

1 **Law Enforcement Policy Requirements**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler**

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses law enforcement policies.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ defines terms; and
- 9 ▶ requires a law enforcement agency to create and maintain a policy regarding the handling
- 10 of an investigation into a criminal violation of a stalking injunction, jail release
- 11 agreement, jail release court order, or protective order.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 This bill provides a special effective date.

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 ENACTS:

18 **53-25-601**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

19 **53-25-602**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

22 Section 4. Section **53-25-601** is enacted to read:

23 **Part 6. Policy for Violation of Protective Orders and Injunctions**

24 **53-25-601 . Definitions.**

25 As used in this part:

- 26 (1) "Jail release agreement" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-801.
- 27 (2) "Jail release court order" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-801.
- 28 (3) "Law enforcement agency" means an entity of the state, a political subdivision of the
- 29 state, or an entity operated by a private institution of higher education, that exists
- 30 primarily to prevent and detect crime and enforce criminal laws, statutes, or ordinances.

31 (4) "Protective order" means a protective order, or ex parte protective order, issued under:

32 (a) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 2, Child Protective Orders;

33 (b) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 4, Dating Violence Protective Orders;

34 (c) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 5, Sexual Violence Protective Orders;

35 (d) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 6, Cohabitant Abuse Protective Orders;

36 (e) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 8, Criminal Protective Orders; or

37 (f) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 11, Workplace Violence Protective Orders.

38 (5) "Stalking injunction" means an injunction, or ex parte injunction, issued under Title

39 78B, Chapter 7, Part 7, Civil Stalking Injunctions, or Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 9,

40 Criminal Stalking Injunctions.

41 Section 6. Section **53-25-602** is enacted to read:

42 **53-25-602 . Policy and public information requirements for investigations into**  
 43 **violations of protective orders or injunctions.**

44 (1) A law enforcement agency shall create and maintain a policy regarding the law  
 45 enforcement agency's processes for handling an investigation into an alleged criminal  
 46 violation of:

47 (a) a jail release agreement;

48 (b) a jail release court order;

49 (c) a protective order; or

50 (d) a stalking injunction.

51 (2) A policy described in Subsection (1) shall include best practices for ~~§~~→ [how] ←~~§~~ an employee of  
 52 the law enforcement agency ~~§~~→ [should conduct] conducting ←~~§~~ an investigation into an alleged  
 52a criminal

53 violation of an agreement, order, or injunction described in Subsection (1), including the  
 54 proper procedures for:

55 (a) investigating an individual who has previously violated an agreement, order, or  
 56 injunction described in Subsection (1); and

57 (b) contacting the victim of a violation of an agreement, order, or injunction described in  
 58 Subsection (1).

59 (3) A policy created under Subsection (1) shall be posted on the law enforcement agency's  
 60 website that includes:

61 (a) contact information for a victim of a violation of an agreement, order, or injunction  
 62 described in Subsection (1) where the victim can obtain relevant information from  
 63 the law enforcement agency; and

64           **(b)** victim services referral information for a victim of a violation of an agreement,  
65                   order, or injunction described in Subsection (1).

66           Section 10. **Effective Date.**

67   This bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.