

Senator Daniel McCay proposes the following substitute bill:

**SEX-BASED DESIGNATIONS FOR PRIVACY, ANTI-BULLYING, AND
WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITIES**

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes a standard regarding distinctions on the basis of sex and applies the standard in certain facilities and opportunities where designations on the basis of sex address individual privacy, bullying, and women's opportunities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ defines certain terms for the entire Utah Code;
- ▶ establishes a legal standard for distinctions on the basis of sex in certain publicly owned or controlled circumstances;
- ▶ establishes acceptable and prohibited distinctions on the basis of sex;
- ▶ enacts provisions regarding sex-designated restroom, shower, or locker room facilities that students use within the public education system;
- ▶ requires local education agencies to establish a privacy plan with parents and students in certain cases to address gender identity and fear of bullying;
- ▶ enacts provisions regarding sex-designated shower or locker room facilities where the general public has an expectation of privacy;



- 26 ▶ establishes components of the crimes of voyeurism and criminal trespass for certain
- 27 actions within a covered sex-designated shower or locker room;
- 28 ▶ requires government entities to:
 - 29 • report allegations of certain criminal offenses to law enforcement;
 - 30 • adopt a privacy compliance plan;
 - 31 • provide a single-occupant facility in new construction; and
 - 32 • consider the feasibility of certain retrofit or remodel projects;
- 33 ▶ provides indemnification for government entities for certain claims;
- 34 ▶ requires the state auditor to investigate government entity compliance with certain
- 35 requirements;
- 36 ▶ requires the attorney general to impose fines on political subdivisions that fail to
- 37 cure noncompliance that the state auditor identifies;
- 38 ▶ amends certain crimes to establish a reasonable expectation of privacy in public
- 39 restrooms, including enhanced penalties for:
 - 40 • committing multiple offenses concurrently within a public restroom, shower, or
 - 41 locker room; and
 - 42 • committing certain offenses within a public restroom, shower, or locker room
 - 43 that is designated for the opposite sex;
- 44 ▶ enacts a criminal offense for loitering in a restroom, shower, or locker room where
- 45 the general public has an expectation of privacy;
- 46 ▶ establishes elements of the crime of emergency reporting abuse for making repeated
- 47 false reports alleging a violation of a sex-designation in a publicly owned or
- 48 controlled shower or locker room facility where the general public has an
- 49 expectation of privacy; and
- 50 ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

51 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

52 None

53 **Other Special Clauses:**

54 This bill provides a special effective date.

55 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

56 AMENDS:

57 **53G-6-1101**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 398
58 **53G-8-211**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 161
59 **67-3-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 16, 330, 353, and 480
60 **67-5-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 330
61 **68-3-12.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 93
62 **76-6-206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 111
63 **76-9-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 161
64 **76-9-702**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 123
65 **76-9-702.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 185
66 **76-9-702.7**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 411

67 ENACTS:

68 **63G-31-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
69 **63G-31-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
70 **63G-31-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
71 **63G-31-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
72 **63G-31-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
73 **63G-31-204**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
74 **63G-31-301**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
75 **63G-31-302**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
76 **63G-31-303**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
77 **63G-31-304**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
78 **63G-31-401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
79 **63G-31-402**, Utah Code Annotated 1953
80 **76-9-702.8**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

83 Section 1. Section **53G-6-1101** is amended to read:

84 **53G-6-1101. Report -- Action plan.**

85 (1) As used in this section:

86 (a) "Gender-designated interscholastic sport" means a sport that is specifically
87 designated for female or male students.

88 (b) "Interscholastic sport" means an activity in which a student represents the student's
89 school in the sport in competition against another school.

90 (c) "School" means a public school that sponsors or offers an interscholastic sport in
91 which students enrolled at the school may participate.

92 (d) "Title IX" means Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sec.
93 1681 et seq.

94 (2) Before the beginning of each academic year, the athletic director or another
95 administrator of each school shall report to the school's local governing board regarding:

96 (a) the number and type of interscholastic sports available at the school, categorized by
97 gender designation;

98 (b) the number of students competing in a gender-designated interscholastic sport at the
99 school, categorized by gender;

100 (c) the amount of spending that the school devotes to each gender-designated sport,
101 reported in total amount and on a per-student basis;

102 (d) a comparison and evaluation of designated practice and game locations in
103 gender-designated interscholastic sports;

104 (e) any information regarding the school's efforts in compliance with Title 63G,
105 Chapter 31, Part 2, Distinctions on the Basis of Sex, and Title IX [compliance]; and

106 (f) if there is a discrepancy between male-designated and female-designated sports of
107 10% or greater, an action plan that the school develops to address the discrepancy.

108 (3) An LEA governing board that receives the report described in Subsection (2) shall
109 review the report in a public board meeting.

110 Section 2. Section **53G-8-211** is amended to read:

111 **53G-8-211. Responses to school-based behavior.**

112 (1) As used in this section:

113 (a) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has:

114 (i) had multiple randomized control studies or a meta-analysis demonstrating that the
115 program or practice is effective for a specific population;

116 (ii) been rated as effective by a standardized program evaluation tool; or

117 (iii) been approved by the state board.

118 (b) "Habitual truant" means a school-age child who:

- 119 (i) is in grade 7 or above, unless the school-age child is under 12 years old;
- 120 (ii) is subject to the requirements of Section 53G-6-202; and
- 121 (iii) (A) is truant at least 10 times during one school year; or
- 122 (B) fails to cooperate with efforts on the part of school authorities to resolve the
- 123 school-age child's attendance problem as required under Section 53G-6-206.
- 124 (c) "Minor" means the same as that term is defined in Section 80-1-102.
- 125 (d) "Mobile crisis outreach team" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 126 62A-15-102.
- 127 (e) "Prosecuting attorney" means the same as that term is defined in Subsections
- 128 80-1-102(65)(b) and (c).
- 129 (f) "Restorative justice program" means a school-based program or a program used or
- 130 adopted by a local education agency that is designed:
 - 131 (i) to enhance school safety, reduce school suspensions, and limit referrals to law
 - 132 enforcement agencies and courts; and
 - 133 (ii) to help minors take responsibility for and repair harmful behavior that occurs in
 - 134 school.
- 135 (g) "School administrator" means a principal of a school.
- 136 (h) "School is in session" means a day during which the school conducts instruction for
- 137 which student attendance is counted toward calculating average daily membership.
- 138 (i) "School resource officer" means a law enforcement officer, as defined in Section
- 139 53-13-103, who contracts with, is employed by, or whose law enforcement agency contracts
- 140 with a local education agency to provide law enforcement services for the local education
- 141 agency.
- 142 (j) "School-age child" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53G-6-201.
- 143 (k) (i) "School-sponsored activity" means an activity, fundraising event, club, camp,
- 144 clinic, or other event or activity that is authorized by a specific local education agency or public
- 145 school, according to LEA governing board policy, and satisfies at least one of the following
- 146 conditions:
 - 147 (A) the activity is managed or supervised by a local education agency or public school,
 - 148 or local education agency or public school employee;
 - 149 (B) the activity uses the local education agency's or public school's facilities,

150 equipment, or other school resources; or

151 (C) the activity is supported or subsidized, more than inconsequentially, by public
152 funds, including the public school's activity funds or Minimum School Program dollars.

153 (ii) "School-sponsored activity" includes preparation for and involvement in a public
154 performance, contest, athletic competition, demonstration, display, or club activity.

155 (l) (i) "Status offense" means an offense that would not be an offense but for the age of
156 the offender.

157 (ii) "Status offense" does not mean an offense that by statute is a misdemeanor or
158 felony.

159 (2) This section applies to a minor enrolled in school who is alleged to have committed
160 an offense on school property where the student is enrolled:

161 (a) when school is in session; or

162 (b) during a school-sponsored activity.

163 (3) If a minor is alleged to have committed an offense on school property that is a class
164 C misdemeanor, an infraction, or a status offense, the school administrator, the school
165 administrator's designee, or a school resource officer may refer the minor:

166 (a) to an evidence-based alternative intervention, including:

167 (i) a mobile crisis outreach team;

168 (ii) a youth services center, as defined in Section 80-5-102;

169 (iii) a youth court or comparable restorative justice program;

170 (iv) an evidence-based alternative intervention created and developed by the school or
171 school district;

172 (v) an evidence-based alternative intervention that is jointly created and developed by a
173 local education agency, the state board, the juvenile court, local counties and municipalities,
174 the Department of Health and Human Services; or

175 (vi) a tobacco cessation or education program if the offense is a violation of Section
176 76-10-105; or

177 (b) for prevention and early intervention youth services, as described in Section
178 80-5-201, by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services if the minor refuses to participate in an
179 evidence-based alternative intervention described in Subsection (3)(a).

180 (4) Except as provided in Subsection (5), if a minor is alleged to have committed an

181 offense on school property that is a class C misdemeanor, an infraction, or a status offense, a
182 school administrator, the school administrator's designee, or a school resource officer may refer
183 a minor to a law enforcement officer or agency or a court only if:

184 (a) the minor allegedly committed the same offense on school property on two previous
185 occasions; and

186 (b) the minor was referred to an evidence-based alternative intervention, or to
187 prevention or early intervention youth services, as described in Subsection (3) for both of the
188 two previous offenses.

189 (5) If a minor is alleged to have committed a traffic offense that is an infraction, a
190 school administrator, the school administrator's designee, or a school resource officer may refer
191 the minor to a law enforcement officer or agency, a prosecuting attorney, or a court for the
192 traffic offense.

193 (6) Notwithstanding Subsection (4), a school resource officer may:

194 (a) investigate possible criminal offenses and conduct, including conducting probable
195 cause searches;

196 (b) consult with school administration about the conduct of a minor enrolled in a
197 school;

198 (c) transport a minor enrolled in a school to a location if the location is permitted by
199 law;

200 (d) take temporary custody of a minor in accordance with Section [80-6-201](#); or

201 (e) protect the safety of students and the school community, including the use of
202 reasonable and necessary physical force when appropriate based on the totality of the
203 circumstances.

204 (7) (a) If a minor is referred to a court or a law enforcement officer or agency under
205 Subsection (4), the school or the school district shall appoint a school representative to
206 continue to engage with the minor and the minor's family through the court process.

207 (b) A school representative appointed under Subsection (7)(a) may not be a school
208 resource officer.

