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 6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO MISSING AND MURDERED  
 7 INDIGENOUS PERSONS; REVISING THE ~~NAME,~~ MEMBERSHIP, AND DUTIES OF THE MISSING  
 8 INDIGENOUS PERSONS TASK FORCE; AND AMENDING ~~SECTIONS 5-11-222, SECTION~~ 44-2-411, ~~AND~~  
 9 ~~44-2-412,~~ MCA."

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

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 13 **Section 1.** Section 5-11-222, MCA, is amended to read:

14 **"5-11-222. Reports to legislature.** (1) ~~(a) Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) and (5), a report~~  
 15 ~~to the legislature means a biennial report required by the legislature and filed in accordance with 5-11-210 on or~~  
 16 ~~before September 1 of each year preceding the convening of a regular session of the legislature.~~

17 (b) ~~— If otherwise specified in law, a report may be required more or less frequently than the biennial~~  
 18 ~~requirement in subsection (1)(a).~~

19 (2) ~~— Reports to the legislature include:~~

20 (a) ~~— annual reports on the unified investment program for public funds and public retirement~~  
 21 ~~systems and state compensation insurance fund assets audits from the board of investments in accordance~~  
 22 ~~with Article VIII, section 13, of the Montana constitution;~~

23 (b) ~~— federal mandates requirements from the governor in accordance with 2-1-407;~~

24 (c) ~~— activities of the state records committee in accordance with 2-6-1108;~~

25 (d) ~~— revenue studies from the director of revenue, if requested, in accordance with 2-7-104;~~

26 (e) ~~— legislative audit reports from the legislative audit division in accordance with 2-8-112 and 23-7-~~  
 27 ~~410;~~

28 (f) ~~— the annual performance report of each department to the appropriate interim budget committee~~

- 1 and legislative policy interim committee in accordance with 2-12-105;
- 2 (g) — progress on gender and racial balance from the governor in accordance with 2-15-108;
- 3 (h) — a mental health report from the ombudsman in accordance with 2-15-210;
- 4 (i) — policies related to children and families from the interagency coordinating council for state
- 5 prevention in accordance with 2-15-225;
- 6 (j) — watercourse name changes, if any, from the secretary of state in accordance with 2-15-401;
- 7 (k) — results of programs established in 2-15-3111 through 2-15-3113 from the livestock loss board
- 8 in accordance with 2-15-3113;
- 9 (l) — the allocation of space report from the department of administration required in accordance
- 10 with 2-17-101;
- 11 (m) — information technology activities in accordance with 2-17-512;
- 12 (n) — state strategic information technology plan exceptions, if granted, from the department of
- 13 administration in accordance with 2-17-515;
- 14 (o) — the state strategic information technology plan and biennial report from the department of
- 15 administration in accordance with 2-17-521 and 2-17-522;
- 16 (p) — reports from standing, interim, and administrative committees, if prepared, in accordance with
- 17 2-17-825 and 5-5-216;
- 18 (q) — statistical and other data related to business transacted by the courts from the court
- 19 administrator, if requested, in accordance with 3-1-702;
- 20 (r) — the judicial standards commission report in accordance with 3-1-1126;
- 21 (s) — an annual report on the actual cost of legislation that had a projected fiscal impact from the
- 22 office of budget and program planning in accordance with 5-4-208;
- 23 (t) — a link to annual state agency reports on grants awarded in the previous fiscal year established
- 24 by the legislative finance committee in accordance with 5-12-208;
- 25 (u) — reports prepared by the legislative fiscal analyst, and as determined by the analyst, in
- 26 accordance with 5-12-302(4);
- 27 (v) — a report, if necessary, on administrative policies or rules adopted under 5-11-105 that may
- 28 impair the independence of the legislative audit division in accordance with 5-13-305;

