

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 692

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

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,

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12 **"2-12-104. Annual plan.** (1) Each department shall produce an annual plan no later than September
13 1, 2023.

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

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

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

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

24 (4) Performance measures must:

25 (a) be tracked on an ongoing basis;

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

27 (c) be quantitative when possible; and

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

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

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

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