209 (c) A school district or school shall include the following in the school district's or
210 school's referral to the court or the law enforcement officer or agency:

211 (i) attendance records for the minor;

212 (ii) a report of evidence-based alternative interventions used by the school before the
213 referral, including outcomes;

214 (iii) the name and contact information of the school representative assigned to actively
215 participate in the court process with the minor and the minor's family;

216 (iv) if the minor was referred to prevention or early intervention youth services under
217 Subsection (3)(b), a report from the Division of Juvenile Justice Services that demonstrates the
218 minor's failure to complete or participate in prevention and early intervention youth services
219 under Subsection (3)(b); and

220 (v) any other information that the school district or school considers relevant.

221 (d) A minor referred to a court under Subsection (4) may not be ordered to or placed in
222 secure detention, including for a contempt charge or violation of a valid court order under
223 Section [78A-6-353](#), when the underlying offense is a status offense or infraction.

224 (e) If a minor is referred to a court under Subsection (4), the court may use, when
225 available, the resources of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services or the Division of
226 Substance Abuse and Mental Health to address the minor.

227 (8) If a minor is alleged to have committed an offense on school property that is a class
228 B misdemeanor or a class A misdemeanor, the school administrator, the school administrator's
229 designee, or a school resource officer may refer the minor directly to a court or to the
230 evidence-based alternative interventions in Subsection (3)(a).

231 (9) A school administrator, a school administrator's designee, and a school resource
232 officer retain the discretion described under this section if the offense is a violation of Section
233 [63G-31-201](#).

234 Section 3. Section **63G-31-101** is enacted to read:

235 **CHAPTER 31. Distinctions on the Basis of Sex**

236 **Part 1. General Provisions**

237 **63G-31-101. Definitions.**

238 As used in this chapter:

239 (1) (a) "Changing room" means a space designated for multiple individuals to dress or
240 undress within the same space.

241 (b) "Changing room" includes:

242 (i) a dressing room, fitting room, locker room, or shower room; and

- 243 (ii) a restroom when a changing room contains or is attached to the restroom.
- 244 (2) (a) "Facility" means a publicly owned or controlled building, structure, or other
- 245 improvement.
- 246 (b) "Facility" includes a subset of a publicly owned or controlled building, structure, or
- 247 other improvement, including a restroom or locker room.
- 248 (3) "Government entity" means:
- 249 (a) the state; or
- 250 (b) any county, municipality, special district, special service district, or other political
- 251 subdivision or administrative unit of the state, including:
- 252 (i) a state institution of higher education as defined in Section [53B-2-101](#); or
- 253 (ii) a local education agency as defined in Section [53G-7-401](#).
- 254 (4) "Intersex individual" means the same as that term is defined in Section [26B-8-101](#).
- 255 (5) "Men's restroom" means a restroom that is designated for the exclusive use of
- 256 males and not females.
- 257 (6) (a) "Open to the general public" means that a privacy space is:
- 258 (i) freely accessible to a member of the general public;
- 259 (ii) accessible to an individual who has purchased a ticket, paid an entry fee, paid a
- 260 membership fee, or otherwise paid to access the facility containing the relevant privacy space;
- 261 or
- 262 (iii) accessible to a student of an institution of higher education described in Section
- 263 [52B-2-101](#), either freely or as described in Subsection (6)(a)(ii).
- 264 (b) "Open to the general public" does not include a privacy space that is:
- 265 (i) only accessible to employees of a government entity; or
- 266 (ii) any area that is not normally accessible to the public.
- 267 (7) "Privacy space" means a restroom or changing room within a publicly owned or
- 268 controlled facility, where an individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy.
- 269 (8) "Publicly owned or controlled" means that a government entity has at least a partial
- 270 ownership interest in or has control of a facility, program, or event.
- 271 (9) (a) "Restroom" means any space that includes a toilet.
- 272 (b) "Restroom" includes:
- 273 (i) sex-designated men's restrooms;

274 (ii) sex-designated women's restrooms;

275 (iii) unisex restrooms; and

276 (iv) single-occupant restrooms.

277 (10) "Sex-designated" means that a facility, program, or event is designated specifically

278 for males or females and not the opposite sex.

279 (11) "Single-occupant" means, in relation to a single-occupant facility or privacy space,

280 that the facility or privacy space:

281 (a) has floor-to-ceiling walls;

282 (b) has an entirely encased and locking door; and

283 (c) is designated for single occupancy.

284 (12) "Unisex" means, in relation to a unisex facility or privacy space, that the facility or

285 privacy space:

286 (a) is designated for the use of both sexes; or

287 (b) is not sex-designated.

288 (13) "Women's restroom" means a restroom that is designated for the exclusive use of

289 females and not males.

290 Section 4. Section **63G-31-102** is enacted to read:

291 **63G-31-102. Severability.**

292 (1) If any provision of this chapter or the application of any provision of this part to

293 any person or circumstance is held invalid by a final decision of a court of competent

294 jurisdiction, the remainder of this chapter shall be given effect without the invalidated

295 provision or application.

296 (2) The provisions of this chapter are severable.

297 Section 5. Section **63G-31-201** is enacted to read:

298 **Part 2. Distinctions on the Basis of Sex**

299 **63G-31-201. Distinctions on the basis of sex.**

300 (1) A government entity may not, on the basis of sex, exclude an individual from

301 participation in, deny an individual from the benefits of, or subject an individual to a sex-based

302 distinction in or under any government or otherwise publicly owned or controlled facility,

303 program, or event, unless the distinction is substantially related to an important government

304 objective.

305 (2) Each government entity shall ensure the preservation of distinctions on the basis of
306 sex that protect individual privacy and competitive opportunity, as described in this chapter.

307 (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3), "athletic facility" does not include a privacy
308 space.

309 (b) To preserve the individual privacy and competitive opportunity of females, an
310 individual is not entitled to and may not access, use, or benefit from a government entity's
311 athletic facility, program, or event if:

312 (i) the facility, program, or event is designated for females; and

313 (ii) the individual is not female.

314 (c) To preserve the individual privacy and competitive opportunity of males, an
315 individual is not entitled to and may not access, use, or benefit from a government entity's
316 athletic facility, program, or event if:

317 (i) the facility, program, or event is designated for males; and

318 (ii) the individual is not male.

319 Section 6. Section **63G-31-202** is enacted to read:

320 **63G-31-202. Sex-based distinctions to protect individual privacy.**

321 A distinction on the basis of sex that provides separate accommodations for the sexes is
322 substantially related to the important government objective of protecting individual privacy in
323 the following contexts:

324 (1) a privacy space; and

325 (2) a correctional facility as defined in Section [77-16b-102](#).

326 Section 7. Section **63G-31-203** is enacted to read:

327 **63G-31-203. Sex-based distinctions to protect athletic health and competitive**
328 **opportunity.**

329 A distinction on the basis of sex to provide separate accommodations for the sexes is
330 substantially related to the important government objective of protecting health and
331 competitive opportunity in the availability or quality of an athletic venue, event, or program
332 within the public education system.

333 Section 8. Section **63G-31-204** is enacted to read:

334 **63G-31-204. Prohibited sex-based distinctions.**

335 The following actions within the public education system constitute a violation of

336 Section 63G-31-201:

337 (1) providing a sex-designated facility, program, or event of a higher quality to one sex
338 and of a lesser quality to the opposite sex rather than ensuring equivalent quality or rotational
339 sharing, including the use of athletic facilities or venues;

340 (2) providing males or females preferred or more advantageous scheduling of facilities,
341 programs, or events in comparison to the opposite sex rather than ensuring equivalent
342 scheduling practices or rotational sharing, including the scheduling of athletic events or
343 practices;

344 (3) providing males or females with more sex-designated opportunities than the
345 opposite sex in excess of a 10% disparity;

346 (4) requiring males or females to participate or compete against the opposite sex in any
347 sex-designated facility, program, or event; or

348 (5) requiring or knowingly allowing males or females to use a sex-designated facility in
349 the presence of the opposite sex.

350 Section 9. Section **63G-31-301** is enacted to read:

351 **Part 3. Sex-based Distinctions in Privacy Spaces**

352 **63G-31-301. Sex-designated privacy spaces in public schools.**

353 (1) To preserve the individual privacy of male and female students in the public
354 education system, a student may only access an operational sex-designated privacy space
355 within a public school that is designated for student use if the student's sex corresponds with
356 the sex designation of the privacy space.

357 (2) For a student who makes a request to use a privacy space other than the
358 sex-designated privacy space that corresponds with the student's sex because of the student's
359 gender identity, as defined in Section 34A-5-102, or reasonable fear of bullying, the local
360 education agency, as defined in Section 53E-1-102, shall coordinate with the student's parent or
361 legal guardian to develop a privacy plan that provides the student with:

362 (a) (i) reasonable access to a unisex or single-occupant facility; or

363 (ii) reasonable access to a faculty or staff restroom; or

364 (b) if the access described in Subsection (2)(a) is unavailable, reasonable access to
365 private use of an otherwise sex-designated privacy space through staggered scheduling or
366 another policy provision that provides for temporary private access.

367 (3) A student in a privacy space has a reasonable expectation of privacy, satisfying the
368 privacy element of the offense of voyeurism in Section 76-9-702.7.

369 (4) An individual may use the following evidence as a defense to an allegation that the
370 student is not eligible to access and use a sex-designated privacy space under Subsection (1):

371 (a) the student's unamended birth certificate that corresponds with the sex designation
372 of privacy space, which may be supported with a review of any amendment history obtained
373 under Section 26B-8-125; or

374 (b) documentation of a medical treatment or procedure that is consistent only with the
375 sex designation of the privacy space.

376 (5) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

377 (a) a unisex or single-occupant facility; or

378 (b) an intersex individual.

379 Section 10. Section **63G-31-302** is enacted to read:

380 **63G-31-302. Sex-designated changing rooms in publicly owned facilities open to**
381 **the general public.**

382 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), to preserve the individual privacy of
383 males and females, an individual may only access an operational sex-designated changing room
384 in a government entity's facility that is open to the general public if:

385 (i) the individual's sex corresponds with the sex designation of the changing room; or

386 (ii) the individual has:

387 (A) legally amended the individual's birth certificate to correspond with the sex
388 designation of the changing room, which may be supported with a review of any amendment
389 history obtained under Section 26B-8-125; and

390 (B) undergone a primary sex characteristic surgical procedure as defined in Section
391 58-67-102 to correspond with the sex designation of the changing room.

