

1 _____ BILL NO. _____
2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)
4 BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DUTIES OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR;
6 REQUIRING THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT PROCESS FOR EXECUTIVE
7 BRANCH EMPLOYEES TO ACCESS THE JUDICIAL BRANCH'S CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; AND
8 AMENDING SECTION 3-1-702, MCA."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 3-1-702, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"3-1-702. Duties.** The court administrator is the administrative officer of the court. Under the direction
14 of the supreme court, the court administrator shall:

15 (1) prepare and present judicial budget requests to the legislature, including the costs of the state-
16 funded district court program;

17 (2) collect, compile, and report statistical and other data relating to the business transacted by the
18 courts and provide the information to the legislature on request and, if requested, in accordance with 5-11-210;

19 (3) to the extent possible, provide that current and future information technology applications are
20 coordinated and compatible with the standards and goals of the executive branch as expressed in the state
21 strategic information technology plan provided for in 2-17-521;

22 (4) recommend to the supreme court improvements in the judiciary;

23 (5) administer legal assistance for indigent victims of domestic violence, as provided in 3-2-714;

24 (6) administer state funding for district courts, as provided in chapter 5, part 9;

25 (7) administer the pretrial program provided for in 3-1-708;

26 (8) administer the treatment court support account provided for in 46-1-1115; and

27 (9) administer the judicial branch personnel plan; and

28 (10) develop, implement, and manage a single, consistent, streamlined, and centralized process for

- 1 employees of executive branch agencies to request and receive statewide access to the judicial branch's case
- 2 management system."

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