

MASTER OFFENSE LIST REPORT 2024

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OVERVIEW

The 2024 legislative session added 42 offenses, enhanced 11 offenses, expanded 13 offenses, reduced one offense, narrowed 11 offenses, and removed six offenses.

Added offenses:

- One Second Degree Felony
- Five Third Degree Felonies;
- Eight Class A Misdemeanors;
- 26 Class B Misdemeanors;
- 1 Class C Misdemeanor;
- 1 infraction

Enhanced offenses:

- One 2nd Degree Felony → 1st Degree Felony
- Four 3rd Degree Felony → 2nd Degree Felony
- Three Class A → 3rd Degree Felony
- One Class B Misdemeanor → 3rd Degree
 Felony
- Two Class B → Class A Misdemeanor
- One Class C → Class B Misdemeanor

Expanded offenses:

- One First Degree Felony
- One Second Degree Felony
- Five Third Degree Felonies
- Three Class A Misdemeanors
- Two Class B Misdemeanors
- One Class C Misdemeanor

Narrowed offenses:

- Two Third Degree Felonies
- Two Class A Misdemeanors
- Four Class B Misdemeanors
- One Class C Misdemeanor
- Two Infractions

Reduced Offenses

• One Class A Misdemeanor

Removed offenses:

- One Third Degree Felony
- Five Class B Misdemeanors

Total offenses (approx..)²:

- 47 First Degree Felonies;
- 220 Second Degree Felonies;
- 455 Third Degree Felonies;
- 567 Class A Misdemeanors;
- 793 class B misdemeanors;
- 121 class C misdemeanors;
- 299 infractions

¹ These numbers are intended to reflect substantive changes to criminal charges and penalties. Technical changes to the criminal code from recodification bills are not counted.

² These totals include technical changes to the code from recodification bills.

2024 Bills Impacting Offense List

HB 14	Enhanced three Threats Against Schools offenses (One Class C to Class B, Class B to Class A, and Class A to 3 rd Degree Felony); Expanded 2 nd Degree Felony Emergency Reporting Abuse to include nonexistent weapons of mass destruction; Enhanced Emergency Reporting Abuse from a 3 rd Degree Felony to a 2 nd Degree Felony in some circumstances.
HB 43	Changes to charitable solicitation requirements resulted in removing three Class B misdemeanor offenses for violating requirements that no longer exist.
HB 52	Created new Class B Misdemeanor for sale / distribution of cannabinoid product without a license (effective January 1, 2025)
HB 80	Created nine new Class B Misdemeanors for violations of various conflict disclosure requirements for candidates / office holders.
HB 84	Created two new Class B Misdemeanors for improperly sharing information related to the school guardian program and school safety needs assessments.
HB 119	Created a new Class A Misdemeanor for improperly sharing information about participants in the school protector program.
HB 156	Created a new 3 rd Degree Felony for interrupting a connected service in the commission of a burglary.
HB 158	Removed criminal defamation (Class B Misdemeanor)
HB 222	Created two new Class B Misdemeanors for violations of rules and fees related to big game byproducts.
HB 225	Created two new Class A Misdemeanors for unlawful kissing of a child and unlawful kissing of a minor.
HB 245	Created a new Class B Misdemeanor for violations related to providing employee leave to reserve members of the armed forces.
HB 257	Expanded the offenses of: Class B Misdemeanor Trespassing, Class A Misdemeanor Trespassing, 3 rd Degree Felony Lewdness Involving a Child, Class A and 3 rd Degree Felony Voyeurism, and Class A Misdemeanor Loitering in a Privacy Space to include certain conduct in sex-designated changing rooms; Class B Misdemeanor for Emergency Reporting Abuse to include false reports related to sex-designated changing rooms; Creates new Class B and Class A Misdemeanor Offenses for Loitering in a Privacy Space