392 (b) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to:

393 (i) a minor child who requires assistance to access or use the changing room that
394 corresponds with the sex of the minor's parent, guardian, or relative;

395 (ii) a dependent minor, as defined in Section 76-5-110, or a dependent adult, as defined
396 in Section 76-5-111 who requires assistance to access or use the changing room that
397 corresponds with the sex of a caretaker;

- 398 (iii) an individual providing public safety services, including law enforcement,
399 emergency medical services as defined in Section 26B-4-101, and fire protection;
- 400 (iv) an employee of a health care facility, as defined in Section 26B-2-201, to provide
401 health care services to a patient of the health care facility; or
- 402 (v) an individual whose employment duties include the maintenance or cleaning of the
403 changing room.
- 404 (2) An individual in a changing room has a reasonable expectation of privacy,
405 satisfying the privacy element of the offense of voyeurism in Section 76-9-702.7.
- 406 (3) An individual who knowingly enters a changing room in violation of Subsection (1)
407 commits the offense of criminal trespass under Section 76-6-206 if the individual enters or
408 remains in the changing room under circumstances which a reasonable person would expect to
409 likely cause affront or alarm to, on, or in the presence of another individual
- 410 (4) The surgical provision described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) does not shield an
411 individual from the offense of lewdness related to genitalia under Subsection 76-9-202(3) or
412 76-9-202.5(4).
- 413 (5) An individual may use the following evidence as a defense against an allegation
414 that the individual is not eligible to access and use a sex-designated changing room under
415 Subsection (1):
- 416 (a) for an individual whose birth sex corresponds with the sex designation of the
417 changing room:
- 418 (i) an individual's unamended birth certificate that corresponds with the sex
419 designation of the changing room, which may be supported with a review of any amendment
420 history obtained under Section 26B-8-125; or
- 421 (ii) documentation of a medical treatment or procedure that is consistent only with the
422 sex designation of the changing room; or
- 423 (b) for an individual whose birth sex does not correspond with the sex designation of
424 the changing room:
- 425 (i) the individual's amended birth certificate, which may be supported with a review of
426 any amendment history obtained under Section 26B-8-125; and
- 427 (ii) documentation that demonstrates that the individual has undergone a primary sex
428 characteristic surgical procedure as defined in Section 58-67-102.

429 (6) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

430 (a) a unisex or single-occupant facility;

431 (b) a changing room that is not open to the general public; or

432 (c) an intersex individual.

433 Section 11. Section **63G-31-303** is enacted to read:

434 **63G-31-303. Unisex or single-occupant facilities.**

435 The availability of a unisex facility or single-occupant facility satisfies a government
436 entity's obligations regarding an individual who, because of the individual's gender identity, as

437 defined in Section [34A-5-102](#), or reasonable fear of bullying, is uncomfortable using:

438 (1) for a student, a privacy space in accordance with Section [63G-31-301](#); or

439 (2) a changing room in accordance with Section [63G-31-302](#).

440 Section 12. Section **63G-31-304** is enacted to read:

441 **63G-31-304. Government entity facility compliance.**

442 (1) Except as provided under Section [53G-8-211](#), a government entity shall contact law
443 enforcement if the entity receives a complaint or allegation regarding the following within a
444 privacy space in a facility that is open to the general public:

445 (a) an offense of lewdness under Section [76-9-702](#);

446 (b) an offense of lewdness involving a child under Section [76-9-702.5](#);

447 (c) voyeurism under Section [76-9-702.7](#);

448 (d) loitering in a privacy space under Section [76-9-702.8](#); or

449 (e) for a changing room described in Section [63G-31-302](#), an offense of criminal
450 trespass under Subsection [63G-31-302\(2\)](#).

451 (2) To preserve the individual privacy of males and females in privacy spaces:

452 (a) a government entity shall adopt a privacy compliance plan to address compliance
453 with the government entity's duties under this chapter;

454 (b) for construction of a new facility, a government entity shall ensure that the new
455 construction includes a single-occupant facility; and

456 (c) for existing privacy spaces, a government entity:

457 (i) shall consider the feasibility of retrofitting or remodeling to include:

458 (A) floor-to-ceiling walls and doors or similar privacy protections;

459 (B) curtains; or

460 (C) other methods of improving individual privacy within the facility that are
461 comparable to the methods described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) and (ii); and
462 (ii) may reduce the number of fixtures that state law requires by up to 20% to provide
463 adequate space for the retrofitting or remodeling described in Subsection (2)(a).
464 (3) A government entity shall ensure sufficient sex-designated privacy spaces through
465 compliance with Sections [15A-3-112](#) and [15A-3-304](#) regarding unisex facilities.

466 Section 13. Section **63G-31-401** is enacted to read:

467 **Part 4. Enforcement and Indemnification**

468 **63G-31-401. Government entity noncompliance.**

469 (1) The state auditor shall:

470 (a) establish a process to receive and investigate alleged violations of this chapter by a
471 government entity;

472 (b) provide notice to the relevant government entity of:

473 (i) each alleged violation of this chapter by the government entity;

474 (ii) each violation that the state auditor determines to be substantiated, including an
475 opportunity to cure the violation not to exceed 30 calendar days; and

476 (c) if a government entity fails to cure a violation in accordance with Subsection
477 (1)(b)(ii), report the government entity's failure to:

478 (i) for a political subdivision as defined in Section [63G-7-102](#), the attorney general for
479 enforcement under Subsection (2); and

480 (ii) for a state entity as defined in Section [67-4-2](#), the Legislative Management
481 Committee.

482 (2) (a) The attorney general shall:

483 (i) enforce this chapter against a political subdivision upon referral by the state auditor
484 under Subsection (1)(c) by imposing a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation per day; and

485 (ii) deposit fines under Subsection (2)(a) into the General Fund.

486 (b) A political subdivision may seek judicial review of a fine that the attorney general
487 imposes under this section to determine whether the fine is clearly erroneous.

488 Section 14. Section **63G-31-402** is enacted to read:

489 **63G-31-402. Indemnification.**

490 The attorney general shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless a government entity

491 acting under color of state law to enforce this chapter for any claims or damages, including
492 court costs and attorney fees that:

493 (1) arise as a result of this chapter; and

494 (2) are not covered by the government entity's insurance policies or any coverage

495 agreement that the State Risk Management Fund issues.

496 Section 15. Section **67-3-1** is amended to read:

497 **67-3-1. Functions and duties.**

498 (1) (a) The state auditor is the auditor of public accounts and is independent of any
499 executive or administrative officers of the state.

500 (b) The state auditor is not limited in the selection of personnel or in the determination
501 of the reasonable and necessary expenses of the state auditor's office.

502 (2) The state auditor shall examine and certify annually in respect to each fiscal year,
503 financial statements showing:

504 (a) the condition of the state's finances;

505 (b) the revenues received or accrued;

506 (c) expenditures paid or accrued;

507 (d) the amount of unexpended or unencumbered balances of the appropriations to the
508 agencies, departments, divisions, commissions, and institutions; and

509 (e) the cash balances of the funds in the custody of the state treasurer.

510 (3) (a) The state auditor shall:

511 (i) audit each permanent fund, each special fund, the General Fund, and the accounts of
512 any department of state government or any independent agency or public corporation as the law
513 requires, as the auditor determines is necessary, or upon request of the governor or the
514 Legislature;

515 (ii) perform the audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and
516 other auditing procedures as promulgated by recognized authoritative bodies; and

517 (iii) as the auditor determines is necessary, conduct the audits to determine:

518 (A) honesty and integrity in fiscal affairs;

519 (B) accuracy and reliability of financial statements;

520 (C) effectiveness and adequacy of financial controls; and

521 (D) compliance with the law.

522 (b) If any state entity receives federal funding, the state auditor shall ensure that the
523 audit is performed in accordance with federal audit requirements.

524 (c) (i) The costs of the federal compliance portion of the audit may be paid from an
525 appropriation to the state auditor from the General Fund.

526 (ii) If an appropriation is not provided, or if the federal government does not
527 specifically provide for payment of audit costs, the costs of the federal compliance portions of
528 the audit shall be allocated on the basis of the percentage that each state entity's federal funding
529 bears to the total federal funds received by the state.

530 (iii) The allocation shall be adjusted to reflect any reduced audit time required to audit
531 funds passed through the state to local governments and to reflect any reduction in audit time
532 obtained through the use of internal auditors working under the direction of the state auditor.

533 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the state auditor shall, in addition to
534 financial audits, and as the auditor determines is necessary, conduct performance and special
535 purpose audits, examinations, and reviews of any entity that receives public funds, including a
536 determination of any or all of the following:

537 (i) the honesty and integrity of all the entity's fiscal affairs;

538 (ii) whether the entity's administrators have faithfully complied with legislative intent;

539 (iii) whether the entity's operations have been conducted in an efficient, effective, and
540 cost-efficient manner;

541 (iv) whether the entity's programs have been effective in accomplishing the intended
542 objectives; and

543 (v) whether the entity's management, control, and information systems are adequate,
544 effective, and secure.

545 (b) The auditor may not conduct performance and special purpose audits,
546 examinations, and reviews of any entity that receives public funds if the entity:

547 (i) has an elected auditor; and

548 (ii) has, within the entity's last budget year, had the entity's financial statements or
549 performance formally reviewed by another outside auditor.

550 (5) The state auditor:

551 (a) shall administer any oath or affirmation necessary to the performance of the duties
552 of the auditor's office; and

553 (b) may:

554 (i) subpoena witnesses and documents, whether electronic or otherwise; and

555 (ii) examine into any matter that the auditor considers necessary.

556 (6) The state auditor may require all persons who have had the disposition or

557 management of any property of this state or its political subdivisions to submit statements

558 regarding the property at the time and in the form that the auditor requires.