- 1           (w) — if a waste of state resources occurs, a report from the legislative state auditor, in accordance
- 2 with 5-13-311;
- 3           (x) — school funding commission reports each fifth interim in accordance with 5-20-301;
- 4           (y) — a report of political committee operations conducted on state-owned property, if required, from
- 5 a political committee to the legislative services division in accordance with 13-37-404;
- 6           (z) — a report concerning taxable value from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-1-
- 7 205;
- 8           (aa) — a report on tax credits from the revenue interim committee in accordance with 15-30-2303;
- 9           (bb) — semiannual reports on the Montana heritage preservation and development account from the
- 10 Montana heritage preservation and development commission in accordance with 15-65-124;
- 11           (cc) — general marijuana regulation reports and medical marijuana registry reports from the
- 12 department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-110;
- 13           (dd) — annual reports on general fund and nongeneral fund encumbrances from the department of
- 14 administration in accordance with 17-1-102;
- 15           (ee) — loans or loan extensions authorized for two consecutive fiscal years from the department of
- 16 administration and office of commissioner of higher education, including negative cash balances from the
- 17 commissioner of higher education, in accordance with 17-2-107;
- 18           (ff) — a report of local government entities that have balances contrary to limitations provided for in
- 19 17-2-302 or that failed to reduce the charge from the department of administration in accordance with 17-2-304;
- 20           (gg) — an annual report from the board of investments in accordance with 17-5-1650(2);
- 21           (hh) — a quarterly report from the office of budget and program planning to the legislative finance
- 22 committee identifying the amount and the type of debt payoff or other expenditure from the debt and liability
- 23 free account in accordance with 17-6-214;
- 24           (ii) — a report on retirement system trust investments and benefits from the board of investments in
- 25 accordance with 17-6-230;
- 26           (jj) — recommendations for reductions in spending and related analysis, if required, from the office of
- 27 budget and program planning in accordance with 17-7-140;
- 28           (kk) — a statewide facility inventory and condition assessment from the department of administration

- 1 in accordance with 17-7-202;
- 2 (ll) — actuary reports and investigations for public retirement systems from the public employees'
- 3 retirement board in accordance with 19-2-405;
- 4 (mm) — a work report from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-2-407;
- 5 (nn) — annual actuarial reports and evaluations from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with
- 6 19-20-201;
- 7 (oo) — reports from the state director of K-12 career and vocational and technical education, as
- 8 requested, in accordance with 20-7-308;
- 9 (pp) — 5-year state plan for career and technical education reports from the board of regents in
- 10 accordance with 20-7-330;
- 11 (qq) — a gifted and talented students report from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-
- 12 7-904;
- 13 (rr) — status changes for at-risk students from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-
- 14 328;
- 15 (ss) — status changes for American Indian students from the office of public instruction in accordance
- 16 with 20-9-330;
- 17 (tt) — reports regarding the Montana Indian language preservation program from the office of public
- 18 instruction in accordance with 20-9-537;
- 19 (uu) — proposals for funding community colleges from the board of regents in accordance with 20-15-
- 20 309;
- 21 (vv) — expenditures and activities of the Montana agricultural experiment station and extension
- 22 service, as requested, in accordance with 20-25-236;
- 23 (ww) — reports, if requested by the legislature, from the president of each of the units of the higher
- 24 education system in accordance with 20-25-305;
- 25 (xx) — reports, if prepared by a public postsecondary institution, regarding free expression activities on
- 26 campus in accordance with 20-25-1506;
- 27 (yy) — reports from the Montana historical society trustees in accordance with 22-3-107;
- 28 (zz) — state lottery reports in accordance with 23-7-202;

- 1 (aaa)—state fund reports, if required, from the commissioner in accordance with 33-1-115;
- 2 (bbb)—reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-6-101;
- 3 (ccc)—victim unemployment benefits reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance
- 4 with 39-51-2111;
- 5 (ddd)—state fund business reports in accordance with 39-71-2363;
- 6 (eee)—risk-based capital reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 39-71-2375;
- 7 (fff)—child custody reports from the office of the court administrator in accordance with 41-3-1004;
- 8 (ggg)—reports of remission of fine or forfeiture, respite, commutation, or pardon granted from the
- 9 governor in accordance with 46-23-316;
- 10 (hhh)—annual statewide public defender reports from the office of state public defender in accordance
- 11 with 47-1-125;
- 12 (iii) — a trauma care system report from the department of public health and human services in
- 13 accordance with 50-6-402;
- 14 (jjj) — an annual report on chemical abortion data from the department of public health and human
- 15 services in accordance with 50-20-709;
- 16 (kkk)—Montana criminal justice oversight council reports in accordance with 53-1-216;
- 17 (lll) — medicaid block grant reports from the department of public health and human services in
- 18 accordance with 53-1-611;
- 19 (mmm) reports on the approval and implementation status of medicaid section 1115 waivers in
- 20 accordance with 53-2-215;
- 21 (nnn)—provider rate, medicaid waiver, or medicaid state plan change reports from the department of
- 22 public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-101;
- 23 (ooo)—medicaid funding reports from the department of public health and human services in
- 24 accordance with 53-6-110;
- 25 (ppp)—proposals regarding managed care for medicaid recipients, if required, from the department of
- 26 public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-116;
- 27 (qqq)—reports on toxicology and prescription drug registry information from the suicide prevention
- 28 officer in accordance with 53-21-1101;

