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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; requiring the collection and reporting of specified

1.3 information on criminal cases and the creation of a public dashboard for this

1.4 information; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota

1.5 Statutes, chapter 609.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. [609.016] CRIMINAL CASE INFORMATION COLLECTION.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Collection. (a) A criminal justice official or entity associated with a

1.9 criminal case shall collect the following information:

1.10 (1) for each jail detainee and criminal defendant:

1.11 (i) full name and known aliases;

1.12 (ii) year of birth;

1.13 (iii) age at arrest;

1.14 (iv) primary language;

1.15 (v) race and ethnicity;

1.16 (vi) sex;

1.17 (vii) gender;

1.18 (viii) public defender eligibility status;

1.19 (ix) booking date;

1.20 (x) release date; and

- 2.1 (xi) all pending cases associated with the defendant and all booking dates and charges
2.2 for each case;
- 2.3 (2) for each formal charge, including charges resulting in convictions, filed against a
2.4 defendant:
- 2.5 (i) charge number;
- 2.6 (ii) charge description;
- 2.7 (iii) charge statute;
- 2.8 (iv) charge type;
- 2.9 (v) charge class severity;
- 2.10 (vi) charge disposition;
- 2.11 (vii) method of disposition, including pretrial diversion, plea negotiation, or trial;
- 2.12 (viii) charge disposition date; and
- 2.13 (ix) prosecuting office, agency, or attorney;
- 2.14 (3) for bail or bond pretrial releases:
- 2.15 (i) date of first appearance before the court;
- 2.16 (ii) judge who presided over the defendant's first appearance and set bail;
- 2.17 (iii) pretrial evaluation form or data contained in the form, including but not limited to
2.18 the pretrial risk assessment score;
- 2.19 (iv) amount of bail, if any, set at first appearance, including whether there was a
2.20 percentage of the bail that could be paid directly to the court;
- 2.21 (v) other conditions of release, if any, set at first appearance;
- 2.22 (vi) nonmonetary conditions of release;
- 2.23 (vii) cash bail or bond amount;
- 2.24 (viii) date of pretrial release, if any;
- 2.25 (ix) release type, including release on own recognizance, release on monetary bond,
2.26 release after completed sentence, transfer to prison, transfer to jail in another jurisdiction,
2.27 or transfer to ICE or other federal agencies;
- 2.28 (x) time served credit length;

3.1 (xi) bail or bond revocation due to a new offense, a failure to appear, or violation of the
3.2 terms of bail or bond; and

3.3 (xii) if revocation occurred, whether there was also a reinstatement of the bail or bond;

3.4 (4) for each criminal case:

3.5 (i) whether the defendant failed to appear at any hearings and whether warrants were
3.6 issued;

3.7 (ii) whether the defendant was charged with a new crime during the pretrial period,
3.8 including the level of charge and statute charged;

3.9 (iii) defense attorney type, including whether it was a public defender, private counsel,
3.10 pro se, or contract attorney; and

3.11 (iv) outcome of the defendant's case, including but not limited to dismissal, acquittal,
3.12 guilty plea, and guilty verdict;

3.13 (5) for each sentencing:

3.14 (i) plea date, if any;

3.15 (ii) sentence date;

3.16 (iii) charge sentenced to, charge number, charge description, statute, type, and charge
3.17 class severity;

3.18 (iv) sentence type;

3.19 (v) sentence length;

3.20 (vi) fine and fees and whether they were waived or stayed due to inability to pay; and

3.21 (vii) restitution amount ordered, amount collected, and amount paid to victim; and

3.22 (6) any other information required by the Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

3.23 (b) Each official or agency collecting the information required in paragraph (a) shall
3.24 forward this information to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission and the Bureau of
3.25 Criminal Apprehension in a timely manner under a schedule and format directed by the
3.26 commission. The commission shall ensure that each official and agency reports the
3.27 information in a uniform and consistent format.

3.28 Subd. 2. **Repository.** The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall act as a repository for
3.29 the information collected under subdivision 1.

4.1 Subd. 3. **Sentencing Guidelines Commission.** (a) The Sentencing Guidelines
 4.2 Commission, in consultation with representatives from all major criminal legal system
 4.3 agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Corrections, jail administrators,
 4.4 the state court administrator's office and the judicial branch, public defenders, prosecutors,
 4.5 law enforcement, probation officers, and community nonprofits and individual community
 4.6 members with expertise in data systems and pretrial policy, shall:

4.7 (1) provide ongoing advice about the types of data analysis necessary for understanding
 4.8 and evaluating the pretrial system;

4.9 (2) determine whether additional information should be reported under subdivision 1;
 4.10 and

4.11 (3) allow for information sharing and problem solving among the officials and agencies
 4.12 required to collect information under subdivision 1 or act as the repository of that information
 4.13 under subdivision 2.

4.14 (b) Each year beginning January 1, 2026, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall
 4.15 submit the prior calendar year information collected under subdivision 1 to the Sentencing
 4.16 Guidelines Commission. In its annual report to the legislature, the commission shall study,
 4.17 research, summarize, and analyze the information. The commission may contract with a
 4.18 nonprofit research-based organization to do this.

4.19 Subd. 4. **Public dashboard.** By July 1, 2030, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
 4.20 shall create and operate an interactive public dashboard of the information collected under
 4.21 subdivision 1. The dashboard must be searchable and helpful to members of the public,
 4.22 researchers, and other interested parties seeking information.

4.23 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

4.24 Subdivision 1. **Sentencing Guidelines Commission.** \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$.....
 4.25 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the Sentencing Guidelines
 4.26 Commission: (1) to implement this act; and (2) for a grant to a nonprofit research-based
 4.27 organization to study, research, summarize, and analyze the information collected under
 4.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 609.016, subdivision 1, to provide understanding of current and
 4.29 historical practices in the state. The grant shall be awarded through a competitive grant
 4.30 process.

4.31 Subd. 2. **Public safety.** \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are
 4.32 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for: (1) grants to
 4.33 criminal justice officials and entities to hire additional staff, update case management

- 5.1 systems, and develop new processes for data entry to fully facilitate collecting the information
- 5.2 required in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.016, subdivision 1; and (2) the Bureau of
- 5.3 Criminal Apprehension's costs to implement this act.