559 (7) The state auditor shall:

560 (a) except where otherwise provided by law, institute suits in Salt Lake County in

561 relation to the assessment, collection, and payment of revenues against:

562 (i) persons who by any means have become entrusted with public money or property

563 and have failed to pay over or deliver the money or property; and

564 (ii) all debtors of the state;

565 (b) collect and pay into the state treasury all fees received by the state auditor;

566 (c) perform the duties of a member of all boards of which the state auditor is a member

567 by the constitution or laws of the state, and any other duties that are prescribed by the

568 constitution and by law;

569 (d) stop the payment of the salary of any state official or state employee who:

570 (i) refuses to settle accounts or provide required statements about the custody and

571 disposition of public funds or other state property;

572 (ii) refuses, neglects, or ignores the instruction of the state auditor or any controlling

573 board or department head with respect to the manner of keeping prescribed accounts or funds;

574 or

575 (iii) fails to correct any delinquencies, improper procedures, and errors brought to the

576 official's or employee's attention;

577 (e) establish accounting systems, methods, and forms for public accounts in all taxing

578 or fee-assessing units of the state in the interest of uniformity, efficiency, and economy;

579 (f) superintend the contractual auditing of all state accounts;

580 (g) subject to Subsection (8)(a), withhold state allocated funds or the disbursement of

581 property taxes from a state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit, if necessary, to ensure that

582 officials and employees in those taxing units comply with state laws and procedures in the

583 budgeting, expenditures, and financial reporting of public funds;

584 (h) subject to Subsection (9), withhold the disbursement of tax money from any county,
585 if necessary, to ensure that officials and employees in the county comply with Section
586 [59-2-303.1](#); and

587 (i) withhold state allocated funds or the disbursement of property taxes from a local
588 government entity or a limited purpose entity, as those terms are defined in Section [67-1a-15](#) if
589 the state auditor finds the withholding necessary to ensure that the entity registers and
590 maintains the entity's registration with the lieutenant governor, in accordance with Section
591 [67-1a-15](#).

592 (8) (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the state auditor may not withhold funds
593 under Subsection (7)(g) until a state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit has received formal
594 written notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days to make the
595 specified corrections.

596 (b) If, after receiving notice under Subsection (8)(a), a state or independent local
597 fee-assessing unit that exclusively assesses fees has not made corrections to comply with state
598 laws and procedures in the budgeting, expenditures, and financial reporting of public funds, the
599 state auditor:

600 (i) shall provide a recommended timeline for corrective actions;

601 (ii) may prohibit the state or local fee-assessing unit from accessing money held by the
602 state; and

603 (iii) may prohibit a state or local fee-assessing unit from accessing money held in an
604 account of a financial institution by filing an action in district court requesting an order of the
605 court to prohibit a financial institution from providing the fee-assessing unit access to an
606 account.

607 (c) The state auditor shall remove a limitation on accessing funds under Subsection
608 (8)(b) upon compliance with state laws and procedures in the budgeting, expenditures, and
609 financial reporting of public funds.

610 (d) If a local taxing or fee-assessing unit has not adopted a budget in compliance with
611 state law, the state auditor:

612 (i) shall provide notice to the taxing or fee-assessing unit of the unit's failure to
613 comply;

614 (ii) may prohibit the taxing or fee-assessing unit from accessing money held by the

615 state; and

616 (iii) may prohibit a taxing or fee-assessing unit from accessing money held in an
617 account of a financial institution by:

618 (A) contacting the taxing or fee-assessing unit's financial institution and requesting that
619 the institution prohibit access to the account; or

620 (B) filing an action in district court requesting an order of the court to prohibit a
621 financial institution from providing the taxing or fee-assessing unit access to an account.

622 (e) If the local taxing or fee-assessing unit adopts a budget in compliance with state
623 law, the state auditor shall eliminate a limitation on accessing funds described in Subsection
624 (8)(d).

625 (9) The state auditor may not withhold funds under Subsection (7)(h) until a county has
626 received formal written notice of noncompliance from the auditor and has been given 60 days
627 to make the specified corrections.

628 (10) (a) The state auditor may not withhold funds under Subsection (7)(i) until the state
629 auditor receives a notice of non-registration, as that term is defined in Section 67-1a-15.

630 (b) If the state auditor receives a notice of non-registration, the state auditor may
631 prohibit the local government entity or limited purpose entity, as those terms are defined in
632 Section 67-1a-15, from accessing:

633 (i) money held by the state; and

634 (ii) money held in an account of a financial institution by:

635 (A) contacting the entity's financial institution and requesting that the institution
636 prohibit access to the account; or

637 (B) filing an action in district court requesting an order of the court to prohibit a
638 financial institution from providing the entity access to an account.

639 (c) The state auditor shall remove the prohibition on accessing funds described in
640 Subsection (10)(b) if the state auditor received a notice of registration, as that term is defined in
641 Section 67-1a-15, from the lieutenant governor.

642 (11) Notwithstanding Subsection (7)(g), (7)(h), (7)(i), (8)(b), (8)(d), or (10)(b), the
643 state auditor:

644 (a) shall authorize a disbursement by a local government entity or limited purpose
645 entity, as those terms are defined in Section 67-1a-15, or a state or local taxing or fee-assessing

646 unit if the disbursement is necessary to:

647 (i) avoid a major disruption in the operations of the local government entity, limited
648 purpose entity, or state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit; or

649 (ii) meet debt service obligations; and

650 (b) may authorize a disbursement by a local government entity, limited purpose entity,
651 or state or local taxing or fee-assessing unit as the state auditor determines is appropriate.

652 (12) (a) The state auditor may seek relief under the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure to
653 take temporary custody of public funds if an action is necessary to protect public funds from
654 being improperly diverted from their intended public purpose.

655 (b) If the state auditor seeks relief under Subsection (12)(a):

656 (i) the state auditor is not required to exhaust the procedures in Subsection (7) or (8);
657 and

658 (ii) the state treasurer may hold the public funds in accordance with Section 67-4-1 if a
659 court orders the public funds to be protected from improper diversion from their public
660 purpose.

661 (13) The state auditor shall:

662 (a) establish audit guidelines and procedures for audits of local mental health and
663 substance abuse authorities and their contract providers, conducted pursuant to Title 17,
664 Chapter 43, Part 2, Local Substance Abuse Authorities, Title 17, Chapter 43, Part 3, Local
665 Mental Health Authorities, Title 26B, Chapter 5, Health Care - Substance Use and Mental
666 Health, and Title 51, Chapter 2a, Accounting Reports from Political Subdivisions, Interlocal
667 Organizations, and Other Local Entities Act; and

668 (b) ensure that those guidelines and procedures provide assurances to the state that:

669 (i) state and federal funds appropriated to local mental health authorities are used for
670 mental health purposes;

671 (ii) a private provider under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide
672 comprehensive mental health programs or services for a local mental health authority is in
673 compliance with state and local contract requirements and state and federal law;

674 (iii) state and federal funds appropriated to local substance abuse authorities are used
675 for substance abuse programs and services; and

676 (iv) a private provider under an annual or otherwise ongoing contract to provide

677 comprehensive substance abuse programs or services for a local substance abuse authority is in
678 compliance with state and local contract requirements, and state and federal law.

679 (14) (a) The state auditor may, in accordance with the auditor's responsibilities for
680 political subdivisions of the state as provided in Title 51, Chapter 2a, Accounting Reports from
681 Political Subdivisions, Interlocal Organizations, and Other Local Entities Act, initiate audits or
682 investigations of any political subdivision that are necessary to determine honesty and integrity
683 in fiscal affairs, accuracy and reliability of financial statements, effectiveness, and adequacy of
684 financial controls and compliance with the law.

685 (b) If the state auditor receives notice under Subsection 11-41-104(7) from the
686 Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity on or after July 1, 2024, the state auditor may
687 initiate an audit or investigation of the public entity subject to the notice to determine
688 compliance with Section 11-41-103.

689 (15) (a) The state auditor may not audit work that the state auditor performed before
690 becoming state auditor.

691 (b) If the state auditor has previously been a responsible official in state government
692 whose work has not yet been audited, the Legislature shall:

- 693 (i) designate how that work shall be audited; and
- 694 (ii) provide additional funding for those audits, if necessary.

695 (16) The state auditor shall:

696 (a) with the assistance, advice, and recommendations of an advisory committee
697 appointed by the state auditor from among special district boards of trustees, officers, and
698 employees and special service district boards, officers, and employees:

699 (i) prepare a Uniform Accounting Manual for Special Districts that:

700 (A) prescribes a uniform system of accounting and uniform budgeting and reporting
701 procedures for special districts under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local Government Entities -
702 Special Districts, and special service districts under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service
703 District Act;

704 (B) conforms with generally accepted accounting principles; and

705 (C) prescribes reasonable exceptions and modifications for smaller districts to the
706 uniform system of accounting, budgeting, and reporting;

707 (ii) maintain the manual under this Subsection (16)(a) so that the manual continues to

708 reflect generally accepted accounting principles;

709 (iii) conduct a continuing review and modification of procedures in order to improve

710 them;

711 (iv) prepare and supply each district with suitable budget and reporting forms; and

712 (v) (A) prepare instructional materials, conduct training programs, and render other

713 services considered necessary to assist special districts and special service districts in

714 implementing the uniform accounting, budgeting, and reporting procedures; and

715 (B) ensure that any training described in Subsection (16)(a)(v)(A) complies with Title

716 63G, Chapter 22, State Training and Certification Requirements; and

717 (b) continually analyze and evaluate the accounting, budgeting, and reporting practices

718 and experiences of specific special districts and special service districts selected by the state

719 auditor and make the information available to all districts.

720 (17) (a) The following records in the custody or control of the state auditor are

721 protected records under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management

722 Act:

723 (i) records that would disclose information relating to allegations of personal

724 misconduct, gross mismanagement, or illegal activity of a past or present governmental

725 employee if the information or allegation cannot be corroborated by the state auditor through

726 other documents or evidence, and the records relating to the allegation are not relied upon by

727 the state auditor in preparing a final audit report;

728 (ii) records and audit workpapers to the extent the workpapers would disclose the

729 identity of an individual who during the course of an audit, communicated the existence of any

730 waste of public funds, property, or manpower, or a violation or suspected violation of a law,

731 rule, or regulation adopted under the laws of this state, a political subdivision of the state, or

732 any recognized entity of the United States, if the information was disclosed on the condition

733 that the identity of the individual be protected;

734 (iii) before an audit is completed and the final audit report is released, records or drafts

735 circulated to an individual who is not an employee or head of a governmental entity for the

736 individual's response or information;

737 (iv) records that would disclose an outline or part of any audit survey plans or audit

738 program; and

739 (v) requests for audits, if disclosure would risk circumvention of an audit.

740 (b) The provisions of Subsections (17)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) do not prohibit the disclosure
741 of records or information that relate to a violation of the law by a governmental entity or
742 employee to a government prosecutor or peace officer.

