

BLENDED PLEA AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies procedures relating to certain convictions of a minor that involve both juvenile dispositions and adult criminal sentences.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- modifies part headings;
- prohibits a court from accepting a plea that is blended between a juvenile adjudication and disposition and an adult criminal conviction and sentence; and
- voids any conviction or sentence that is entered as a prohibited blended plea.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

80-6-508, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **80-6-508** is enacted to read:

Part 5. Minor Tried as an Adult

80-6-508 . Blended plea -- Not permitted.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Blended plea" means a plea bargain entered into by a minor that results in a

28 combination of a juvenile adjudication and disposition and a criminal conviction and
29 sentence for a criminal offense that arises from a single criminal episode.

30 (b) "Single criminal episode" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-1-401.

31 (2) (a) Beginning May 1, 2024, a district court, juvenile court, or a justice court may not
32 accept a plea bargain that is a blended plea.

33 (b) Any criminal conviction or sentence resulting from a blended plea that is entered into
34 on or after May 1, 2024, is void.

35 Section 2. **Effective date.**

36 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.