation described in Subsection 53-3-220(1)(c)(i) or (ii), unless the court found that the 131 person convicted of the violation was an operator of a motor vehicle at the time of the 132 violation.

133 (3) (a) A court may not order the division to suspend a person's driver license based solely on the person's failure to pay a penalty accounts receivable. 134

135 (b) The court may notify the division, and the division may, prior to sentencing, 136 suspend the driver license of a person who fails to appear if the person is charged with:

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(i) an offense of any level that is a moving traffic violation;

(ii) an offense described in Title 41, Chapter 12a, Part 3, Owner's or Operator's 138 139 Security Requirement; or

- 140 (iii) an offense described in Subsection 53-3-220(1)(a) or (b).
- 141 (4) The abstract shall be made in the form prescribed by the division and shall include:

142	(a) the name, date of birth, and address of the party charged;
143	(b) the license certificate number of the party charged, if any;
144	(c) the registration number of the motor vehicle or motorboat involved;
145	(d) whether the motor vehicle was a commercial motor vehicle;
146	(e) whether the motor vehicle carried hazardous materials;
147	(f) whether the motor vehicle carried 16 or more occupants;
148	(g) whether the driver presented a commercial driver license;
149	(h) the nature of the offense;
150	(i) whether the offense involved an accident;
151	(j) the driver's blood alcohol content, if applicable;
152	(k) if the offense involved a speeding violation:
153	(i) the posted speed limit;
154	(ii) the actual speed; and
155	(iii) whether the speeding violation occurred on a highway that is part of the interstate
156	system as defined in Section 72-1-102;
157	(1) the date of the hearing;
158	(m) the plea;
159	(n) the judgment or whether bail was forfeited; and
160	(o) the severity of the violation, which shall be graded by the court as "minimum,"
161	"intermediate," or "maximum" as established in accordance with Subsection 53-3-221(4).
162	(5) When a convicted person secures a judgment of acquittal or reversal in any
163	appellate court after conviction in the court of first impression, the division shall reinstate the
164	convicted person's license immediately upon receipt of a certified copy of the judgment of
165	acquittal or reversal.
166	(6) Upon a conviction for a violation of the prohibition on using a [handheld] wireless
167	communication device [for text messaging or electronic mail communication] while operating
168	a moving motor vehicle under Section 41-6a-1716, a judge may order a suspension of the
169	convicted person's license for a period of three months.

170 (7) Upon a conviction for a violation of careless driving under Section 41-6a-1715 that 171 causes or results in the death of another person, a judge may order a revocation of the convicted person's license for a period of one year. 172 173 Section 3. Section 53-3-402 is amended to read: 174 53-3-402. Definitions. 175 As used in this part: 176 (1) "Alcohol" means any substance containing any form of alcohol, including ethanol. 177 methanol, propanol, and isopropanol. 178 (2) "Alcohol concentration" means the number of grams of alcohol per: 179 (a) 100 milliliters of blood; (b) 210 liters of breath; or 180 181 (c) 67 milliliters of urine. 182 (3) "Commercial driver license information system" or "CDLIS" means the 183 information system established under Title XII, Pub. L. 99-570, the Commercial Motor Vehicle 184 Safety Act of 1986, as a clearinghouse for information related to the licensing and 185 identification of commercial motor vehicle drivers. (4) "Controlled substance" means any substance so classified under Section 102(6) of 186 the Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. 802(6), and includes all substances listed on the 187 188 current Schedules I through V of 21 C.F.R., Part 1308 as they may be revised from time to 189 time. 190 (5) "Employee" means any driver of a commercial motor vehicle, including: 191 (a) full-time, regularly employed drivers: 192 (b) casual, intermittent, or occasional drivers; 193 (c) leased drivers; and 194 (d) independent, owner-operator contractors while in the course of driving a 195 commercial motor vehicle who are either directly employed by or under lease to an employer. 196 (6) "Employer" means any individual or person including the United States, a state, or 197 a political subdivision of a state, who owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle, or assigns an

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198 individual to drive a commercial motor vehicle. 199 (7) "Felony" means any offense under state or federal law that is punishable by death or 200 imprisonment for a term of more than one year. 201 (8) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other than the United States or a state 202 of the United States. (9) "Gross vehicle weight rating" or "GVWR" means the value specified by the 203 204 manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single vehicle or GVWR of a combination or 205 articulated vehicle, and includes the GVWR of the power unit plus the total weight of all towed 206 units and the loads on those units. 207 (10) "Hazardous material" has the same meaning as defined under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 383.5. 208 209 (11) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition, practice, or violation that 210 presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe personal injury, or a 211 substantial endangerment to health, property, or the environment is expected to occur 212 immediately, or before the condition, practice, or violation can be abated. 213 (12) "Medical certification status" means the medical certification of a commercial driver license holder or commercial motor vehicle operator in any of the following categories: 214 (a) Non-excepted interstate. A person shall certify that the person: 215 216 (i) operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce: 217 (ii) is both subject to and meets the qualification requirements under 49 C.F.R. Part 391; and 218 (iii) is required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 391.45. 219 220 (b) Excepted interstate. A person shall certify that the person: 221 (i) operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, but engages exclusively in 222 transportation or operations excepted under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3 from all or parts of the qualification requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 391; and 223 (ii) is not required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 224 391.45. 225