743 (c) The provisions of this Subsection (17) do not limit the authority otherwise given to
744 the state auditor to classify a document as public, private, controlled, or protected under Title
745 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

746 (d) (i) As used in this Subsection (17)(d), "record dispute" means a dispute between the
747 state auditor and the subject of an audit performed by the state auditor as to whether the state
748 auditor may release a record, as defined in Section 63G-2-103, to the public that the state
749 auditor gained access to in the course of the state auditor's audit but which the subject of the
750 audit claims is not subject to disclosure under Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records
751 Access and Management Act.

752 (ii) The state auditor may submit a record dispute to the State Records Committee,
753 created in Section 63G-2-501, for a determination of whether the state auditor may, in
754 conjunction with the state auditor's release of an audit report, release to the public the record
755 that is the subject of the record dispute.

756 (iii) The state auditor or the subject of the audit may seek judicial review of a State
757 Records Committee determination under Subsection (17)(d)(ii), as provided in Section
758 63G-2-404.

759 (18) If the state auditor conducts an audit of an entity that the state auditor has
760 previously audited and finds that the entity has not implemented a recommendation made by
761 the state auditor in a previous audit, the state auditor shall notify the Legislative Management
762 Committee through the Legislative Management Committee's audit subcommittee that the
763 entity has not implemented that recommendation.

764 (19) The state auditor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint the state
765 privacy officer described in Section 67-3-13.

766 (20) Except as provided in Subsection (21), the state auditor shall report, or ensure that
767 another government entity reports, on the financial, operational, and performance metrics for
768 the state system of higher education and the state system of public education, including metrics
769 in relation to students, programs, and schools within those systems.

770 (21) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (20), the state auditor shall conduct regular audits
771 of:

772 (i) the scholarship granting organization for the Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship
773 Program, created in Section [53E-7-402](#);

774 (ii) the State Board of Education for the Carson Smith Scholarship Program, created in
775 Section [53F-4-302](#); and

776 (iii) the scholarship program manager for the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program,
777 created in Section [53F-6-402](#).

778 (b) Nothing in this subsection limits or impairs the authority of the State Board of
779 Education to administer the programs described in Subsection (21)(a).

780 (22) The state auditor shall, based on the information posted by the Office of
781 Legislative Research and General Counsel under Subsection [36-12-12.1\(2\)](#), for each policy,
782 track and post the following information on the state auditor's website:

783 (a) the information posted under Subsections [36-12-12.1\(2\)\(a\)](#) through (e);

784 (b) an indication regarding whether the policy is timely adopted, adopted late, or not
785 adopted;

786 (c) an indication regarding whether the policy complies with the requirements
787 established by law for the policy; and

788 (d) a link to the policy.

789 (23) (a) A legislator may request that the state auditor conduct an inquiry to determine
790 whether a government entity, government official, or government employee has complied with
791 a legal obligation directly imposed, by statute, on the government entity, government official,
792 or government employee.

793 (b) The state auditor may, upon receiving a request under Subsection (23)(a), conduct
794 the inquiry requested.

795 (c) If the state auditor conducts the inquiry described in Subsection (23)(b), the state
796 auditor shall post the results of the inquiry on the state auditor's website.

797 (d) The state auditor may limit the inquiry described in this Subsection (23) to a simple
798 determination, without conducting an audit, regarding whether the obligation was fulfilled.

799 (24) The state auditor shall:

800 (a) ensure compliance with Title 63G, Chapter 31, Distinctions on the Basis of Sex, in

801 accordance with Section 63G-31-401; and

802 (b) report to the Legislative Management Committee, upon request, regarding the state
803 auditor's actions under this Subsection (24).

804 Section 16. Section 67-5-1 is amended to read:

805 **67-5-1. General duties.**

806 (1) The attorney general shall:

807 (a) perform all duties in a manner consistent with the attorney-client relationship under
808 Section 67-5-17;

809 (b) except as provided in Sections 10-3-928 and 17-18a-403, attend the Supreme Court
810 and the Court of Appeals of this state, and all courts of the United States, and prosecute or
811 defend all causes to which the state or any officer, board, or commission of the state in an
812 official capacity is a party, and take charge, as attorney, of all civil legal matters in which the
813 state is interested;

814 (c) after judgment on any cause referred to in Subsection (1)(b), direct the issuance of
815 process as necessary to execute the judgment;

816 (d) account for, and pay over to the proper officer, all money that comes into the
817 attorney general's possession that belongs to the state;

818 (e) keep a file of all cases in which the attorney general is required to appear, including
819 any documents and papers showing the court in which the cases have been instituted and tried,
820 and whether they are civil or criminal, and:

821 (i) if civil, the nature of the demand, the stage of proceedings, and, when prosecuted to
822 judgment, a memorandum of the judgment and of any process issued if satisfied, and if not
823 satisfied, documentation of the return of the sheriff;

824 (ii) if criminal, the nature of the crime, the mode of prosecution, the stage of
825 proceedings, and, when prosecuted to sentence, a memorandum of the sentence and of the
826 execution, if the sentence has been executed, and, if not executed, the reason for the delay or
827 prevention; and

828 (iii) deliver this information to the attorney general's successor in office;

829 (f) exercise supervisory powers over the district and county attorneys of the state in all
830 matters pertaining to the duties of the district and county attorneys' offices, including the
831 authority described in Subsection (2);

832 (g) give the attorney general's opinion in writing and without fee, when required, upon
833 any question of law relating to the office of the requester:

834 (i) in accordance with Section 67-5-1.1, to the Legislature or either house;

835 (ii) to any state officer, board, or commission; and

836 (iii) to any county attorney or district attorney;

837 (h) when required by the public service or directed by the governor, assist any county,
838 district, or city attorney in the discharge of county, district, or city attorney's duties;

839 (i) purchase in the name of the state, under the direction of the state Board of
840 Examiners, any property offered for sale under execution issued upon judgments in favor of or
841 for the use of the state, and enter satisfaction in whole or in part of the judgments as the
842 consideration of the purchases;

843 (j) when the property of a judgment debtor in any judgment mentioned in Subsection
844 (1)(i) has been sold under a prior judgment, or is subject to any judgment, lien, or encumbrance
845 taking precedence of the judgment in favor of the state, redeem the property, under the
846 direction of the state Board of Examiners, from the prior judgment, lien, or encumbrance, and
847 pay all money necessary for the redemption, upon the order of the state Board of Examiners,
848 out of any money appropriated for these purposes;

849 (k) when in the attorney general's opinion it is necessary for the collection or
850 enforcement of any judgment, institute and prosecute on behalf of the state any action or
851 proceeding necessary to set aside and annul all conveyances fraudulently made by the judgment
852 debtors, and pay the cost necessary to the prosecution, when allowed by the state Board of
853 Examiners, out of any money not otherwise appropriated;

854 (l) discharge the duties of a member of all official boards of which the attorney general
855 is or may be made a member by the Utah Constitution or by the laws of the state, and other
856 duties prescribed by law;

857 (m) institute and prosecute proper proceedings in any court of the state or of the United
858 States to restrain and enjoin corporations organized under the laws of this or any other state or
859 territory from acting illegally or in excess of their corporate powers or contrary to public
860 policy, and in proper cases forfeit their corporate franchises, dissolve the corporations, and
861 wind up their affairs;

862 (n) institute investigations for the recovery of all real or personal property that may

863 have escheated or should escheat to the state, and for that purpose, subpoena any persons
864 before any of the district courts to answer inquiries and render accounts concerning any
865 property, examine all books and papers of any corporations, and when any real or personal
866 property is discovered that should escheat to the state, institute suit in the district court of the
867 county where the property is situated for its recovery, and escheat that property to the state;

868 (o) administer the Children's Justice Center as a program to be implemented in various
869 counties pursuant to Sections [67-5b-101](#) through [67-5b-107](#);

870 (p) assist the Constitutional Defense Council as provided in Title 63C, Chapter 4a,
871 Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act;

872 (q) pursue any appropriate legal action to implement the state's public lands policy
873 established in Section [63C-4a-103](#);

874 (r) investigate and prosecute violations of all applicable state laws relating to fraud in
875 connection with the state Medicaid program and any other medical assistance program
876 administered by the state, including violations of Title 26B, Chapter 3, Part 11, Utah False
877 Claims Act;

878 (s) investigate and prosecute complaints of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of patients:
879 (i) in health care facilities that receive payments under the state Medicaid program;
880 (ii) in board and care facilities, as defined in the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.
881 Sec. 1396b(q)(4)(B), regardless of the source of payment to the board and care facility; and
882 (iii) who are receiving medical assistance under the Medicaid program as defined in
883 Section [26B-3-101](#) in a noninstitutional or other setting;

884 (t) (i) report at least twice per year to the Legislative Management Committee on any
885 pending or anticipated lawsuits, other than eminent domain lawsuits, that might:
886 (A) cost the state more than \$500,000; or
887 (B) require the state to take legally binding action that would cost more than \$500,000
888 to implement; and
889 (ii) if the meeting is closed, include an estimate of the state's potential financial or
890 other legal exposure in that report;

891 (u) (i) submit a written report to the committees described in Subsection (1)(u)(ii) that
892 summarizes any lawsuit or decision in which a court or the Office of the Attorney General has
893 determined that a state statute is unconstitutional or unenforceable since the attorney general's

894 last report under this Subsection (1)(u), including any:

895 (A) settlements reached;

896 (B) consent decrees entered;

897 (C) judgments issued;

898 (D) preliminary injunctions issued;

899 (E) temporary restraining orders issued; or

900 (F) formal or informal policies of the Office of the Attorney General to not enforce a

901 law; and

902 (ii) at least 30 days before the Legislature's May and November interim meetings,

903 submit the report described in Subsection (1)(u)(i) to:

904 (A) the Legislative Management Committee;

905 (B) the Judiciary Interim Committee; and

906 (C) the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee;

907 (v) if the attorney general operates the Office of the Attorney General or any portion of

908 the Office of the Attorney General as an internal service fund agency in accordance with

909 Section 67-5-4, submit to the rate committee established in Section 67-5-34:

910 (i) a proposed rate and fee schedule in accordance with Subsection 67-5-34(4); and

911 (ii) any other information or analysis requested by the rate committee;

912 (w) before the end of each calendar year, create an annual performance report for the

913 Office of the Attorney General and post the report on the attorney general's website;

914 (x) ensure that any training required under this chapter complies with Title 63G,

915 Chapter 22, State Training and Certification Requirements;

916 (y) notify the legislative general counsel in writing within three business days after the

917 day on which the attorney general is officially notified of a claim, regardless of whether the

918 claim is filed in state or federal court, that challenges:

919 (i) the constitutionality of a state statute;

920 (ii) the validity of legislation; or

921 (iii) any action of the Legislature; ~~and~~

922 (z) (i) notwithstanding Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, provide a

923 special advisor to the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General in matters

924 relating to Native American and tribal issues to:

925 (A) establish outreach to the tribes and affected counties and communities; and

926 (B) foster better relations and a cooperative framework; and

927 (ii) annually report to the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations

928 Subcommittee regarding:

929 (A) the status of the work of the special advisor described in Subsection (1)(z)(i); and

930 (B) whether the need remains for the ongoing appropriation to fund the special advisor
931 described in Subsection (1)(z)(i)[-]; and

932 (aa) (i) enforce compliance with Title 63G, Chapter 31, Distinctions on the Basis of
933 Sex, in accordance with Section 63G-31-401; and

934 (ii) report to the Legislative Management Committee, upon request, regarding the
935 attorney general's enforcement under this Subsection (1)(aa).