HB 311	Narrowed the elements of Overtaking and Passing Vehicles in the Same Direction (Infraction) to clarify that lane-filtering is permitted on off-ramps
HB 350	Narrowed the elements of the following offenses: Class B Misdemeanor Threats Against an Elected Official; 3 rd Degree Felony Tampering with or Retaliating Against a Juror, to require the actor be reckless as to whether the threat would be considered threatening by a reasonable person.
HB 362	Technically created new offenses for Criminal Solicitation of a Child at Class A Misdemeanor, 3 rd Degree Felony, 2 nd Degree Felony, and 1 st Degree Felony Level. Functionally, these work more like enhancements, since Criminal Solicitation would have been punishable at one level less prior to these changes regardless of the age of the person being solicited. (Counted as Enhancements for purposes of this document.); Enhanced Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor to a Third Degree Felony for certain types of firearms; Narrowed Class B and Class A Misdemeanor Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor in certain circumstances when permitted by a parent / guardian.
HB 366	Expands the elements of 3 rd and 2 nd Degree Felony Escape and 1 st Degree Felony Aggravated Escape to include failing to return from a work release or home visit by the designated time.
HB 382	Reduces 3rd Degree Felony abandoning a big game animal to a Class A Misdemeanor in some circumstances.
HB 395	Expanded 3 rd Degree Felony Negligent Operation of a Vehicle with Injury to include defendants with two or more prior DUI's or a prior felony DUI; Expanded Class A Misdemeanor DUI to include wrong-way driving.
HB 464	Created two new Class A Misdemeanor forms of Electronic Communications Harassment for defendants with prior convictions and adults who publish minors' information.
HB 469	Repealed code section containing a Class B Misdemeanor for Interfering with, intimidating, or harassing a conservation officer (likely remains punishable under other statutes).
HB 478	Created an Infraction for violations related to animal care facility regulations.
HB 484	Expands Class C Misdemeanor Personal Information Disclosure Violation to prohibit more types of disclosures / protect more types of information.
HB 531	Created new Class B, Class A, and 3 rd Degree Felony versions of Unlawful Use of a Laser Pointer related to pointing lasers at aircrafts.

HB 537	Created new Class A and 3 rd Degree Felony Offenses for counterfeit airbag violations.
HB 584	Created new Class A Misdemeanor, 3 rd Degree Felony, and 2 nd Degree Felony Offenses related to economic interruption.
SB 45	Narrowed types of License Plate Violations (Infraction)
SB 61	Created new Class C Misdemeanor for false representation related to the electronic cigarette product registry.
SB 104	Created a new Class A Misdemeanor and new 3 rd Degree Felony related to removing or deactivating a content filter on a child's electronic device.
SB 179	Created a new Class B Misdemeanor for storing flammable, explosive, or combustible materials beneath a bridge, viaduct, etc.
SB 213	Narrowed: 3 rd Degree Felony Unlawful Sexual Activity with a Minor; 3 rd Degree Felony Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity; Class A Misdemeanor Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity; Class B Misdemeanor Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity; and Class C Misdemeanor Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity if defendant is 18 and still in high school.
SB 233	Removed two 3 rd Degree Felonies related to releasing information from electronic verification system for medical cannabis (likely still criminal under other statutes); Added Class B Misdemeanor for unlawful use of medical cannabis database by law enforcement.

New Offenses

Second Degree Felonies

• 76-6-113(5)(b) - Economic Interruption with Three+ Priors

Third Degree Felonies

- 41-1A-1321(3)(a) Counterfeit Airbag Causing Injury or Death
- 76-6-113(5)(a) Economic Interruption with Two Priors
- 76-6-202.2 Interruption of Connected Service in Commission of Burglary
- 76-10-2501(4)(c)(ii) Use of Laser Pointer at Aircraft Causing Crash or Emergency Landing
- 76-10-1238(2) Deactivation of Device Filter with Prior

Class A Misdemeanors.

