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\_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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BY REQUEST OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA WAREHOUSE  
PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE 2027-2028 INTERIM; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE  
DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Projects for 2027-2028 interim.** (1) In preparation for the 2029  
legislative session, the board shall prioritize the following projects:

(a) create a unique identifier to link data from separate state and local criminal justice agencies  
and the judicial branch in a manner that is efficient and protects the confidentiality requirements for any  
personally identifiable information;

(b) consult with the council to determine research priorities to answer questions about the criminal  
justice system, prioritize data collection, and develop data warehouse governance policies;

(c) consult with the council to identify and expand on the data elements that the board shall collect  
to achieve the purposes of 44-7-126;

(d) acquire a software application to assist with mastering records received in the criminal justice  
data warehouse from disparate data systems across the state criminal justice system;

(e) acquire a software application to assist in the cataloging of data fields and components in  
records received in the criminal justice data warehouse from disparate data systems across the state criminal  
justice system;

(f) identify willing local stakeholders to expand beyond the pilot project to deposit existing local  
criminal justice data in the criminal justice data warehouse, identify technology needs, and document data  
processes;

- 1 (g) maintain a list of the current vendors used by state and local criminal justice agencies and the  
2 judicial branch;
- 3 (h) identify and apply for federal funds that will help the board and the council sustain work on the  
4 criminal justice data warehouse;
- 5 (i) document data processes that are used to deposit data in the criminal justice data warehouse;
- 6 (j) identify methods to share any state savings that may result from improved data collection and  
7 integration with local governments; and
- 8 (k) identify information from other state agencies, including the department of public health and  
9 human services, or from tribal governments or the federal government that may be included in the criminal  
10 justice data warehouse or that may be necessary to answer criminal justice research questions posed by the  
11 council.
- 12 (2) The board shall:
- 13 (a) between [the effective date of this act] and September 15, 2028, report to the council each  
14 regularly scheduled meeting, to the law and justice interim committee annually, and to other legislative interim  
15 committees or administrative committees as requested; and
- 16 (b) by September 15, 2028, submit to the council, the law and justice interim committee, the  
17 legislative finance committee, and the governor's office of budget and program planning a report that includes:
- 18 (i) a summary of the work of the board since its last report to the council, the law and justice  
19 interim committee, the legislative finance committee, and the governor's office of budget and program planning  
20 to create the criminal justice data warehouse;
- 21 (ii) recommendations for specific next steps to further implement the criminal justice data  
22 warehouse and the associated costs and technology needs to accomplish those steps;
- 23 (iii) a summary of data sharing or integration projects the board has completed; and
- 24 (iv) a list of policy and funding priorities identified for the 2029 legislative session.
- 25 (3) As used in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions  
26 apply:
- 27 (a) "Board" means the board of crime control established in 2-15-2008.
- 28 (b) "Council" means the criminal justice oversight council established in 5-5-235.

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2        NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** **Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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