936 (2) (a) The attorney general may require a district attorney or county attorney of the
937 state to, upon request, report on the status of public business entrusted to the district or county
938 attorney's charge.

939 (b) The attorney general may review investigation results de novo and file criminal
940 charges, if warranted, in any case involving a first degree felony, if:

941 (i) a law enforcement agency submits investigation results to the county attorney or
942 district attorney of the jurisdiction where the incident occurred and the county attorney or
943 district attorney:

944 (A) declines to file criminal charges; or

945 (B) fails to screen the case for criminal charges within six months after the law
946 enforcement agency's submission of the investigation results; and

947 (ii) after consultation with the county attorney or district attorney of the jurisdiction
948 where the incident occurred, the attorney general reasonably believes action by the attorney
949 general would not interfere with an ongoing investigation or prosecution by the county attorney
950 or district attorney of the jurisdiction where the incident occurred.

951 (c) If the attorney general decides to conduct a review under Subsection (2)(b), the
952 district attorney, county attorney, and law enforcement agency shall, within 14 days after the
953 day on which the attorney general makes a request, provide the attorney general with:

954 (i) all information relating to the investigation, including all reports, witness lists,
955 witness statements, and other documents created or collected in relation to the investigation;

956 (ii) all recordings, photographs, and other physical or digital media created or collected
957 in relation to the investigation;

958 (iii) access to all evidence gathered or collected in relation to the investigation; and

959 (iv) the identification of, and access to, all officers or other persons who have
960 information relating to the investigation.

961 (d) If a district attorney, county attorney, or law enforcement agency fails to timely
962 comply with Subsection (2)(c), the attorney general may seek a court order compelling
963 compliance.

964 (e) If the attorney general seeks a court order under Subsection (2)(d), the court shall
965 grant the order unless the district attorney, county attorney, or law enforcement agency shows
966 good cause and a compelling interest for not complying with Subsection (2)(c).

967 Section 17. Section **68-3-12.5** is amended to read:

968 **68-3-12.5. Definitions for Utah Code.**

969 (1) The definitions listed in this section apply to the Utah Code, unless:

970 (a) the definition is inconsistent with the manifest intent of the Legislature or repugnant
971 to the context of the statute; or

972 (b) a different definition is expressly provided for the respective title, chapter, part,
973 section, or subsection.

974 (2) "Adjudicative proceeding" means:

975 (a) an action by a board, commission, department, officer, or other administrative unit
976 of the state that determines the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal
977 interests of one or more identifiable persons, including an action to grant, deny, revoke,
978 suspend, modify, annul, withdraw, or amend an authority, right, or license; and

979 (b) judicial review of an action described in Subsection (2)(a).

980 (3) "Administrator" includes "executor" when the subject matter justifies the use.

981 (4) "Advisory board," "advisory commission," and "advisory council" mean a board,
982 commission, committee, or council that:

983 (a) is created by, and whose duties are provided by, statute or executive order;

984 (b) performs its duties only under the supervision of another person as provided by
985 statute; and

986 (c) provides advice and makes recommendations to another person that makes policy

987 for the benefit of the general public.

988 (5) "Armed forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,
989 Space Force, and Coast Guard.

990 (6) "City" includes, depending on population, a metro township as defined in Section
991 [10-3c-102](#).

992 (7) "County executive" means:

993 (a) the county commission, in the county commission or expanded county commission
994 form of government established under Title 17, Chapter 52a, Changing Forms of County
995 Government;

996 (b) the county executive, in the county executive-council optional form of government
997 authorized by Section [17-52a-203](#); or

998 (c) the county manager, in the council-manager optional form of government
999 authorized by Section [17-52a-204](#).

1000 (8) "County legislative body" means:

1001 (a) the county commission, in the county commission or expanded county commission
1002 form of government established under Title 17, Chapter 52a, Changing Forms of County
1003 Government;

1004 (b) the county council, in the county executive-council optional form of government
1005 authorized by Section [17-52a-203](#); and

1006 (c) the county council, in the council-manager optional form of government authorized
1007 by Section [17-52a-204](#).

1008 (9) "Depose" means to make a written statement made under oath or affirmation.

1009 (10) (a) "Equal" means, with respect to biological sex, of the same value.

1010 (b) "Equal" does not mean, with respect to biological sex:

1011 (i) a characteristic of being the same or identical; or

1012 (ii) a requirement that biological sexes be ignored or co-mingled in every circumstance.

1013 [~~(10)~~] (11) "Executor" includes "administrator" when the subject matter justifies the
1014 use.

1015 (12) "Father" means a parent who is of the male sex.

1016 (13) "Female" means the characteristic of an individual whose biological reproductive
1017 system is of the general type that functions in a way that could produce ova.

1018 [~~(H)~~] (14) "Guardian" includes a person who:

1019 (a) qualifies as a guardian of a minor or incapacitated person pursuant to testamentary
1020 or court appointment; or

1021 (b) is appointed by a court to manage the estate of a minor or incapacitated person.

1022 [~~(12)~~] (15) "Highway" includes:

1023 (a) a public bridge;

1024 (b) a county way;

1025 (c) a county road;

1026 (d) a common road; and

1027 (e) a state road.

1028 [~~(13)~~] (16) "Intellectual disability" means a significant, subaverage general intellectual
1029 functioning that:

1030 (a) exists concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior; and

1031 (b) is manifested during the developmental period as defined in the current edition of
1032 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American
1033 Psychiatric Association.

1034 [~~(14)~~] (17) "Intermediate care facility for people with an intellectual disability" means
1035 an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded, as defined in Title XIX of the Social
1036 Security Act.

1037 [~~(15)~~] (18) "Land" includes:

1038 (a) land;

1039 (b) a tenement;

1040 (c) a hereditament;

1041 (d) a water right;

1042 (e) a possessory right; and

1043 (f) a claim.

1044 (19) "Male" means the characteristic of an individual whose biological reproductive
1045 system is of the general type that functions to fertilize the ova of a female.

1046 (20) "Man" means an adult human male.

1047 [~~(16)~~] (21) "Month" means a calendar month, unless otherwise expressed.

1048 (22) "Mother" means a parent who is of the female sex.

- 1049 [~~(17)~~] (23) "Oath" includes "affirmation."
1050 [~~(18)~~] (24) "Person" means:
1051 (a) an individual;
1052 (b) an association;
1053 (c) an institution;
1054 (d) a corporation;
1055 (e) a company;
1056 (f) a trust;
1057 (g) a limited liability company;
1058 (h) a partnership;
1059 (i) a political subdivision;
1060 (j) a government office, department, division, bureau, or other body of government;
1061 and
1062 (k) any other organization or entity.
1063 [~~(19)~~] (25) "Personal property" includes:
1064 (a) money;
1065 (b) goods;
1066 (c) chattels;
1067 (d) effects;
1068 (e) evidences of a right in action;
1069 (f) a written instrument by which a pecuniary obligation, right, or title to property is
1070 created, acknowledged, transferred, increased, defeated, discharged, or diminished; and
1071 (g) a right or interest in an item described in Subsections [~~(19)~~](a) (25)(a) through (f).
1072 [~~(20)~~] (26) "Personal representative," "executor," and "administrator" include:
1073 (a) an executor;
1074 (b) an administrator;
1075 (c) a successor personal representative;
1076 (d) a special administrator; and
1077 (e) a person who performs substantially the same function as a person described in
1078 Subsections [~~(20)~~](a) (26)(a) through (d) under the law governing the person's status.
1079 [~~(21)~~] (27) "Policy board," "policy commission," or "policy council" means a board,

1080 commission, or council that:

1081 (a) is authorized to make policy for the benefit of the general public;

1082 (b) is created by, and whose duties are provided by, the constitution or statute; and

1083 (c) performs its duties according to its own rules without supervision other than under

1084 the general control of another person as provided by statute.

1085 [~~(22)~~] (28) "Population" is shown by the most recent state or national census, unless

1086 expressly provided otherwise.

1087 [~~(23)~~] (29) "Process" means a writ or summons issued in the course of a judicial

1088 proceeding.

1089 [~~(24)~~] (30) "Property" includes both real and personal property.

1090 [~~(25)~~] (31) "Real estate" or "real property" includes:

1091 (a) land;

1092 (b) a tenement;

1093 (c) a hereditament;

1094 (d) a water right;

1095 (e) a possessory right; and

1096 (f) a claim.

1097 [~~(26)~~] (32) "Review board," "review commission," and "review council" mean a board,

1098 commission, committee, or council that:

1099 (a) is authorized to approve policy made for the benefit of the general public by another
1100 body or person;

1101 (b) is created by, and whose duties are provided by, statute; and

1102 (c) performs its duties according to its own rules without supervision other than under

1103 the general control of another person as provided by statute.

1104 [~~(27)~~] (33) "Road" includes:

1105 (a) a public bridge;

1106 (b) a county way;

1107 (c) a county road;

1108 (d) a common road; and

1109 (e) a state road.

1110 (34) "Sex" means, in relation to an individual, the individual's biological sex, either

1111 male or female, at birth, according to distinct reproductive roles as manifested by:

1112 (a) sex and reproductive organ anatomy;

1113 (b) chromosomal makeup; and

1114 (c) endogenous hormone profiles.

1115 [~~28~~] (35) "Signature" includes a name, mark, or sign written with the intent to
1116 authenticate an instrument or writing.

1117 [~~29~~] (36) "State," when applied to the different parts of the United States, includes a
1118 state, district, or territory of the United States.

1119 [~~30~~] (37) "Swear" includes "affirm."