- 41-1A-1321(3)(a) Counterfeit Airbag Violation
- 53-22-107 Providing Info of Educator Protector Program Participation
- 76-5-416.2 Unlawful Kissing of a Child
- 76-4-416.4 Unlawful Kissing of a Minor
- 76-6-113(5)(b) Economic Interruption
- 76-9-702.8(3)(b) Loitering in Privacy Space + Crim Trespass / Lewdness / Lewdness Involving a Child / Lewdness or Loitering in Sex-Designated Privacy Space not Designated for Actor's Sex
- 76-10-1238(2) Deactivation of Device Filter
- 76-10-2501(4)(c)(ii) Use of Laser Pointer at Aircraft / Occupant with Prior

Class B Misdemeanor

- 10-3-1309 Inducing Officer / Employee to Violate Municipal Ethics
- 10-3-1313 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 11-58-304 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 11-59-306 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 11-65-304 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 17-16A-10 Violation of County Officer / Employee Disclosure Act
- 17-16A-13 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 23A-11-502 Big Game Byproduct Violation
- 23A-11-503 Failure to Pay Big Game Byproduct Fee
- 26B-4-202(9)(c) Unlawful Use of State Electronic Verification System by Law Enforcement
- 53-22-105 Providing Info of School Guardian Program Participation
- 53C-1-202 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 53G-8-701.5 Providing Info of School Safety Needs Assessment
- 59-31-201 Sell / Distribute Cannabinoid Product Without License
- 63H-1-304 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 63H-4-102 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 63H-8-201 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 63M-14-202 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 67-16-16 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement
- 71A-8-105(5) Reserve Member Armed Forced Employment Leave Violation
- 72-7-111 Storing Flammable / Explosive Material Under Bridge / Viaduct
- 73-32-302 Fail to Submit / Amend Conflict Disclosure Statement

- 76-9-201(5)(b) Electronic Communication Harassment Prior Convictions
- 76-9-201(5)(c) Electronic Communication Harassment Publishing Minor's Information
- 76-9-702.8(3)(a) Loitering in Privacy Space
- 76-10-2501(4)(c)(i) Use of Laser Pointer at Aircraft / Occupant

Class C Misdemeanor

59-14-810 - False Representation on Electronic Cigarette Certification

Infractions

76-9-301.9 - Animal Care Facilities Violation

Enhanced Offenses

- First Degree Felony
 - 76-4-205(3)(a) Criminal Solicitation of a Minor enhanced from Third Degree felony to Second Degree Felony

Second Degree Felony

- 76-9-202(3)(d) Enhanced Emergency Reporting Abuse Serious Injury / Death from 3rd
 Degree Felony to 2nd Degree Felony
- 76-4-205(3)(b) Criminal Solicitation of a Minor enhanced from 3rd Degree Felony to 2nd Degree Felony

Third Degree Felony

- 76-4-205(3)(c) Criminal Solicitation of a Minor enhanced from Class A to Third Degree Felony
- 76-5-107.1(2)(a) Enhanced Threats Against Schools Firearm / Weapon / Hoax from Class A Misdemeanor to 3rd Degree Felony
- 76-5-107.1(2)(b)(i) Enhanced Threats Against Schools Disrupt Schedule / Affect Conduct from Class A Misdemeanor to 3rd Degree Felony
- 76-5-107.1(2)(b)(i) Enhanced Threats Against Schools Intimidate / Coerce from Class A Misdemeanor to 3rd Degree Felony
- 76-10-509.4(3)(b) Possession of Dangerous Weapon by a Minor increased from Class B Misdemeanor to Third Degree Felony for certain types of firearms

Class A Misdemeanor

- 76-4-205(3)(d) Criminal Solicitation of a Minor enhanced from Class B Misdemeanor to Class A Misdemeanor
- 76-5-107.1(2)(b)(ii) Enhanced Threats Against Schools Prevent / Interrupt Occupancy from Class B Misdemeanor to Class A Misdemeanor

Class B Misdemeanor

 76-5-107.1(2)(c) - Enhanced Threats Against Schools - Cause Emergency Agency to Act from Class C Misdemeanor to Class B Misdemeanor

Expanded Offense

First Degree Felony

 76-8-309.1 - Aggravated Escape expanded to include failing to return from work release or home visit by the designated time

Second Degree Felony

 76-8-309(3)(b) - Escape expanded to include failing to return from work release or home visit by the designated time