1           ~~(rrr) — suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in~~  
2 ~~accordance with 53-21-1102;~~  
3           ~~(sss) — annual compliance reports from certifying organizations to the criminal justice oversight council~~  
4 ~~in accordance with 53-24-311;~~  
5           ~~(ttt) — a compliance and inspection report from the department of corrections in accordance with 53-~~  
6 ~~30-604;~~  
7           ~~(uuu) — emergency medical services grants from the department of transportation in accordance with~~  
8 ~~61-2-109;~~  
9           ~~(vvv) — annual financial reports on the environmental contingency account from the department of~~  
10 ~~environmental quality in accordance with 75-1-1101;~~  
11           ~~(www) — a report from the land board, if prepared, in accordance with 76-12-109;~~  
12           ~~(xxx) — an annual state trust land report from the land board in accordance with 77-1-223;~~  
13           ~~(yyy) — a noxious plant report, if prepared, from the department of agriculture in accordance with 80-7-~~  
14 ~~713;~~  
15           ~~(zzz) — state water plans from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance~~  
16 ~~with 85-1-203;~~  
17           ~~(aaaa) — reports on the allocation of renewable resources grants and loans for emergencies, if required,~~  
18 ~~from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-1-605;~~  
19           ~~(bbbb) — water storage projects from the governor's office in accordance with 85-1-704;~~  
20           ~~(cccc) — upper Clark Fork River basin steering committee reports, if prepared, in accordance with 85-2-~~  
21 ~~338;~~  
22           ~~(dddd) — upland game bird enhancement program reports in accordance with 87-1-250;~~  
23           ~~(eeee) — private land/public wildlife advisory committee reports in accordance with 87-1-269;~~  
24           ~~(ffff) — a future fisheries improvement program report from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in~~  
25 ~~accordance with 87-1-272;~~  
26           ~~(gggg) — license revenue recommendations from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in~~  
27 ~~accordance with 87-1-629;~~  
28           ~~(hhhh) — reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks on conservation licenses sold and~~

- 1 ~~revenue received in accordance with 87-2-201;~~
- 2       ~~(iii) — hydrocarbon and geology investigation reports from the bureau of mines and geology in~~
- 3 ~~accordance with 90-2-201;~~
- 4       ~~(jjj) — coal ash markets investigation reports from the department of commerce in accordance with~~
- 5 ~~90-2-202;~~
- 6       ~~(kkkk) — an annual report from the pacific northwest electric power and conservation planning council in~~
- 7 ~~accordance with 90-4-403;~~
- 8       ~~(llll) — community property-assessed capital enhancements program reports from the Montana facility~~
- 9 ~~finance authority in accordance with 90-4-1303;~~
- 10       ~~(mmmm) — veterans' home loan mortgage loan reports from the board of housing in accordance~~
- 11 ~~with 90-6-604;~~
- 12       ~~(nnnn) — matching infrastructure planning grant awards by the department of commerce in accordance~~
- 13 ~~with 90-6-703(3); and~~
- 14       ~~(oooo) — Montana coal endowment program reports from the department of commerce in accordance~~
- 15 ~~with 90-6-710.~~
- 16       ~~(3) — Reports to the legislature include reports made to an interim committee as follows:~~
- 17       ~~(a) — reports to the law and justice interim committee, including:~~
- 18       ~~(i) — a report on fentanyl-related mandatory minimums from the attorney general in accordance with~~
- 19 ~~2-15-505;~~
- 20       ~~(ii) — findings of the domestic violence fatality review commission in accordance with 2-15-2017;~~
- 21       ~~(iii) — the report from the missing indigenous persons review commission in accordance with 2-15-~~
- 22 ~~2018;~~
- 23       ~~(iv) — reports from the department of justice and public safety officer standards and training council in~~
- 24 ~~accordance with 2-15-2029;~~
- 25       ~~(v) — reports on district court judge caseload and substitutions from the office of court administrator~~
- 26 ~~in accordance with 3-1-713;~~
- 27       ~~(vi) — information on the Montana False Claims Act from the department of justice in accordance with~~
- 28 ~~17-8-416;~~

