

BIAS INCIDENT REPORTING

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the bias incident hotline program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ directs the Department of Public Safety to create the bias incident hotline program;

and

▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-1-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 234

ENACTS:

53-1-305, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS:

53-1-301, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 234

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



28 Section 1. Section **53-1-304** is amended to read:

29 **53-1-304. Division duties.**

30 The division shall:

31 (1) provide technical support for the department's various computer systems, including
32 computer software, hardware, and networking support;

33 (2) provide access to the National Crime Information Center, National Law
34 Enforcement Telecommunication System, which provides electronic mail messaging
35 capabilities to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation, and to National Commercial
36 Driver License Information;

37 (3) create information systems for public safety information;

38 (4) provide programming support as required by the department;

39 (5) design systems and programs to maximize the efficiency of the department;

40 (6) provide law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies access to public
41 safety information that will assist in protecting the public;

42 (7) operate the bias incident hotline program described in Section [53-1-305](#); and

43 [~~7~~] (8) other duties as assigned by the commissioner.

44 Section 2. Section **53-1-305** is enacted to read:

45 **53-1-305. Bias incident hotline program.**

46 (1) As used in this section:

47 (a) "Bias incident" means a hostile expression of animus by an individual toward
48 another individual that:

49 (i) does not rise to the level of a criminal offense; and

50 (ii) is motivated by a bias against a race, religion, ethnic or national origin group,
51 sexual orientation group, or disability.

52 (b) "National Incident-Based Reporting System" means the system operated by the
53 Bureau of Justice established in 34 U.S.C. Sec. 10132.

54 (c) "Utah 211" means the designated 211 service provider created in Section
55 [62A-17-104](#).

56 (2) The department shall:

57 (a) coordinate with Utah 211 to establish a hotline for the reporting of a bias incident;

58 (b) create an online form for the reporting of a bias incident that:

- 59 (i) follows the format used by the National Incident-Based Reporting System; and
- 60 (ii) refers an individual who completes the form to Utah 211; and
- 61 (c) collect and publicly report anonymized data collected under this section.

62 Section 3. **Repealer.**

63 This bill repeals:

64 Section **53-1-301**, **Short title.**