

HOUSE BILL NO. 692

INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE SMART ACT; REQUIRING DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE ANNUAL PLANS EACH YEAR; REQUIRING DEPARTMENTS TO INCLUDE PROGRAM-LEVEL INITIATIVES IN THE REPORT; AMENDING SECTION 2-12-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 2-12-104, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-12-104. Annual plan.** (1) Each department shall produce an annual plan no later than September 1, 2023.

(2) Each department shall publish a subsequent annual plan no later than September 1 every 2 years afterward each year.

(3) At a minimum, an annual plan must include the following components:

(a) a description of the functions and divisions of the department, including a discussion of the department's priorities;

(b) initiatives of the department for each program, as that term is used in ~~17-7-711~~ 17-7-111, that reflect the benefits and outcomes the department expects to achieve on behalf of the public or specific groups through its divisions; and

(c) specific and measurable performance measures for its initiatives, including the preferred outcomes and outputs with respect to each initiative.

(4) Performance measures must:

(a) be tracked on an ongoing basis;

(b) assess a department's preferred outcomes and outputs;

(c) be quantitative when possible; and

(d) be designed to provide meaningful and useful information to policymakers and the public.

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Drafter: Rachel Weiss,

1 (5) The annual plan adopted by a department must be posted on the websites of the department."

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

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