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- 1 (vii) — annual case status reports from the attorney general in accordance with 41-3-210;
- 2 (viii) — an annual report from the department of public health and human services on the number of
- 3 referrals to county attorneys pursuant to 41-3-202(1)(b)(i) in accordance with 41-3-211;
- 4 (ix) — office of court administrator reports in accordance with 41-5-2003;
- 5 (x) — reports on pending investigations from the public safety officer standards and training council in
- 6 accordance with 44-4-408;
- 7 (xi) — statewide public safety communications system activities from the department of justice in
- 8 accordance with 44-4-1606;
- 9 (xii) — the annual report on the activities of the sexual assault response network program and the
- 10 sexual assault response team committee from the department of justice in accordance with 44-4-1705;
- 11 (xiii) — reports on the status of the crisis intervention team training program from the board of crime
- 12 control in accordance with 44-7-110;
- 13 (xiv) — restorative justice grant program status and performance from the board of crime control in
- 14 accordance with 44-7-302;
- 15 (xv) — law enforcement agency facial recognition technology use reports from the department of
- 16 justice in accordance with 44-15-111(3);
- 17 (xvi) — reports on third-party vendors providing facial recognition services to state agencies reports in
- 18 accordance with 44-15-111(4)(b);
- 19 (xvii) — reports on offenders under supervision with new offenses or violations from the department of
- 20 corrections in accordance with 46-23-1016;
- 21 (xviii) — supervision responses grid reports from the department of corrections in accordance with 46-
- 22 23-1028;
- 23 (xix) — statewide public defender reports and information from the office of state public defender in
- 24 accordance with 47-1-125;
- 25 (xx) — every 5 years, a percentage change in public defender funding report from the legislative fiscal
- 26 analyst in accordance with 47-1-125;
- 27 (xxi) — every 5 years, statewide public defender reports on the percentage change in funding from the
- 28 office of state public defender in accordance with 47-1-125; and



- 1 (xxii) — a report from the quality assurance unit from the department of corrections in accordance with  
2 53-1-211;
- 3 (b) — reports to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee, including:
- 4 (i) — a report that includes information technology activities and additional information from the  
5 information technology board in accordance with 2-17-512 and 2-17-513;
- 6 (ii) — a report from the capitol complex advisory council in accordance with 2-17-804;
- 7 (iii) — a report on the employee incentive award program from the department of administration in  
8 accordance with 2-18-1103;
- 9 (iv) — a board of veterans' affairs report in accordance with 10-2-102;
- 10 (v) — a report on the decennial veterans' long-term care needs study from the department of public  
11 health and human services and the Montana veterans' affairs division in accordance with 10-2-903;
- 12 (vi) — a report on grants to the Montana civil air patrol from the department of military affairs in  
13 accordance with 10-3-802;
- 14 (vii) — annual reports on statewide election security from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-  
15 1-205;
- 16 (viii) — reports on money received in the special account for implementing the Help America Vote Act  
17 from the secretary of state in accordance with 13-1-209;
- 18 (ix) — a report regarding the youth voting program, if requested, from the secretary of state in  
19 accordance with 13-22-108;
- 20 (x) — a report from the commissioner of political practices in accordance with 13-37-120;
- 21 (xi) — a report on retirement system trust investments from the board of investments in accordance  
22 with 17-6-230;
- 23 (xii) — actuarial valuations and other reports from the public employees' retirement board in  
24 accordance with 19-2-405 and 19-3-117;
- 25 (xiii) — actuarial valuations and other reports from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with  
26 19-20-201 and 19-20-216;
- 27 (xiv) — a report on the reemployment of retired members of the teachers' retirement system from the  
28 teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-732; and

- 1           (xv) — changes, if any, affecting filing office rules under the Uniform Commercial Code from the
- 2   secretary of state in accordance with 30-9A-527;
- 3           (c) — reports to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee, including:
- 4           (i) — a report from the department of public health and human services on the programs, grants, and
- 5   services funded under the healing and ending addiction through recovery and treatment account in 16-12-122;
- 6           (ii) — Montana foster youth higher education assistance program grant reports from the
- 7   commissioner of higher education in accordance with 20-26-633;
- 8           (iii) — prescription drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;
- 9           (iv) — Montana HELP Act workforce development reports from the department of public health and
- 10   human services in accordance with 39-12-103;
- 11           (v) — reports from the department of public health and human services on the department's efforts
- 12   regarding the volunteer program to support child protective services activities in accordance with 41-3-132;
- 13           (vi) — annual reports from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1211;
- 14           (vii) — reports on activities and recommendations on child protective services activities, if required,
- 15   from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1215;
- 16           (viii) — reports on the out-of-state placement of high-risk children with multiagency service needs from
- 17   the department of public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-311;
- 18           (ix) — private alternative adolescent residential and outdoor programs reports from the department of
- 19   public health and human services in accordance with 52-2-803;
- 20           (x) — provider rate, medicaid waiver, or medicaid state plan change reports from the department of
- 21   public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-101;
- 22           (xi) — a report from the department of public health and human services on home and community-
- 23   based services provider information in 53-6-406;
- 24           (xii) — a report concerning mental health managed care services, if managed care is in place, from the
- 25   advisory council in accordance with 53-6-710;
- 26           (xiii) — quarterly medicaid reports related to expansion from the department of public health and
- 27   human services in accordance with 53-6-1325;
- 28           (xiv) — annual Montana developmental center reports from the department of public health and human

