



OJP PROPOSAL

Data classifications and terminology update

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The proposal includes three separate provisions: (1) Classifying Department of Public Safety research data on individuals as private, (2) classifying case support data held by the Offices for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives and Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls as private, and (3) removing and updating outdated program references and terminology.

Data provisions

This proposal would establish data protections for research data on individuals (section 13.69, subdivision 1) and for case support data on individuals (section 13.6905; section 299A.85, subdivision 4; section 299A.90, subdivision 3). Maintaining the privacy of research data on individuals is an ethical standard for research and is a requirement for federally funded research. Case support data on individuals in the Offices for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives and Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls can be highly sensitive, personal, and embarrassing if made public. The data the offices receive from other government agencies retain their data classifications upon transfer.

For clarity, this proposal also defines the terms “research,” reporting person” and “victim” in the respective sections.

Remove or update outdated program references and terminology

This proposal would remove references to the following outdated programs or terminology:

- Reference to the Advisory Council on Battered Women and Domestic Abuse and the Sexual Assault Advisory Council in section 611A.07 related to electronic monitoring device standards. The council hasn’t existed since 2002.
- Provision establishing the director of prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault (611A.201). There has not been a person in this position since the early 2000s.
- Sections related to domestic abuse programs (611A.37-611A.373), which are a holdover from the old per diem grant program and do not reflect current practice. In addition, they are largely duplicative of sections 611A.31 through 611A.345.
- Reference to the department of corrections in the domestic abuse grant programs statute, section 611A.31, subd. 5. This grant program has not been under the department of corrections since the early 2000s.
- Reference to “per diem” program in section 13.871. The per diem program was eliminated in 2002.
- The term “battered women” throughout Minnesota Statutes. The domestic violence field has transitioned away from the term “battered women.”