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Law Enforcement Policy Requirements
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler
House Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses law enforcement policies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53-25-601, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53-25-602, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **53-25-601** is enacted to read:

Part 6. Policy for Violation of Protective Orders and Injunctions

53-25-601 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Jail release agreement" means the same as that term is defined in Section 78B-7-801.

(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 2. 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 an employee of the
52 law enforcement agency conducting an investigation into an alleged criminal violation
53 of an agreement, order, or injunction described in Subsection (1), including the proper
54 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 3. **Effective Date.**

67 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.