- 1 ~~services in accordance with 53-20-225; and~~
- 2 ~~(xv) — annual children's mental health outcomes from the department of public health and human~~
- 3 ~~services in accordance with 53-21-508;~~
- 4 ~~(xvi) — suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in~~
- 5 ~~accordance with 53-21-1102;~~
- 6 ~~(d) — reports to the economic affairs interim committee, including:~~
- 7 ~~(i) — the annual state compensation insurance fund budget from the board of directors in~~
- 8 ~~accordance with 5-5-223 and 39-71-2363;~~
- 9 ~~(ii) — medical marijuana registry reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-~~
- 10 ~~110;~~
- 11 ~~(iii) — general marijuana regulation reports from the department of revenue in accordance with 16-12-~~
- 12 ~~110(3);~~
- 13 ~~(iv) — annual reports on complaints against physicians certifying medical marijuana use from the~~
- 14 ~~board of medical examiners in accordance with 16-12-110(6);~~
- 15 ~~(v) — an annual report on the administrative rate required from the department of commerce from the~~
- 16 ~~Montana heritage preservation and development commission in accordance with 22-3-1002;~~
- 17 ~~(vi) — biennial reports from the department of labor and industry on weighing device license fees and~~
- 18 ~~cost increases in accordance with 30-12-203;~~
- 19 ~~(vii) — state fund reports from the insurance commissioner, if required, in accordance with 33-1-115;~~
- 20 ~~(viii) — risk-based capital reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 33-1-115 and 39-~~
- 21 ~~71-2375;~~
- 22 ~~(ix) — annual reinsurance reports from the Montana reinsurance association board required in~~
- 23 ~~accordance with 33-22-1308;~~
- 24 ~~(x) — reports from the department of labor and industry concerning board attendance in accordance~~
- 25 ~~with 37-1-107;~~
- 26 ~~(xi) — annual reports on physician complaints related to medical marijuana from the board of medical~~
- 27 ~~examiners in accordance with 37-3-203;~~
- 28 ~~(xii) — prescription drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;~~

- 1 (xiii) — status reports on the special revenue account and fees charged as a funding source from the
- 2 board of funeral service in accordance with 37-19-204;
- 3 (xiv) — unemployment insurance program integrity act reports from the department of labor and
- 4 industry in accordance with 39-51-706;
- 5 (xv) — law enforcement agency facial recognition technology use reports from the department of
- 6 justice in accordance with 44-15-111(3);
- 7 (xvi) — reports on third-party vendors providing facial recognition services to state agencies reports in
- 8 accordance with 44-15-111(4)(b);
- 9 (xvii) — status reports on the distressed wood products industry revolving loan program from the
- 10 department of commerce in accordance with 90-1-503;
- 11 (e) — reports to the education interim committee, including:
- 12 (i) — reemployment of retired teachers, specialists, and administrators reports from the retirement
- 13 board in accordance with 19-20-732;
- 14 (ii) — a report on participation in the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military
- 15 children in accordance with 20-1-231;
- 16 (iii) — grow your own grant program reports from the commissioner of higher education in accordance
- 17 with 20-4-601;
- 18 (iv) — reports on out-of-district attendance from the superintendent of public instruction in accordance
- 19 with 20-5-324;
- 20 (v) — reports from the education and workforce data governing board in accordance with 20-7-138;
- 21 (vi) — state-level strengthening career and technical student organizations program reports from the
- 22 superintendent of public instruction in accordance with 20-7-320;
- 23 (vii) — a report from the superintendent of public instruction concerning educational programs for
- 24 eligible children receiving in-state inpatient treatment of serious emotional disturbances in accordance with 20-
- 25 7-435;
- 26 (viii) — reports from the Montana digital academy governing board in accordance with 20-7-1201;
- 27 (ix) — advanced opportunity program reports from the board of public education in accordance with
- 28 20-7-1506;

