

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

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

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

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

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, that reflect the
20 benefits and outcomes the department expects to achieve on behalf of the public or specific groups through its
21 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.

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