

**Senator Kathleen A. Riebe** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JUVENILE JUSTICE CHANGES**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kathleen A. Riebe**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to juvenile justice.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the maximum period of confinement for a child in a juvenile detention accommodation within a correctional facility;
  - ▶ provides an exception to the two-hour requirement for the custodial interrogation of a child;
  - ▶ addresses disclosures made to a child before the custodial interrogation of the child;
- and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**80-6-204**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 261



26           **80-6-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 155, 312 and 335 and last  
27 amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 155



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

30           Section 1. Section **80-6-204** is amended to read:

31           **80-6-204. Detention or confinement of a minor -- Restrictions.**

32           (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or this chapter, if a child is apprehended by a  
33 peace officer, or brought before a court for examination under state law, the child may not be  
34 confined:

35           (a) in a jail, lockup, or cell used for an adult who is charged with a crime; or

36           (b) in secure care .

37           (2) (a) The division shall detain a child in accordance with Sections **80-6-502**,

38 **80-6-504**, and **80-6-505** if:

39           (i) the child is charged with an offense under Section **80-6-502** or **80-6-503**;

40           (ii) the district court has obtained jurisdiction over the offense because the child is  
41 bound over to the district court under Section **80-6-504**; and

42           (iii) the juvenile or district court orders the detention of the child.

43           (b) (i) If a child is detained before a detention hearing, or a preliminary hearing under  
44 Section **80-6-504** if a criminal information is filed for the child under Section **80-6-503**, the  
45 child may only be held in certified juvenile detention accommodations in accordance with rules  
46 made by the commission.

47           (ii) The commission's rules shall include rules for acceptable sight and sound  
48 separation from adult inmates.

49           (iii) The commission shall certify that a correctional facility is in compliance with the  
50 commission's rules.

51           (iv) This Subsection (2)(b) does not apply to a child held in a correctional facility in  
52 accordance with Subsection (2)(a).

53           (3) (a) In an area of low density population, the commission may, by rule, approve a  
54 juvenile detention accommodation within a correctional facility that has acceptable sight and  
55 sound separation.

56           (b) An accommodation described in Subsection (3)(a) shall be used only:

57 (i) for short-term holding of a child who is alleged to have committed an act that would  
58 be a criminal offense if committed by an adult; and

59 (ii) for a maximum confinement period of [~~six~~] four hours.

60 (c) A child may only be held in an accommodation described in Subsection (3)(a) for:

61 (i) identification;

62 (ii) notification of a juvenile court official;

63 (iii) processing; and

64 (iv) allowance of adequate time for evaluation of needs and circumstances regarding  
65 the release or transfer of the child to a shelter or detention facility.

66 (d) This Subsection (3) does not apply to a child held in a correctional facility in  
67 accordance with Subsection (2)(a).

68 (4) (a) [~~H~~] Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), if a child is alleged to have  
69 committed an act that would be a criminal offense if committed by an adult, the child may be  
70 detained in a holding room in a local law enforcement agency facility:

71 (i) for a maximum of two hours; and

72 (ii) (A) for identification or interrogation; or

73 (B) while awaiting release to a parent or other responsible adult.

74 (b) A law enforcement officer may detain a child beyond the two-hour limit described  
75 in Subsection (4)(a) to complete an interrogation that the law enforcement officer initiated  
76 before the two-hour time limit expired.

77 [~~b~~] (c) A holding room described in Subsection (4)(a) shall be certified by the  
78 commission in accordance with the commission's rules.

79 [~~e~~] (d) The commission's rules shall include provisions for constant supervision and  
80 for sight and sound separation from adult inmates.

81 (5) Willful failure to comply with this section is a class B misdemeanor.

82 (6) (a) The division is responsible for the custody and detention of:

83 (i) a child who requires detention before trial or examination, or is placed in secure  
84 detention after an adjudication under Section 80-6-704; and

85 (ii) a juvenile offender under Subsection 80-6-806(7).

86 (b) Subsection (6)(a) does not apply to a child held in a correctional facility in  
87 accordance with Subsection (2)(a).

88 (c) (i) The commission shall provide standards for custody or detention under  
89 Subsections (2)(b), (3), and (4).

90 (ii) The division shall determine and set standards for conditions of care and  
91 confinement of children in detention facilities.

92 (d) (i) The division, or a public or private agency willing to undertake temporary  
93 custody or detention upon agreed terms in a contract with the division, shall provide all other  
94 custody or detention in suitable premises distinct and separate from the general jails, lockups,  
95 or cells used in law enforcement and corrections systems.

96 (ii) This Subsection (6)(d) does not apply to a child held in a correctional facility in  
97 accordance with Subsection (2)(a).

98 (7) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, if an individual who is, or appears to  
99 be, under 18 years old is received at a correctional facility, the sheriff, warden, or other official,  
100 in charge of the correctional facility shall:

101 (a) immediately notify the juvenile court of the individual; and

102 (b) make arrangements for the transfer of the individual to a detention facility, unless  
103 otherwise ordered by the juvenile court.

104 Section 2. Section **80-6-206** is amended to read:

105 **80-6-206. Interrogation of a child -- Presence of a parent, legal guardian, or other**  
106 **adult -- Interrogation of a minor in a facility -- Prohibition on false information or**  
107 **unauthorized statement.**

108 (1) As used in this section:

109 (a) "Custodial interrogation" means any interrogation of a minor while the individual is  
110 in custody.