- 1 (x) — progress on transformational learning plans from the board of public education in accordance
- 2 with 20-7-1602;
- 3 (xi) — reports on early literacy targeted interventions from the superintendent of public instruction in
- 4 accordance with 20-7-1804;
- 5 (xii) — budget amendments, if needed, from school districts in accordance with 20-9-161;
- 6 (xiii) — reports regarding the Montana Indian language preservation program from the office of public
- 7 instruction in accordance with 20-9-537;
- 8 (xiv) — annual Montana resident student financial aid program reports from the commissioner of higher
- 9 education in accordance with 20-26-105;
- 10 (xv) — Montana foster youth higher education assistance program grant reports from the
- 11 commissioner of higher education in accordance with 20-26-633;
- 12 (xvi) — a historic preservation office report from the historic preservation officer in accordance with 22-
- 13 3-423; and
- 14 (xvii) — interdisciplinary child information agreement reports from the office of public instruction in
- 15 accordance with 52-2-211;
- 16 (f) — reports to the energy and telecommunications interim committee, including:
- 17 (i) — the high-performance building report from the department of administration in accordance with
- 18 17-7-214;
- 19 (ii) — an annual report from the consumer counsel in accordance with 69-1-222;
- 20 (iii) — annual universal system benefits reports from utilities, electric cooperatives, and the
- 21 department of revenue in accordance with 69-8-402;
- 22 (iv) — small-scale hydroelectric power generation reports from the department of natural resources
- 23 and conservation in accordance with 85-1-501; and
- 24 (v) — geothermal reports from the Montana bureau of mines and geology in accordance with 90-3-
- 25 1301;
- 26 (g) — reports to the revenue interim committee, including:
- 27 (i) — use of the qualified endowment tax credit report from the department of revenue in accordance
- 28 with 15-1-230;

- 1 (ii) — tax rates for the upcoming reappraisal cycle from the department of revenue in accordance with
- 2 15-7-111;
- 3 (iii) — information about job growth incentive tax credits from the department of revenue in
- 4 accordance with 15-30-2361;
- 5 (iv) — student scholarship contributions from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-30-
- 6 3112;
- 7 (v) — media production tax credit economic impact reports from the department of commerce in
- 8 accordance with 15-31-1011; and
- 9 (vi) — reports that actual or projected receipts will result in less revenue than estimated from the office
- 10 of budget and program planning, if necessary, in accordance with 17-7-140;
- 11 (h) — reports to the transportation interim committee, including:
- 12 (i) — biodiesel tax refunds from the department of transportation in accordance with 15-70-433;
- 13 (ii) — cooperative agreement negotiations from the department of transportation in accordance with
- 14 15-70-450; and
- 15 (iii) — a special fuels inspection report from the department of transportation in accordance with 61-
- 16 10-154;
- 17 (i) — reports to the environmental quality council, including:
- 18 (i) — compliance and enforcement reports required in accordance with 75-1-314;
- 19 (ii) — the state solid waste management and resource recovery plan, every 5 years, from the
- 20 department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-10-111;
- 21 (iii) — annual orphan share reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with
- 22 75-10-743;
- 23 (iv) — Libby asbestos superfund oversight committee reports in accordance with 75-10-1601;
- 24 (v) — annual subdivision sanitation reports from the department of environmental quality in
- 25 accordance with 76-4-116;
- 26 (vi) — quarterly reports from the department of environmental quality on the number and percentage
- 27 of overdue files in accordance with 76-4-116;
- 28 (vii) — state trust land accessibility reports from the department of natural resources and conservation

