_____ 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;

(g) maintain a list of the current vendors used by state and local criminal justice agencies and the

judicial branch;

(h) identify and apply for federal funds that will help the board and the council sustain work on the criminal justice data warehouse;

(i) document data processes that are used to deposit data in the criminal justice data warehouse;

(j) identify methods to share any state savings that may result from improved data collection and integration with local governments; and

(k) identify information from other state agencies, including the department of public health and human services, or from tribal governments or the federal government that may be included in the criminal justice data warehouse or that may be necessary to answer criminal justice research questions posed by the council.

(2) The board shall:

(a) between [the effective date of this act] and September 15, 2028, report to the council each regularly scheduled meeting, to the law and justice interim committee annually, and to other legislative interim committees or administrative committees as requested; and

(b) by September 15, 2028, submit to the council, the law and justice interim committee, the legislative finance committee, and the governor's office of budget and program planning a report that includes:

(i) a summary of the work of the board since its last report to the council, the law and justice interim committee, the legislative finance committee, and the governor's office of budget and program planning to create the criminal justice data warehouse;

(ii) recommendations for specific next steps to further implement the criminal justice data warehouse and the associated costs and technology needs to accomplish those steps;

(iii) a summary of data sharing or integration projects the board has completed; and

(iv) a list of policy and funding priorities identified for the 2029 legislative session.

(3) As used in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Board" means the board of crime control established in 2-15-2008.

(b) "Council" means the criminal justice oversight council established in 5-5-235.

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

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