

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1605

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Creating a statewide justice information network.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy (originally sponsored by Representatives Ruderman, Anderson, Sullivan, Miloscia, Schual-Berke, Conway, O'Brien and Lovick).

**House Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy**  
**Senate Committee on Judiciary**  
**Senate Committee on Technology & Communications**

**Background:**

State and local law enforcement entities and courts store and track the justice information they generate. This information is entered into systems that allow law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and corrections officials access to justice information for background checks. There is no single storage system or source for statewide criminal justice information.

Justice information is stored on several different systems. Law enforcement and criminal justice entities must search each of these systems to obtain criminal background and justice information on individuals. A complete, statewide justice information check requires separate searches of each individual system.

**Summary:**

The Washington Integrated Justice Information Board (Board) is established to plan and develop a statewide justice information network.

The Board is composed of 22 members from law enforcement, local government, the courts, and the executive branch. The Board will coordinate and facilitate the development of an automated, single source for justice information that will deliver complete, accurate, and timely justice information.

The Board will report to the Governor, the Supreme Court, and the Legislature by September 1, 2004, and at least every two years thereafter with recommendations for changes and appropriations necessary to establish this system.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 93 0  
Senate 44 2 (Senate amended)  
House 97 0 (House concurred)

**Effective:** July 27, 2003