- 1 in accordance with 77-1-820;
- 2 (viii) — biennial land banking reports and annual state land cabin and home site sales reports from the
- 3 department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 77-2-366;
- 4 (ix) — biennially invasive species reports from the departments of fish, wildlife, and parks and natural
- 5 resources and conservation in accordance with 80-7-1006;
- 6 (x) — annual invasive species council reports in accordance with 80-7-1203;
- 7 (xi) — sand and gravel reports, if an investigation is completed, in accordance with 82-2-701;
- 8 (xii) — reports from the western Montana conservation commission in accordance with 85-1-904;
- 9 (xiii) — annual sage grouse population reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 10 accordance with 87-1-201;
- 11 (xiv) — annual gray wolf management reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 12 accordance with 87-1-901;
- 13 (xv) — biennial Tendoy Mountain sheep herd reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 14 accordance with 87-2-702;
- 15 (xvi) — wildlife habitat improvement project reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 16 accordance with 87-5-807; and
- 17 (xvii) — annual sage grouse oversight team activities and staffing reports in accordance with 87-5-918;
- 18 (j) — reports to the water policy interim committee, including:
- 19 (i) — drought and water supply advisory committee reports in accordance with 2-15-3308;
- 20 (ii) — total maximum daily load reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance
- 21 with 75-5-703;
- 22 (iii) — state water plans from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance
- 23 with 85-1-203;
- 24 (iv) — small-scale hydroelectric power generation reports from the department of natural resources
- 25 and conservation in accordance with 85-1-501;
- 26 (v) — renewable resource grant and loan program reports from the department of natural resources
- 27 and conservation in accordance with 85-1-621;
- 28 (vi) — reports from the western Montana conservation commission in accordance with 85-1-904;

- 1 (vii) — quarterly adjudication reports from the department of natural resources and conservation and
- 2 the water court in accordance with 85-2-281;
- 3 (viii) — water reservation reports from the department of natural resources and conservation in
- 4 accordance with 85-2-316;
- 5 (ix) — instream flow reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 85-2-
- 6 436; and
- 7 (x) — ground water investigation program reports from the bureau of mines and geology in
- 8 accordance with 85-2-525;
- 9 (k) — reports to the local government interim committee, including:
- 10 (i) — reports from the local government center on petitions received that resulted in the development
- 11 and delivery of training in accordance with 7-1-206;
- 12 (ii) — sand and gravel, if an investigation is completed, in accordance with 82-2-701;
- 13 (iii) — assistance to local governments on federal land management proposals from the department
- 14 of commerce in accordance with 90-1-182; and
- 15 (iv) — emergency financial assistance to local government reports from the department of commerce,
- 16 if requests are made, in accordance with 90-6-703(2);
- 17 (l) — reports to the state tribal relations committee, including:
- 18 (i) — reports from the missing indigenous persons review commission in accordance with 2-15-2018;
- 19 (ii) — the Montana Indian language preservation program report from the office of public instruction in
- 20 accordance with 20-9-537;
- 21 (iii) — reports from the missing and murdered indigenous persons task force advisory council in
- 22 accordance with 44-2-411;
- 23 (iv) — a report from the department of justice on missing persons response team training grants
- 24 awarded in accordance with 44-2-416;
- 25 (v) — state tribal economic development commission activities reports from the state tribal economic
- 26 development commission in accordance with 90-1-132; and
- 27 (vi) — state tribal economic development commission reports provided regularly by the state director
- 28 of Indian affairs in accordance with 90-11-102.



- 1           (4) — Reports to the legislature include multistate compact and agreement reports, including:
- 2           (a) — multistate tax compact reports in accordance with 15-1-601;
- 3           (b) — interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children reports in accordance with
- 4           20-1-230 and 20-1-231;
- 5           (c) — compact for education reports in accordance with 20-2-501;
- 6           (d) — Western regional higher education compact reports in accordance with 20-25-801;
- 7           (e) — interstate insurance product regulation compact reports in accordance with 33-39-101;
- 8           (f) — interstate medical licensure compact reports in accordance with 37-3-356;
- 9           (g) — interstate compact on juveniles reports in accordance with 41-6-101;
- 10          (h) — interstate compact for adult offender supervision reports in accordance with 46-23-1115;
- 11          (i) — vehicle equipment safety compact reports in accordance with 61-2-201;
- 12          (j) — multistate highway transportation agreement reports in accordance with 61-10-1101; and
- 13          (k) — western interstate nuclear compact reports in accordance with 90-5-201.
- 14          (5) — Reports, transfers, statements, assessments, recommendations and changes required under
- 15          17-7-138, 17-7-139, 17-7-140, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, 19-3-117, 19-20-201, 19-20-216, 23-7-202, 33-1-115, and
- 16          39-71-2375 must be provided as soon as the report is published and publicly available. Reports required in
- 17          subsections (2)(a), (2)(gg), (2)(ii), and (3)(b)(xi) must be provided following issuance of reports issued under
- 18          Title 5, chapter 13."

