

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: 260
Version: Second Engrossment

DATE: April 17, 2001

Authors: Stanek and others

Subject: Criminal Justice; CriMNet

Analyst: Joe Cox, 651-296-5044

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

CriMNet is a system, under development, to integrate, track, and share criminal justice information among law enforcement, courts, public safety, and other criminal justice agencies. Currently, Minnesota's criminal justice agencies do not use integrated systems or protocols to collect, store, or disseminate criminal justice data. This bill makes changes to certain criminal justice data policies and appropriates money for the continued development of CriMNet.

Section

- 1 **Required Fingerprinting.** Changes the law enforcement obligation to collect fingerprints and other identification data from a "duty" to a requirement. Provides the following additional triggering events for the taking of fingerprints: when a person appears in court on a charge of, is convicted of, or is adjudicated delinquent for targeted crimes. Under current law, the triggering event for taking fingerprints is an arrest. However, not all people charged with targeted crimes are immediately, or ever, arrested. Makes other technical changes.
- 2 **Identification Data Furnished to Bureau.** Makes technical and conforming changes related to section 1.
- 3 **Suspense File Reporting.** Requires the BCA to inform police departments, sheriff's offices, and other individuals or entities required to take fingerprints of the number of disposition records not linked to an arrest record. That is, requires the BCA to inform police departments of the number of files for which it ought to have fingerprints but does not. Requires reporting twice per year. Also requires immediate notice when a record without required fingerprints is received.
- 4 **CriMNet Data Access.** Permits the courts to access CriMNet data relating to an offender's conditions of release.
- 5 **Fingerprinting Required.** Requires courts to order certain offenders to report to law enforcement for fingerprinting and the collection of other identification data, unless already

collected or the offender is in custody. Provides that failure to report subjects a person to probation revocation, contempt of court, or another appropriate remedy. Clarifies that this section does not limit other state or local policies.

6 **Appropriations.**

Subd. 1. Supreme Court. Specifies an amount for the supreme court to continue development of CriMNet. Provides that this appropriation is not available until the chief justice has consulted with the commissioner of administration and entered into a memorandum of understanding with the commissioner regarding project management and integration of the project with existing systems.

Subd. 2. Department of Public Safety. Specifies an amount for DPS to continue development of CriMNet.

Subd. 3. Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Specifies an amount for the BCA for new positions dedicated to reducing and preventing "suspense files", and an amount to continue development of CriMNet.

Subd. 4. Department of Corrections. Specifies an amount for DOC for detention grants for the statewide supervision system, out-of-home placement system development, electronic probation file transfers, and to continue development of CriMNet.

Subd. 5. Availability of Money. Provides that the appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2003.

7 **Effective Dates.** Provides effective dates.