

**DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES RULEMAKING  
AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero**

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses rulemaking authority by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires the Division of Juvenile Justice Services to create rules regarding policies and procedures to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual assaults of minors in detention and secure care facilities;
- requires the Division of Juvenile Justice Services to create rules regarding the collection and reporting of data regarding sexual assaults of minors in detention and secure care facilities; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**80-5-202**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 261

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

Section 1. Section **80-5-202** is amended to read:

**80-5-202. Division rulemaking authority -- Reports on sexual assault.**

(1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division shall make rules to:

(a) [~~establishing~~] establish standards for the admission of a minor to detention;

(b) [~~that~~] describe good behavior for which credit may be earned under Subsection **80-6-704**(4); [~~and~~]

(c) [~~that~~] establish a formula, in consultation with the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, to calculate savings from General Fund appropriations under 2017 Laws of Utah, Chapter 330, resulting from the reduction in out-of-home placements for juvenile offenders with the division[~~;~~]; and

(d) establish policies and procedures regarding sexual assaults that occur in detention and secure care facilities.

(2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division may make rules:

(a) that govern the operation of prevention and early intervention programs, youth service programs, juvenile receiving centers, and other programs described in Section **80-5-401**; and

(b) that govern the operation of detention and secure care facilities.

(3) A rule made by the division under Subsection (1)(a):

(a) may not permit secure detention based solely on the existence of multiple status offenses, misdemeanors, or infractions arising out of a single criminal episode; and

(b) shall prioritize use of home detention for a minor who might otherwise be held in secure detention.

(4) The rules described in Subsection (1)(d) shall:

(a) require education and training, including:

(i) providing to minors detained in secure care and detention facilities, at intake and

periodically, easy-to-understand information, which is developed and approved by the division,  
on sexual assault prevention, treatment, reporting, and counseling in consultation with  
community groups with expertise in sexual assault prevention, treatment, reporting, and  
counseling; and

(ii) providing training specific to sexual assault to division mental health professionals  
and all division employees who have direct contact with minors regarding treatment and  
methods of prevention and investigation;

(b) require reporting of any incident of sexual assault, including:

(i) ensuring the confidentiality of sexual assault reports from minors and the protection  
of minors who report sexual assault; and

(ii) prohibiting retaliation and disincentives for reporting sexual assault;

(c) require safety and care for minors who report sexual assault, including:

(i) providing, in situations in which there is reason to believe that a sexual assault has  
occurred, reasonable and appropriate measures to ensure the minor's safety by separating the  
minor from the minor's assailant, if known;

(ii) providing acute trauma care for minors who report sexual assault, including  
treatment of injuries, HIV prophylaxis measures, and testing for sexually transmitted  
infections;

(iii) providing confidential mental health counseling for minors who report sexual  
assault, including:

(A) access to outside community groups or victim advocates that have expertise in  
sexual assault counseling; and

(B) enabling confidential communication between minors and community groups and  
victim advocates; and

(iv) monitoring minors who report sexual assault for suicidal impulses, post-traumatic  
stress disorder, depression, and other mental health consequences resulting from the sexual  
assault;

83 (d) require staff reporting of sexual assault and staff discipline for failure to report or  
84 for violating sexual assault policies, including:

85 (i) requiring all division employees to report any knowledge, suspicion, or information  
86 regarding an incident of sexual assault to the director or the director's designee;

87 (ii) requiring disciplinary action for a division employee who fails to report as required;  
88 and

89 (iii) requiring division employees to be subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and  
90 including termination for violating agency sexual assault policies, with termination the  
91 presumptive disciplinary sanction for division employees who have engaged in sexual assault,  
92 consistent with constitutional due process protections and state personnel laws and rules;

93 (e) require that any report of an incident of sexual assault be referred to the Division of  
94 Child and Family Services or a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the detention or  
95 secure facility in which the alleged sexual assault occurred; and

96 (f) require data collection and reporting of all incidents of sexual assault from each  
97 detention and secure care facility.

98 (5) The division shall annually report the data described in Section (4)(f) to the Law  
99 Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.