

CRIME VICTIM IDENTIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts a provision relating to the identification of a minor victim of homicide.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits a law enforcement agency and law enforcement officer from disclosing to a representative of a media outlet information on the identity of a minor victim of a criminal homicide without making a reasonable effort to obtain specified consent.

29 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

30 None

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32 None

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 ENACTS:

35 **53-22-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

38 Section 1. Section **53-22-101** is enacted to read:

39 **CHAPTER 22. LAW ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

40 **53-22-101. Prohibition on disclosure of identity of minor homicide victim.**

41 (1) As used in this section:

42 (a) "Criminal homicide" means the same as that term is defined in Section [76-5-201](#).

43 (b) "Media outlet" means a bona fide newspaper, magazine, or broadcast media
44 enterprise, whether conducted on a for-profit or nonprofit basis, engaged in the business of
45 providing news and information to the general public.

46 (c) "Minor victim" means the victim of a criminal homicide if the victim is younger
47 than 18 years old.

48 (d) "Parent or legal guardian" does not include an individual who is a suspect or
49 defendant with respect to the criminal homicide.

50 (2) A law enforcement agency and law enforcement officer may not disclose to a
51 representative of a media outlet the name or other personally identifying information of a minor
52 victim until the law enforcement agency or law enforcement officer has made a reasonable
53 effort to obtain the consent of the minor victim's parent or legal guardian for the disclosure.