Third Degree Felonies

- 76-5-102.1(3)(a) Felony Negligent Operation of a Vehicle with Injury expanded to include defendants with two or more prior DUI convictions or a prior felony DUI
- 76-8-309(3)(a) Escape expanded to include failing to return from work release or home visit by the designated time
- 76-9-702(2)(b)(iv) Lewdness expanded to include committing Lewdness while also committing: Criminal Trespass / Lewdness Involving a Child / Voyeurism / Loitering in Privacy Space / Lewdness in Sex-Designated Privacy Space not Designated for Actors Sex
- 76-9-702.5(3)(b) Lewdness involving a child expanded to include committing Lewdness Involving a Child while also committing: Criminal Trespass / Lewdness Involving a Child / Voyeurism / Loitering in Privacy Space / Lewdness in Sex-Designated Privacy Space not Designated for Actor's Sex
- 76-9-702.7(2)(b) Voyeurism expanded to include committing voyeurism while also committing Lewdness / Voyeurism / Loitering in a Sex-Designated Privacy Space not Designated for Actor's Sex

Class A Misdemeanors

- 41-6a-502(2)(b) Class A DUI expanded to include DUI while wrong-way driving on one-way highway
- 76-6-206(3)(b) Criminal Trespass expanded to include certain conduct in sex designated changing room while also committing Lewdness / Voyeurism / Loitering in a Sex-Designated Privacy Space not Designated for Actor's Sex
- 76-9-702.7(5)(b) Voyeurism expanded to include committing voyeurism while also committing Lewdness / Voyeurism / Loitering in a Sex-Designated Privacy Space not Designated for Actor's Sex

Class B Misdemeanors

- 76-6-206 Criminal Trespass expanded to include certain conduct in sex designated changing room
- 76-9-202 Emergency Reporting Abuse expanded to include certain conduct related to sex designated changing rooms

Class C Misdemeanors

 63G-26-103 - Personal Information Disclosure Violation expanded to prohibit more types of disclosures / protect more types of information

Reduced Offenses

- Class A Misdemeanor
 - 25A-5-314(3) Waste of Wildlife Big Game creates a new Class A Misdemeanor carve out for an offense that would have previously been a Third Degree Felony

Narrowed Offenses

- Third Degree Felonies
 - 76-5-401.3(3)(b) Felony Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity narrowed to account for defendants who are 18 years old and still in high school
 - 76-8-508.5 Tampering with or Retaliating Against a Juror narrowed to require recklessness as to the how the threat would be received by a reasonable person

Class A Misdemeanors

- 76-5-401.3(3)(a)(iv) Class A Misdemeanor Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity narrowed to account for defendants who are 18 years old and still in high school
- 76-10-509.4(3)(a)(ii) Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor w/ Prior narrowed to preclude culpability in some circumstances when possession is permitted by a parent or guardian

Class B Misdemeanors

- 76-5-401.3(3)(a)(v) Class B Misdemeanor Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity narrowed to account for defendants who are 18 years old and still in high school
- 76-5-401(3)(b) Unlawful Adolescent Sexual with Minor narrowed to exclude defendants who are less than four years older than victim, 18 years old and still in high school
- 76-8-313 Threats Against an Elected Official narrowed to require recklessness as to the how the threat would be received by a reasonable person
- 76-10-509.4(3)(a)(i) Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor w/ Prior narrowed to preclude culpability in some circumstances when possession is permitted by a parent or guardian

Class C Misdemeanors

 76-5-401.3(3)(a)(vii) - Class C Misdemeanor Unlawful Adolescent Sexual Activity narrowed to account for defendants who are 18 years old and still in high school

Infractions

- 41-6a-704 Narrowed unlawful passing infractions to clarify that lane-filtering is permitted
- 41-1A-403 License Plate Violations narrowed to no longer require front plates, etc.

Removed Offenses

- Third Degree Felonies
 - 26B-4-202(7)(a) Knowing / Intentionally Releasing Information from State Electronic Verification System
- Class B Misdemeanors
 - 13-22-4(1) Unlawful Charitable Solicitation
 - 13-22-5 Organization Registration Required
 - 13-22-13 Unlawful Solicitation Tactics
 - 76-9-404 Criminal Defamation
 - 23A-5-319 Interference with, Intimidation, or Harassment of Conservation Officer (effective Jan 1, 2025)