111 (b) (i) "Friendly adult" means an adult:

112 (A) who has an established relationship with the child to the extent that the adult can  
113 provide meaningful advice and concerned help to the child should the need arise; and

114 (B) who is not hostile or adverse to the child's interest.

115 (ii) "Friendly adult" does not include a parent or guardian of the child.

116 (c) (i) "Interrogation" means any express questioning or any words or actions that are  
117 reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

118 (ii) "Interrogation" does not include words or actions normally attendant to arrest and

119 custody.

120 (2) If a child is subject to a custodial interrogation for an offense, the child has the  
121 right:

122 (a) to have the child's parent or guardian present during an interrogation of the child; or

123 (b) to have a friendly adult present during an interrogation of the child if:

124 (i) there is reason to believe that the child's parent or guardian has abused or threatened  
125 the child; or

126 (ii) the child's parent's or guardian's interest is adverse to the child's interest, including  
127 that the parent or guardian is a victim or a codefendant of the offense alleged to have been  
128 committed by the child.

129 (3) If a child is subject to a custodial interrogation for an offense, the child may not be  
130 interrogated unless:

131 (a) the child has been advised, in accordance with Subsection (4), of the child's  
132 constitutional rights and the child's right to have a parent or guardian, or a friendly adult if  
133 applicable under Subsection (2)(b), present during the interrogation;

134 (b) the child has waived the child's constitutional rights;

135 (c) except as provided in Subsection [~~(4)~~] (5), the child's parent or guardian, or the  
136 friendly adult if applicable under Subsection (2)(b), was present during the child's waiver under  
137 Subsection (3)(b) and has given permission for the child to be interrogated; and

138 (d) if the child is in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services and a  
139 guardian ad litem has been appointed for the child, the child's guardian ad litem has given  
140 consent to an interview of the child as described in Section 80-2-705.

141 (4) Before the custodial interrogation of a child by a peace officer or a juvenile  
142 probation officer, the peace officer or juvenile probation officer shall disclose the following to  
143 the child:

144 (a) You have the right to remain silent.

145 (b) If you do not want to talk to me, you do not have to talk to me.

146 (c) If you decide to talk to me, you have the right to stop answering my questions or  
147 talking to me at any time.

148 (d) Anything you say can and will be used against you in court.

149 (e) If you talk to me, I can tell a judge and everyone else in court everything that you

150 tell me.

151 (f) You have the right to have a parent or guardian, or a friendly adult if applicable,  
152 with you while I ask you questions.

153 (g) You have the right to a lawyer.

154 (h) You can talk to a lawyer before I ask you any questions and you can have that  
155 lawyer with you while I ask you questions.

156 (i) If you or your family cannot pay for a lawyer, you will get a lawyer for free.

157 (j) These are your rights.

158 (k) Do you understand the rights that I have just told you?

159 (l) Do you want to talk to me?

160 [~~4~~] (5) A child's parent or guardian, or a friendly adult if applicable under Subsection  
161 (2)(b), is not required to be present during the child's waiver under Subsection (3) or to give  
162 permission to the interrogation of the child if:

163 (a) the child is emancipated as described in Section 80-7-105;

164 (b) the child has misrepresented the child's age as being 18 years old or older and a  
165 peace officer or a juvenile probation officer has relied on that misrepresentation in good faith;  
166 or

167 (c) a peace officer [~~or~~], a juvenile probation officer, or a law enforcement agency:

168 (i) has made reasonable efforts to contact the child's parent or legal guardian[;] or a  
169 friendly adult if applicable under Subsection (2)(b); and

170 (ii) has been unable to make contact within one hour after the time at which the child is  
171 taken into temporary custody.

172 [~~5~~] (6) (a) If an individual is admitted to a detention facility under Section 80-6-205,  
173 committed to a secure care facility under Section 80-6-705, or housed in a secure care facility  
174 under Section 80-6-507, and the individual is subject to a custodial interrogation for an offense,  
175 the individual may not be interrogated unless:

176 (i) the individual has had a meaningful opportunity to consult with the individual's  
177 appointed or retained attorney;

178 (ii) the individual waives the individual's constitutional rights after consultation with  
179 the individual's appointed or retained attorney; and

180 (iii) the individual's appointed or retained attorney is present for the interrogation.

181 (b) Subsection ~~[(5)(a)]~~ (6)(a) does not apply to a juvenile probation officer[;] or a staff  
182 member of a detention facility, unless the juvenile probation officer or the staff member is  
183 interrogating the individual on behalf of a peace officer or a law enforcement agency.

184 ~~[(6) A minor may only waive the minor's right to be represented by counsel at all stages~~  
185 ~~of court proceedings as described in Section [78B-22-204](#).]~~

186 (7) If a child is subject to a custodial interrogation for an offense, a peace officer, or an  
187 individual interrogating a child on behalf of a peace officer or a law enforcement agency, may  
188 not knowingly:

189 (a) provide false information about evidence that is reasonably likely to elicit an  
190 incriminating response from the child; or

191 (b) make an unauthorized statement about leniency for the offense.

192 (8) A minor may only waive the minor's right to be represented by counsel at all stages  
193 of court proceedings as described in Section [78B-22-204](#).