

Representative Anthony E. Loubet proposes the following substitute bill:

BLENDED PLEA AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

Senate Sponsor: Stephanie Pitcher

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies procedures relating certain convictions of a minor that involve both juvenile dispositions and adult criminal sentences.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ modifies part headings;
- ▶ prohibits a court from accepting a plea that is blended between a juvenile adjudication and disposition and an adult criminal conviction and sentence; and
- ▶ voids any conviction or sentence that is entered as a prohibited blended plea.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

80-6-508, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

27 Section 1. Section **80-6-508** is enacted to read:

28 **Part 5. Minor Tried as an Adult**

29 **80-6-508. Blended plea -- Not permitted.**

30 (1) As used in this section:

31 (a) "Blended plea" means a plea bargain entered into by a minor that results in a
32 combination of a juvenile adjudication and disposition and a criminal conviction and sentence
33 for a criminal offense that arises from a single criminal episode.

34 (b) "Single criminal episode" means the same as that term is defined in Section
35 [76-1-401](#).

36 (2) (a) Beginning May 1, 2024, a district court, juvenile court, or a justice court may
37 not accept a plea bargain that is a blended plea.

38 (b) Any criminal conviction or sentence resulting from a blended plea that is entered
39 into on or after May 1, 2024 is void.

40 Section 2. **Effective date.**

41 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.