

**HIV TESTING MODIFICATIONS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Marsha Judkins**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates a procedure for HIV testing of an alleged sexual offender if the alleged sexual offender refuses testing.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► provides a process to obtain a court order if an alleged sexual offender refuses an HIV test at the request of an alleged victim.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-10-802**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 430

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

Section 1. Section **53-10-802** is amended to read:

**53-10-802. Request for testing -- Mandatory testing -- Liability for costs.**

(1) (a) An alleged victim of a sexual offense, the parent or guardian of an alleged victim who is a minor, or the guardian of an alleged victim who is a vulnerable adult as defined



28 in Section [62A-3-301](#) may request that the alleged sexual offender against whom the  
29 indictment, information, or petition is filed or regarding whom the arrest has been made be  
30 tested to determine whether the alleged offender is an HIV positive individual.

31 (b) If the alleged victim under Subsection (1)(a) has requested that the alleged offender  
32 be tested, the alleged offender shall submit to being tested not later than 48 hours after ~~am~~ the  
33 request is conveyed to the alleged offender under Subsection (2), the information or indictment  
34 is filed, or an order requiring a test is signed, whichever is earlier.

35 (2) A request for testing under Subsection (1) may be made by the alleged victim, or by  
36 another individual on behalf of the alleged victim, by written communication to a prosecuting  
37 attorney, victim advocate, or other law enforcement officer involved in the investigation,  
38 information, or indictment. The recipient of the request, within one business day after receipt,  
39 shall convey the request to the alleged offender's counsel of record, if the offender is  
40 represented by counsel, or to the alleged offender, if the alleged offender is not represented by  
41 counsel.

42 (3) (a) If the alleged offender refuses to be tested after a request by the alleged victim  
43 under Subsection (1):

44 (i) the alleged victim, another individual on behalf of the alleged victim, or the  
45 prosecuting attorney may petition the district court for an order requiring the alleged offender  
46 to submit to testing to determine whether the alleged offender is an HIV positive individual; or

47 (ii) a law enforcement agency involved in the investigation, information, or indictment  
48 may submit on behalf of the victim, by electronic or other means, an ex parte request for an  
49 order for testing to determine whether the alleged offender is an HIV positive individual.

50 (b) If a petition is filed under Subsection (3)(a)(i), the petitioning individual shall cause  
51 the petition to be served on the alleged offender.

52 (c) The court may decide the petition on motion or, if the court determines material  
53 facts are in dispute, schedule a hearing.

54 (d) If the court finds that the alleged offender refused to consent to the testing or was  
55 unable to consent, the court shall issue an order requiring the alleged offender to submit to  
56 testing within 48 hours to determine whether the alleged offender is an HIV positive individual,  
57 and that reasonable force may be used to obtain the sample, if necessary.

58 (e) If the court schedules a hearing, the court shall:

- 59           (i) set a time for the hearing within 10 days after the petition is filed;  
 60           (ii) give the petitioner and the alleged offender notice of the hearing at least 48 hours  
 61 prior to the hearing;  
 62           (iii) notify the alleged offender that the alleged offender may have an attorney present  
 63 at the hearing; and  
 64           (iv) conduct the hearing in camera.  
 65           (f) The court may not require the alleged victim to attend the hearing in person absent  
 66 good cause.  
 67           (4) A sample drawn in accordance with an order issued under this section shall be sent  
 68 for testing to:  
 69           (a) the Department of Health and Human Services;  
 70           (b) the local health authority; or  
 71           (c) a qualified medical laboratory.  
 72           ~~[(c) If the alleged victim under Subsection (1)(a) requests that the alleged offender be~~  
 73 ~~tested more than 48 hours after an information or indictment is filed, the offender shall submit~~  
 74 ~~to being tested not later than 24 hours after the request is made.]~~  
 75           ~~[(d)]~~ (5) As soon as practicable, the results of [the] a test conducted pursuant to this  
 76 section shall be provided to:  
 77           ~~[(i)]~~ (a) the alleged victim who requested the test;  
 78           ~~[(ii)]~~ (b) the parent or guardian of the alleged victim, if the alleged victim is a minor;  
 79           ~~[(iii)]~~ (c) the legal guardian of the alleged victim if the victim is a vulnerable adult as  
 80 defined in Section 62A-3-301;  
 81           ~~[(iv)]~~ (d) the alleged offender; and  
 82           ~~[(v)]~~ (e) the parent or legal guardian of the alleged offender, if the alleged offender is a  
 83 minor.  
 84           ~~[(e)]~~ (6) If follow-up testing is medically indicated, the results of follow-up testing of  
 85 the alleged offender shall be sent as soon as practicable to the prosecuting attorney, who shall,  
 86 within one business day after receipt, convey the results of the test to:  
 87           ~~[(i)]~~ (a) the alleged victim;  
 88           ~~[(ii)]~~ (b) the parent or guardian of the alleged victim if the alleged victim is a minor;  
 89           ~~[(iii)]~~ (c) the legal guardian of the alleged victim, if the victim is a vulnerable adult as

90 defined in Section [62A-3-301](#);

91 ~~[(iv)]~~ (d) the alleged offender; and

92 ~~[(v)]~~ (e) the parent or legal guardian of the alleged offender, if the alleged offender is a  
93 minor.

94 ~~[(2)]~~ (7) If the ~~[mandatory test has not been conducted, and the]~~ alleged offender ~~[or~~  
95 ~~alleged minor offender is already]~~ is confined in a county jail, state prison, or a secure youth  
96 corrections facility, the alleged offender shall be tested while in confinement.

97 ~~[(3)]~~ (8) (a) The secure youth corrections facility, state prison, or county jail shall cause  
98 the ~~[blood specimen]~~ sample of the alleged offender under Subsection (1) confined in that  
99 facility to be taken, either by the facility's medical personnel or by a qualified third party, and  
100 shall forward the ~~[specimen]~~ sample to:

101 (i) the Department of Health and Human Services; ~~[or]~~

102 (ii) the local health authority; or

103 (iii) a qualified medical laboratory.

104 ~~[(ii) an alternate testing facility, as determined by the secure youth corrections facility~~  
105 ~~or county jail, if testing under Subsection (3)(a)(i) is unavailable.]~~

106 (b) The testing entity that receives the ~~[specimen]~~ sample under Subsection ~~[(3)(a)]~~ (4)  
107 shall provide the result to the ~~[prosecutor]~~ prosecuting attorney as soon as practicable for  
108 release to the parties as described in Subsection ~~[(1)(d) or (e)]~~ (5) or (6).

109 ~~[(4) The Department of Corrections shall cause the blood specimen of the alleged~~  
110 ~~offender defined in Subsection (1) confined in any state prison to be taken and shall forward~~  
111 ~~the specimen to the Department of Health as provided in Section [64-13-36](#).]~~

112 ~~[(5)]~~ (9) The alleged offender who is tested is responsible upon conviction for the costs  
113 of testing and any legal proceedings necessary to obtain an order authorizing the testing, unless  
114 the alleged offender is indigent. ~~[The]~~ If the alleged offender is indigent, the costs of testing  
115 will ~~[then]~~ be paid by the Department of Health and Human Services from the General Fund.

116 (10) Results of a test conducted pursuant to this section are presumptively inadmissible  
117 in evidence in the criminal matter in connection with which the testing was requested, unless a  
118 court of competent jurisdiction determines that evidence of the test result may be admitted for  
119 the limited purpose of impeaching a witness.