20           **Section 1.** Section 44-2-411, MCA, is amended to read:

21           **"44-2-411. (Temporary) Missing ~~and murdered~~ indigenous persons task force ~~advisory council~~**  
22           **~~task force~~ -- membership -- duties -- reporting.** (1) There is a missing ~~and murdered~~ indigenous persons  
23           task force ~~advisory council task force~~. The task force ~~advisory council task force~~ is allocated to the department  
24           of justice for staffing services and administrative purposes only.

25           (2)     Task force ~~Advisory council Task force~~ members, including the presiding officer, must be  
26           appointed by the attorney general or a designee of the attorney general. The task force ~~advisory council task~~  
27           **~~force~~** membership must include but is not limited to:

- 28           (a)     an employee of the department of justice who has expertise in the subject of missing persons;

1 (b) a representative from each federally recognized Indian tribe in Montana;

2 (c) a member from the Montana highway patrol homicide investigator;

3 (d) a representative from the attorney general's office; and

4 (e) a representative from the office of public instruction.

5 (3) While respecting the government-to-government relationship between the state and each tribe,  
6 the primary duties of the ~~task force~~ advisory council task force are to:

7 (a) identify jurisdictional barriers between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and  
8 community agencies;

9 ~~(b) work to identify causes that contribute to missing and murdered indigenous persons and make~~  
10 ~~recommendations to federally recognized tribes in the state and applicable federal agencies to reduce cases of~~  
11 ~~missing and murdered indigenous persons;~~

12 ~~(e)(b)~~ work to identify strategies to improve interagency communication, cooperation, and  
13 collaboration to remove jurisdictional barriers and increase reporting and investigation of missing and murdered  
14 indigenous persons; and

15 ~~(d)(c)~~ administer the looping in native communities network grant program provided for in 44-2-412.

16 (4) A vacancy on the ~~task force~~ advisory council task force must be filled in the manner of the  
17 original appointment.

18 (5) By July 1 prior to each regular legislative session, the ~~task force~~ advisory council task force  
19 shall, in accordance with 5-11-210, prepare a written report of findings and recommendations for submission to  
20 the state-tribal relations committee provided for in 5-5-229. The report must include the following information:

21 (a) the number of unique individuals reported to the missing and murdered indigenous persons  
22 database;

23 (b) the number of unique individuals recovered as a result of the missing and murdered indigenous  
24 persons database;

25 (c) the number of unique individuals recovered as a result of the looping in native communities  
26 network grant program;

27 (d) the number of unique individuals searched for and recovered as a result of missing persons  
28 response teams;

1 (e) the number of missing persons entries into the missing and murdered indigenous persons  
2 database by year;

3 (f) an analysis by year of the characteristics of missing indigenous persons, including but not  
4 limited to age, gender, child protective services involvement status, foster case status, duration of time missing,  
5 and estimated related cause;

6 (g) the number of actively missing indigenous persons by year;

7 (h) a description and the results of any noncompetitive grant awardee activities;

8 (i) a description of the activities and progress related to improving interagency communication,  
9 cooperation, and collaboration and removing interjurisdictional barriers; and

10 (j) any other information the ~~task force~~ advisory council task force members find relevant to the  
11 ~~task force's~~ advisory council's task force's mission.

12 (6) In addition to the recommendations to federally recognized tribes in the state required under  
13 subsection (3)(b), the ~~task force~~ advisory council task force may make recommendations to federal, state, and  
14 local agencies in carrying out the ~~task force's~~ advisory council's task force's duties. (Terminates June 30, 2033--  
15 sec. 2, Ch. 624, L. 2023, sec. 3, Ch. 624, L. 2023, sec. 4, Ch. 624, L. 2023.)"

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17 **Section 3.** ~~Section 44-2-412, MCA, is amended to read:~~

18 ~~"44-2-412. (Temporary) Looping in native communities network grant program. (1) There is a~~  
19 ~~looping in native communities network grant program. The program is established to create a network in~~  
20 ~~support of efforts by Montana tribes to identify, report, and find Native American persons who are missing. The~~  
21 ~~grant program is administered by the missing and murdered indigenous persons task force advisory council~~  
22 ~~established in 44-2-411.~~

23 ~~(2) The grant program includes a competitive grant to be awarded to a tribal entity to create and~~  
24 ~~administer a central administration point for the looping in native communities network. The missing and~~  
25 ~~murdered indigenous persons task force advisory council shall develop the application and the criteria to award~~  
26 ~~the grant to a tribal entity. The criteria must include:~~

27 ~~(a) policies and standards for technology and equipment, including data storage and security of~~  
28 ~~information entered into the network;~~