1120 [~~31~~] (38) "Testify" means to make an oral statement under oath or affirmation.

1121 [~~32~~] (39) "Town" includes, depending on population, a metro township as defined in
1122 Section [10-3c-102](#).

1123 [~~33~~] (40) "Uniformed services" means:

1124 (a) the armed forces;

1125 (b) the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

1126 and

1127 (c) the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service.

1128 [~~34~~] (41) "United States" includes each state, district, and territory of the United
1129 States of America.

1130 [~~35~~] (42) "Utah Code" means the 1953 recodification of the Utah Code, as amended,
1131 unless the text expressly references a portion of the 1953 recodification of the Utah Code as it
1132 existed:

1133 (a) on the day on which the 1953 recodification of the Utah Code was enacted; or

1134 (b) (i) after the day described in Subsection [~~35~~](a) (42)(a); and

1135 (ii) before the most recent amendment to the referenced portion of the 1953
1136 recodification of the Utah Code.

1137 [~~36~~] (43) "Vessel," when used with reference to shipping, includes a steamboat, canal
1138 boat, and every structure adapted to be navigated from place to place.

1139 [~~37~~] (44) (a) "Veteran" means an individual who:

1140 (i) has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 180 days:

1141 (A) on active duty; or

- 1142 (B) in a reserve component, to include the National Guard; or
1143 (ii) has incurred an actual service-related injury or disability while in the United States
1144 Armed Forces regardless of whether the individual completed 180 days; and
1145 (iii) was separated or retired under conditions characterized as honorable or general.
1146 (b) This definition is not intended to confer eligibility for benefits.
1147 [~~38~~] (45) "Will" includes a codicil.
1148 (46) "Woman" means an adult human female.
1149 [~~39~~] (47) "Writ" means an order or precept in writing, issued in the name of:
1150 (a) the state;
1151 (b) a court; or
1152 (c) a judicial officer.
1153 [~~40~~] (48) "Writing" includes:
1154 (a) printing;
1155 (b) handwriting; and
1156 (c) information stored in an electronic or other medium if the information is retrievable
1157 in a perceivable format.

1158 Section 18. Section **76-6-206** is amended to read:

1159 **76-6-206. Criminal trespass.**

1160 (1) (a) As used in this section:

1161 (i) "Enter" means intrusion of the entire body or the entire unmanned aircraft.

1162 (ii) "Graffiti" means the same as that term is defined in Section [76-6-101](#).

1163 (iii) "Remain unlawfully," as that term relates to an unmanned aircraft, means

1164 remaining on or over private property when:

1165 (A) the private property or any portion of the private property is not open to the public;

1166 and

1167 (B) the person operating the unmanned aircraft is not otherwise authorized to fly the

1168 unmanned aircraft over the private property or any portion of the private property.

1169 (b) Terms defined in Sections [76-1-101.5](#) and [76-6-201](#) apply to this section.

1170 (2) An actor commits criminal trespass if, under circumstances not amounting to

1171 burglary as defined in Section [76-6-202](#), [76-6-203](#), or [76-6-204](#) or a violation of Section

1172 [76-10-2402](#) regarding commercial obstruction:

1173 (a) the actor enters or remains unlawfully on or causes an unmanned aircraft to enter
1174 and remain unlawfully over property and:

1175 (i) intends to cause annoyance or injury to any person or damage to any property,
1176 including the use of graffiti;

1177 (ii) intends to commit any crime, other than theft or a felony; or

1178 (iii) is reckless as to whether the actor's or unmanned aircraft's presence will cause fear
1179 for the safety of another;

1180 (b) knowing the actor's or unmanned aircraft's entry or presence is unlawful, the actor
1181 enters or remains on or causes an unmanned aircraft to enter or remain unlawfully over
1182 property to which notice against entering is given by:

1183 (i) personal communication to the actor by the owner or someone with apparent
1184 authority to act for the owner;

1185 (ii) fencing or other enclosure obviously designed to exclude intruders; or

1186 (iii) posting of signs reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders; [or]

1187 (c) the actor enters a condominium unit in violation of [Subsection] Section

1188 57-8-7(8)[-]; or

1189 (d) the actor enters a sex-designated changing room in violation of Subsection

1190 63G-31-302(3).

1191 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a violation of Subsection (2)(a) [or],

1192 (b), or (d) is a class B misdemeanor.

1193 (b) [H] The following is a class A misdemeanor:

1194 (i) if a violation of Subsection (2)(a) or (b) is committed in a dwelling, ~~the violation is~~
1195 ~~a class A misdemeanor.];~~

1196 (ii) if a violation of Subsection (2)(d) is committed while also committing the offense

1197 of:

1198 (A) lewdness under Section 76-9-702;

1199 (B) lewdness involving a child under Section 76-9-702.5;

1200 (C) voyeurism under Section 76-9-702.7; or

1201 (D) loitering in a privacy space under Section 76-9-702.8; or

1202 (iii) if a violation of Subsection (2)(d) is committed in a sex-designated privacy space,

1203 as defined in Section 76-9-702.8, that is not designated for individuals of the actor's sex.

- 1204 (c) A violation of Subsection (2)(c) is an infraction.
- 1205 (4) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that:
- 1206 (a) the property was at the time open to the public; and
- 1207 (b) the defendant complied with all lawful conditions imposed on access to or
- 1208 remaining on the property.
- 1209 (5) In addition to an order for restitution under Section 77-38b-205, an actor who
- 1210 commits a violation of Subsection (2) may also be liable for:
- 1211 (a) statutory damages in the amount of three times the value of damages resulting from
- 1212 the violation of Subsection (2) or \$500, whichever is greater; and
- 1213 (b) reasonable attorney fees not to exceed \$250, and court costs.
- 1214 (6) Civil damages under Subsection (5) may be collected in a separate action by the
- 1215 property owner or the owner's assignee.
- 1216 Section 19. Section 76-9-202 is amended to read:
- 1217 **76-9-202. Emergency reporting -- Interference -- False report.**
- 1218 (1) As used in this section:
- 1219 (a) "Emergency" means a situation in which property or human life is in jeopardy and
- 1220 the prompt summoning of aid is essential to the preservation of human life or property.
- 1221 (b) "Party line" means a subscriber's line or telephone circuit:
- 1222 (i) that consists of two or more connected main telephone stations; and
- 1223 (ii) where each telephone station has a distinctive ring or telephone number.
- 1224 (2) An actor is guilty of emergency reporting abuse if the actor:
- 1225 (a) intentionally refuses to yield or surrender the use of a party line or a public pay
- 1226 telephone to another individual upon being informed that the telephone is needed to report a
- 1227 fire or summon police, medical, or other aid in case of emergency, unless the telephone is
- 1228 likewise being used for an emergency call;
- 1229 (b) asks for or requests the use of a party line or a public pay telephone on the pretext
- 1230 that an emergency exists, knowing that no emergency exists;
- 1231 (c) reports an emergency or causes an emergency to be reported to any public, private,
- 1232 or volunteer entity whose purpose is to respond to fire, police, or medical emergencies, when
- 1233 the actor knows the reported emergency does not exist; [~~or~~]
- 1234 (d) makes a false report, or intentionally aids, abets, or causes a third party to make a

1235 false report, to an emergency response service, including a law enforcement dispatcher or a 911
1236 emergency response service, if the false report claims that:

1237 (i) an ongoing emergency exists;

1238 (ii) the emergency described in Subsection (2)(d)(i) currently involves, or involves an
1239 imminent threat of, serious bodily injury, serious physical injury, or death; and

1240 (iii) the emergency described in Subsection (2)(d)(i) is occurring at a specified
1241 location[-]; or

1242 (e) makes a false report after having previously made a false report, or intentionally
1243 aides, abets, or causes a third party to make a false report, to an emergency response service,
1244 including a law enforcement dispatcher or a 911 emergency response service, alleging a
1245 violation of Section [63G-31-302](#) regarding a sex-designated changing room.

1246 (3) (a) A violation of Subsection (2)(a) or (b) is a class C misdemeanor.

1247 (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(c) is a class B misdemeanor, except as provided
1248 under Subsection (3)(c).

1249 (c) A violation of Subsection (2)(c) is a second degree felony if the report is regarding
1250 a weapon of mass destruction, as defined in Section [76-10-401](#).

1251 (d) A violation of Subsection (2)(d):

1252 (i) except as provided in Subsection (3)(d)(ii), is a third degree felony; or

1253 (ii) is a second degree felony if:

1254 (A) while acting in response to the report, the emergency responder causes physical
1255 injury to an individual at the location described in Subsection (2)(d)(iii); or

1256 (B) the actor makes the false report or aids, abets, or causes a third party to make the
1257 false report with intent to ambush, attack, or otherwise harm a responding law enforcement
1258 officer or emergency responder.

1259 (e) A violation of Subsection (2)(e) is a class B misdemeanor.

1260 (4) (a) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, a court shall order an actor
1261 convicted of a violation of this section to reimburse:

1262 (i) any federal, state, or local unit of government, or any private business, organization,
1263 individual, or entity for all expenses and losses incurred in responding to the violation; and

1264 (ii) an individual described in Subsection (3)(d)(ii) for the costs for the treatment of the
1265 physical injury and any psychological injury caused by the offense.

1266 (b) The court may order that the defendant pay less than the full amount of the costs
1267 described in Subsection (4)(a) only if the court states on the record the reasons why the
1268 reimbursement would be inappropriate.

1269 Section 20. Section **76-9-702** is amended to read:

1270 **76-9-702. Lewdness.**

1271 (1) A person is guilty of lewdness if the person under circumstances not amounting to
1272 rape, object rape, forcible sodomy, forcible sexual abuse, aggravated sexual assault, sexual
1273 abuse of a minor, unlawful sexual conduct with a 16- or 17-year-old, custodial sexual relations
1274 under Section [76-5-412](#), custodial sexual misconduct under Section [76-5-412.2](#), custodial
1275 sexual relations with youth receiving state services under Section [76-5-413](#), custodial sexual
1276 misconduct with youth receiving state services under Section [76-5-413.2](#), or an attempt to
1277 commit any of these offenses, performs any of the following acts in a public place or under
1278 circumstances which the person should know will likely cause affront or alarm to, on, or in the
1279 presence of another who is 14 years old or older:

1280 (a) an act of sexual intercourse or sodomy;

1281 (b) exposes his or her genitals, the female breast below the top of the areola, the
1282 buttocks, the anus, or the pubic area;

1283 (c) masturbates; or

1284 (d) any other act of lewdness.