226	(c) Non-excepted intrastate. A person shall certify that the person:
227	(i) operates only in intrastate commerce; and
228	(ii) is subject to state driver qualification requirements under Sections 53-3-303.5,
229	53-3-304, and 53-3-414.
230	(d) Excepted intrastate. A person shall certify that the person:
231	(i) operates in intrastate commerce; and
232	(ii) engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all parts of the
233	state driver qualification requirements.
234	(13) "NDR" means the National Driver Register.
235	(14) "Nonresident CDL" means a commercial driver license issued by a state to an
236	individual who resides in a foreign jurisdiction.
237	(15) "Out-of-service order" means a temporary prohibition against driving a
238	commercial motor vehicle.
239	(16) "Port-of-entry agent" has the same meaning as provided in Section 72-1-102.
240	(17) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the following:
241	(a) speeding 15 or more miles per hour above the posted speed limit;
242	(b) reckless driving as defined by state or local law;
243	(c) improper or erratic traffic lane changes;
244	(d) following the vehicle ahead too closely;
245	(e) any other motor vehicle traffic law which arises in connection with a fatal traffic
246	accident;
247	(f) operating a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL or a CDIP;
248	(g) operating a commercial motor vehicle without the proper class of CDL or CDL
249	endorsement for the type of vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or cargo being
250	transported;
251	(h) operating a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL or CDIP license certificate in
252	the driver's possession in violation of Section 53-3-404;
253	(i) using a [handheld] wireless communication device in violation of Section

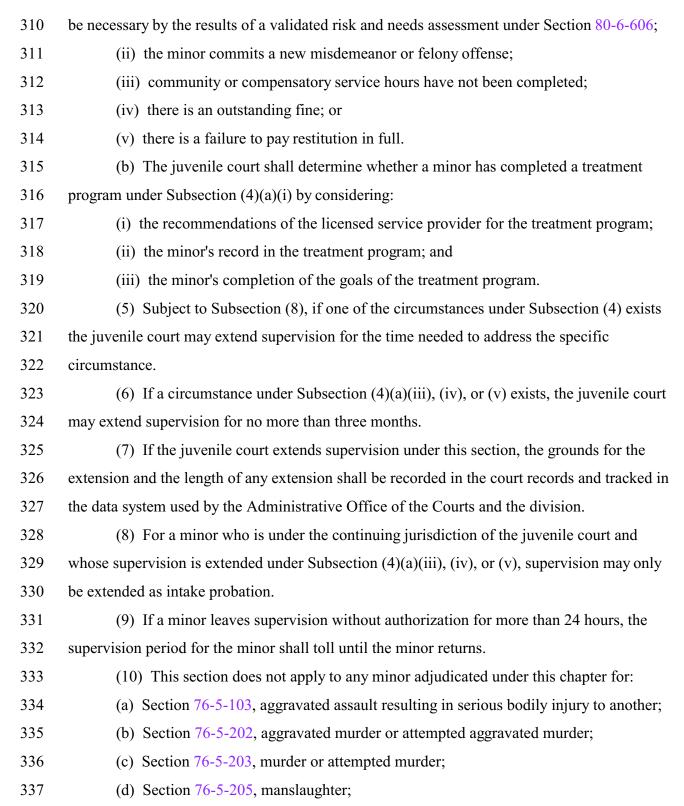
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254	41-6a-1716 while operating a commercial motor vehicle; or
255	(j) using a hand-held mobile telephone while operating a commercial motor vehicle in
256	violation of 49 C.F.R. Sec. 392.82.
257	(18) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, any province
258	or territory of Canada, or Mexico.
259	(19) "United States" means the 50 states and the District of Columbia.
260	Section 4. Section <b>76-5-207.5</b> is amended to read:
261	76-5-207.5. Automobile homicide involving using a wireless communication
262	device while operating a motor vehicle.
263	(1) As used in this section:
264	(a) "Criminally negligent" means criminal negligence as defined [by] in Subsection
265	76-2-103(4).
266	[(b) "Handheld wireless communication device" has the same meaning as defined in
267	Section 41-6a-1716.]
268	[(c)] (b) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle [and includes any],
269	including an automobile, truck, van, motorcycle, train, engine, watercraft, or aircraft.
270	[(d)] (c) "Negligent" means [simple negligence,] the failure to exercise [that] the
271	degree of care that <u>a</u> reasonable and prudent [persons exercise under like or] person exercises
272	under similar circumstances.
273	(d) "Wireless communication device" means the same as that term is defined in Section
274	<u>41-6a-1716.</u>
275	(2) Criminal homicide is automobile homicide, a third degree felony, if the person
276	operates a moving motor vehicle in a negligent manner:
277	(a) while using a [handheld] wireless communication device in violation of Section
278	41-6a-1716; and
279	(b) causing the death of another person.
280	(3) Criminal homicide is automobile homicide, a second degree felony, if the person
281	operates a moving motor vehicle in a criminally negligent manner:

282	(a) while using a [handheld] wireless communication device in violation of Section
283	41-6a-1716; and
284	(b) causing the death of another person.
285	Section 5. Section 80-6-712 is amended to read:
286	80-6-712. Time periods for supervision of probation or placement Termination
287	of continuing jurisdiction.
288	(1) If the juvenile court places a minor on probation under Section $80-6-702$ , the
289	juvenile court shall establish a period of time for supervision for the minor that is:
290	(a) if the minor is placed on intake probation, no more than three months; or
291	(b) if the minor is placed on formal probation, from four to six months, but may not
292	exceed six months.
293	(2) (a) If the juvenile court commits a minor to the division under Section 80-6-703,
294	and the minor's case is under the jurisdiction of the court, the juvenile court shall establish:
295	(i) for a minor placed out of the home, a period of custody from three to six months,
296	but may not exceed six months; and
297	(ii) for aftercare services if the minor was placed out of the home, a period of
298	supervision from three to four months, but may not exceed four months.
299	(b) A minor may be supervised for aftercare under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) in the home of
300	a qualifying relative or guardian, or at an independent living program contracted or operated by
301	the division.
302	(3) If the juvenile court orders a minor to secure care, the authority shall:
303	(a) have jurisdiction over the minor's case; and
304	(b) apply the provisions of Part 8, Commitment and Parole.
305	(4) (a) In accordance with Section 80-6-711 and Subsections (1) and (2), the juvenile
306	court shall terminate continuing jurisdiction over a minor's case at the end of the time period
307	described in Subsection (1) for probation, or Subsection (2) for commitment to the division,
308	unless:
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(i) termination would interrupt the completion of the treatment program determined to



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338	(e) Section 76-5-206, negligent homicide;
339	(f) Section 76-5-207, automobile homicide;
340	(g) Section 76-5-207.5, automobile homicide involving [handheld] using a wireless
341	communication device while operating a motor vehicle;
342	(h) Section 76-5-208, child abuse homicide;
343	(i) Section 76-5-209, homicide by assault;
344	(j) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnapping;
345	(k) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault;
346	(l) a felony violation of Section 76-6-103, aggravated arson;
347	(m) Section 76-6-203, aggravated burglary;
348	(n) Section 76-6-302, aggravated robbery;
349	(o) Section 76-10-508.1, felony discharge of a firearm;
350	(p) (i) an offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (10)(a) through (o)
351	involving the use of a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-601, that is a felony; and
352	(ii) the minor has been previously adjudicated or convicted of an offense involving the
353	use of a dangerous weapon; or
354	(q) a felony offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (10)(a) through (p) and
355	the minor has been previously committed to the division for secure care.
356	Section 6. Section <b>80-6-804</b> is amended to read:
357	80-6-804. Review and termination of secure care.
358	(1) If a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care under Section 80-6-705, the juvenile
359	offender shall appear before the authority within 45 days after the day on which the juvenile
360	offender is ordered to secure care for review of a treatment plan and to establish parole release
361	guidelines.
362	(2) (a) If a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care under Section $80-6-705$ , the
363	authority shall set a presumptive term of commitment for the juvenile offender from three to
364	six months, but the presumptive term may not exceed six months.
365	(b) The authority shall release the juvenile offender on parole at the end of the