1285 (2) (a) A person convicted the first or second time of a violation of Subsection (1) is
1286 guilty of a class B misdemeanor, except under Subsection (2)(b).

1287 (b) A person convicted of a violation of Subsection (1) is guilty of a third degree felony
1288 if at the time of the violation:

1289 (i) the person is a sex offender as defined in Section [77-27-21.7](#);

1290 (ii) the person has been previously convicted two or more times of violating Subsection
1291 (1); ~~or~~

1292 (iii) the person has previously been convicted of a violation of Subsection (1) and has
1293 also previously been convicted of a violation of Section [76-9-702.5](#)~~[-]~~;

1294 (iv) the person commits the offense of lewdness while also committing the offense of:

1295 (A) criminal trespass in a sex-designated changing room under Subsection

1296 [76-6-206\(2\)\(d\)](#);

1297 (B) lewdness involving a child under Section 76-9-702.5;
1298 (C) voyeurism under Section 76-9-702.7; or
1299 (D) loitering in a privacy space under Section 76-9-702.8; or
1300 (v) the person commits the offense of lewdness in a sex-designated privacy space, as
1301 defined in Section 76-9-702.8, that is not designated for individuals of the actor's sex.

1302 (c) (i) For purposes of this Subsection (2) and Subsection 77-41-102(18), a plea of
1303 guilty or nolo contendere to a charge under this section that is held in abeyance under Title 77,
1304 Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance, is the equivalent of a conviction.

1305 (ii) This Subsection (2)(c) also applies if the charge under this Subsection (2) has been
1306 subsequently reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement.

1307 (3) (a) As used in this Subsection (3):

1308 (i) "Common area of a privacy space" means any area of a privacy space other than:

1309 (A) a toilet stall with a closed door;

1310 (B) immediately in front of a urinal during use; or

1311 (C) a shower stall with a closed door or other closed covering.

1312 (ii) "Privacy space" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-9-702.8.

1313 (b) The common area of a privacy space constitutes a public place or circumstance
1314 described in Subsection (1) where an act or an attempted act described in Subsection (1)
1315 constitutes lewdness.

1316 (c) Within the common area of a dressing room, fitting room, locker room, changing
1317 facility, or any other space designated for multiple individuals to dress or undress within the
1318 same space, exposing, displaying, or otherwise uncovering genitalia that does not correspond
1319 with the sex designation of the changing room constitutes an act or an attempted act described
1320 in Subsection (1) that constitutes lewdness.

1321 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) A woman's breast feeding, including breast feeding in any location where the
1322 woman otherwise may rightfully be, does not under any circumstance constitute a lewd act,
1323 irrespective of whether or not the breast is covered during or incidental to feeding.

1324 Section 21. Section 76-9-702.5 is amended to read:

1325 **76-9-702.5. Lewdness involving a child.**

1326 (1) As used in this section[;]:

1327 (a) "[im] In the presence of" includes within visual contact through an electronic device.

1328 (b) "Common area of a privacy space" means the same as that term is defined in
1329 Section 76-9-702.

1330 (c) "Privacy space" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-9-702.8.

1331 (2) A person is guilty of lewdness involving a child if the person under circumstances
1332 not amounting to rape of a child, object rape of a child, sodomy upon a child, sexual abuse of a
1333 child, aggravated sexual abuse of a child, or an attempt to commit any of those offenses,
1334 intentionally or knowingly:

1335 (a) does any of the following in the presence of a child who is under 14 years of age:

1336 (i) performs an act of sexual intercourse or sodomy;

1337 (ii) exposes his or her genitals, the female breast below the top of the areola, the
1338 buttocks, the anus, or the pubic area:

1339 (A) in a public place; or

1340 (B) in a private place under circumstances the person should know will likely cause
1341 affront or alarm or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor or the child;

1342 (iii) masturbates; or

1343 (iv) performs any other act of lewdness; or

1344 (b) under circumstances not amounting to sexual exploitation of a child under Section
1345 76-5b-201 or aggravated sexual exploitation of a child under Section 76-5b-201.1, causes a
1346 child under the age of 14 years to expose his or her genitals, anus, or breast, if female, to the
1347 actor, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of the actor or the child.

1348 (3) (a) Lewdness involving a child is a class A misdemeanor, except under Subsection
1349 (3)(b).

1350 (b) Lewdness involving a child is a third degree felony if at the time of the violation:

1351 (i) the person is a sex offender as defined in Section 77-27-21.7; [or]

1352 (ii) the person has previously been convicted of a violation of this section[-];

1353 (iii) the person commits the offense of lewdness involving a child while also
1354 committing the offense of:

1355 (A) criminal trespass in a sex-designated changing room under Subsection
1356 76-6-206(2)(d);

1357 (B) lewdness under Section 76-9-702;

1358 (C) voyeurism under Section 76-9-702.7; or

1359 (D) loitering in a privacy space under Section 76-9-702.8; or
1360 (iv) the person commits the offense of lewdness involving a child in a sex-designated
1361 privacy space, as defined in Section 76-9-702.8, that is not designated for individuals of the
1362 actor's sex.

1363 (4) (a) The common area of a privacy space constitutes a public place or circumstance
1364 described in Subsection (1) where an act or an attempted act described in Subsection (1)
1365 constitutes lewdness involving a child.

1366 (b) Within the common area of a government entity's dressing room, fitting room,
1367 locker room, changing facility, or any other space designated for multiple individuals to dress
1368 or undress within the same space, exposing, displaying, or otherwise uncovering genitalia that
1369 does not correspond with the sex designation of the changing room constitutes an act or an
1370 attempted act described in Subsection (1) that constitutes lewdness involving a child.

1371 Section 22. Section **76-9-702.7** is amended to read:

1372 **76-9-702.7. Voyeurism offenses -- Penalties.**

1373 (1) A person is guilty of voyeurism who intentionally uses any type of technology to
1374 secretly or surreptitiously record, by video, photograph, or other means, an individual:

1375 (a) for the purpose of viewing any portion of the individual's body regarding which the
1376 individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy, whether or not that portion of the body is
1377 covered with clothing;

1378 (b) without the knowledge or consent of the individual; and

1379 (c) under circumstances in which the individual has a reasonable expectation of
1380 privacy.

1381 (2) (a) [~~A~~] Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a violation of Subsection (1) is a
1382 class A misdemeanor[~~, except that~~].

1383 (b) The following is a third degree felony:

1384 (i) a violation of Subsection (1) committed against a child under 14 years of age [~~is a~~
1385 third degree felony];

1386 (ii) a violation of Subsection (1) committed while also committing the offense of:

1387 (A) criminal trespass in a sex-designated changing room under Subsection
1388 76-6-206(2)(d);

1389 (B) lewdness under Section 76-9-702;

1390 (C) lewdness involving a child under Section 76-9-702.5; or
1391 (D) loitering in a privacy space under Section 76-9-702.8; or
1392 (iii) a violation of Subsection (1) in a sex-designated privacy space, as defined in
1393 Section 76-9-702.8, that is not designated for individuals of the actor's sex.
1394 (3) Distribution or sale of any images, including in print, electronic, magnetic, or
1395 digital format, obtained under Subsection (1) by transmission, display, or dissemination is a
1396 third degree felony, except that if the violation of this Subsection (3) includes images of a child
1397 under 14 years of age, the violation is a second degree felony.
1398 (4) A person is guilty of voyeurism who, under circumstances not amounting to a
1399 violation of Subsection (1), views or attempts to view an individual, with or without the use of
1400 any instrumentality:
1401 (a) with the intent of viewing any portion of the individual's body regarding which the
1402 individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy, whether or not that portion of the body is
1403 covered with clothing;
1404 (b) without the knowledge or consent of the individual; and
1405 (c) under circumstances in which the individual has a reasonable expectation of
1406 privacy.
1407 (5) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), a violation of Subsection (4) is a
1408 class B misdemeanor[~~;~~except that].
1409 (b) The following is a class A misdemeanor:
1410 (i) a violation of Subsection (4) committed against a child under 14 years of age is a
1411 class A misdemeanor[~~;~~];
1412 (ii) a violation of Subsection (4) committed while also committing the offense of:
1413 (A) criminal trespass in a sex-designated changing room under Subsection
1414 76-6-206(2)(d);
1415 (B) lewdness under Section 76-9-702;
1416 (C) lewdness involving a child under Section 76-9-702.5; or
1417 (D) loitering in a privacy space; or
1418 (iii) a violation of Subsection (4) committed in a sex-designated privacy space, as
1419 defined in Section 76-9-702.8, that is not designated for individuals of the actor's sex.
1420 (6) For purposes of this section, an individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy

1421 within a public restroom.

1422 Section 23. Section **76-9-702.8** is enacted to read:

1423 **76-9-702.8. Loitering in a privacy space.**

1424 (1) As used in this section:

1425 (a) "Privacy space" means the following in which an individual has a reasonable
1426 expectation of privacy:

1427 (i) a restroom or any other space that includes a toilet;

1428 (ii) a dressing room, fitting room, locker room, changing facility, or any other space
1429 designated for multiple individuals to dress or undress within the same space; or

1430 (iii) any room or space that includes a shower.

1431 (b) "Sex-designated" means that a facility, program, or event is designated specifically
1432 for males or females and not the opposite sex.

1433 (2) An actor commits the offense of unlawfully loitering in a privacy space if the actor
1434 intentionally or knowingly remains unlawfully or loiters in a privacy space.

1435 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a violation of Subsection (2) is a class
1436 B misdemeanor.

1437 (b) A violation of Subsection (4) is a class A misdemeanor if the actor commits the
1438 offense:

1439 (i) while also committing the offense of:

1440 (A) criminal trespass in a sex-designated changing room under Subsection

1441 76-6-206(2)(d);

1442 (B) lewdness under Section 76-9-702;

1443 (C) lewdness involving a child under Section 76-9-702.5; or

1444 (D) voyeurism under Section 76-9-702.7; or

1445 (ii) in a sex-designated privacy space that is not designated for individuals of the actor's
1446 sex.

1447 Section 24. **Effective date.**

1448 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), if approved by two-thirds of all the members
1449 elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following
1450 the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's
1451 signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

- 1452 (2) The actions affecting the following sections take effect on May 1, 2024:
- 1453 (a) Section [63G-31-401](#);
- 1454 (b) Section [67-3-1](#); and
- 1455 (c) Section [67-5-1](#).