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366 presumptive term of commitment unless: 367 (i) termination would interrupt the completion of a treatment program determined to be necessary by the results of a validated risk and needs assessment under Section 80-6-606; or 368 369 (ii) the juvenile offender commits a new misdemeanor or felony offense. (c) The authority shall determine whether a juvenile offender has completed a 370 371 treatment program under Subsection (2)(b)(i) by considering: 372 (i) the recommendations of the licensed service provider for the treatment program; 373 (ii) the juvenile offender's record in the treatment program; and 374 (iii) the juvenile offender's completion of the goals of the treatment program. 375 (d) The authority may extend the length of commitment and delay parole release for the time needed to address the specific circumstance if one of the circumstances under Subsection 376 377 (2)(b) exists. 378 (e) The authority shall: 379 (i) record the length of the extension and the grounds for the extension; and 380 (ii) report annually the length and grounds of extension to the commission. 381 (f) Records under Subsection (2)(e) shall be tracked in the data system used by the juvenile court and the division. 382 383 (3) (a) If a juvenile offender is committed to secure care, the authority shall set a 384 presumptive term of parole supervision, including aftercare services, from three to four months, 385 but the presumptive term may not exceed four months. (b) If the authority determines that a juvenile offender is unable to return home 386 immediately upon release, the juvenile offender may serve the term of parole in the home of a 387 388 qualifying relative or guardian or at an independent living program contracted or operated by 389 the division. 390 (c) The authority shall release a juvenile offender from parole and terminate the 391 authority's jurisdiction at the end of the presumptive term of parole, unless: (i) termination would interrupt the completion of a treatment program that is 392 393 determined to be necessary by the results of a validated risk and needs assessment under

394	Section 80-6-606;
395	(ii) the juvenile offender commits a new misdemeanor or felony offense; or
396	(iii) restitution has not been completed.
397	(d) The authority shall determine whether a juvenile offender has completed a
398	treatment program under Subsection (2)(c)(i) by considering:
399	(i) the recommendations of the licensed service provider;
400	(ii) the juvenile offender's record in the treatment program; and
401	(iii) the juvenile offender's completion of the goals of the treatment program.
402	(e) If one of the circumstances under Subsection (3)(c) exists, the authority may delay
403	parole release only for the time needed to address the specific circumstance.
404	(f) The authority shall:
405	(i) record the grounds for extension of the presumptive length of parole and the length
406	of the extension; and
407	(ii) report annually the extension and the length of the extension to the commission.
408	(g) Records under Subsection (3)(f) shall be tracked in the data system used by the
409	juvenile court and the division.
410	(h) If a juvenile offender leaves parole supervision without authorization for more than
411	24 hours, the term of parole shall toll until the juvenile offender returns.
412	(4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to a juvenile offender committed to secure
413	care for:
414	(a) Section 76-5-103, aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury to another;
415	(b) Section 76-5-202, aggravated murder or attempted aggravated murder;
416	(c) Section 76-5-203, murder or attempted murder;
417	(d) Section 76-5-205, manslaughter;
418	(e) Section 76-5-206, negligent homicide;
419	(f) Section 76-5-207, automobile homicide;
420	(g) Section 76-5-207.5, automobile homicide involving [a handheld] using a wireless
421	communication device while operating a motor vehicle;

422	(h) Section 76-5-208, child abuse homicide;
423	(i) Section 76-5-209, homicide by assault;
424	(j) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnapping;
425	(k) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault;
426	(l) a felony violation of Section 76-6-103, aggravated arson;
427	(m) Section 76-6-203, aggravated burglary;
428	(n) Section 76-6-302, aggravated robbery;
429	(o) Section 76-10-508.1, felony discharge of a firearm;
430	(p) (i) an offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (4)(a) through (o)
431	involving the use of a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-601, that is a felony; and
432	(ii) the juvenile offender has been previously adjudicated or convicted of an offense
433	involving the use of a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-601; or
434	(q) an offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (4)(a) through (p) and the
435	juvenile offender has been previously committed to the division for secure care.
436	(5) (a) The division may continue to have responsibility over a juvenile offender, who
437	is discharged under this section from parole, to participate in a specific educational or
438	rehabilitative program:
439	(i) until the juvenile offender is:
440	(A) if the juvenile offender is a youth offender, 21 years old; or
441	(B) if the juvenile offender is a serious youth offender, 25 years old; and
442	(ii) under an agreement by the division and the juvenile offender that the program has
443	certain conditions.
444	(b) The division and the juvenile offender may terminate participation in a program
445	under Subsection (5)(a) at any time.
446	(c) The division shall offer an educational or rehabilitative program before a juvenile
447	offender's discharge date in accordance with this section.
448	(d) A juvenile offender may request the services described in this Subsection (5), even
449	if the offender has been previously declined services or services were terminated for

450	noncompliance.
451	(e) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(c), the division:
452	(i) shall consider a request by a juvenile offender under Subsection (5)(d) for the
453	services described in this Subsection (5) for up to 365 days after the juvenile offender's
454	effective date of discharge, even if the juvenile offender has previously declined services or
455	services were terminated for noncompliance; and
456	(ii) may reach an agreement with the juvenile offender to provide the services
457	described in this Subsection (5) until the juvenile offender is:
458	(A) if the juvenile offender is a youth offender, 21 years old; or
459	(B) if the juvenile offender is a serious youth offender, 25 years old.
460	(f) The division and the juvenile offender may terminate an agreement for services
461	under this Subsection (5) at any time.