
HOUSE BILL 2465

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By Representative Gildon

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1 AN ACT Relating to collecting and publishing information
2 regarding prosecutorial filing policies and practices; and adding a
3 new chapter to Title 10 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) All elected city attorneys, who are
6 elected in accordance with the charter or code governing the
7 respective municipalities, and all county prosecutors shall:

8 (a) Track the number and types of criminal referrals received
9 from law enforcement agencies;

10 (b) Track the number and types of cases where charges are filed;

11 (c) Track the number and types of cases where charges are not
12 filed;

13 (d) Provide an annual summary, including a narrative explanation,
14 describing the trends in referrals and charges, as well as the
15 reasons for not charging cases, with reference to the types of cases
16 where charges are filed or not filed;

17 (e) Provide a copy of any filing standards or policies developed
18 or used by the city attorney or county prosecuting attorney and his
19 or her agents; and

20 (f) Submit all information collected and developed under (a)
21 through (d) of this subsection and any other information required by

1 the office of the attorney general under subsection (2) of this
2 section in accordance with the policies and deadlines established by
3 the office of the attorney general.

4 (2) The office of the attorney general shall collect information
5 from all elected city attorneys and county prosecuting attorneys
6 regarding criminal referrals and charges in accordance with
7 subsection (1) of this section. The office of the attorney general
8 shall develop additional policies for the purposes of carrying out
9 this section, including: Requiring information tracked under
10 subsection (1)(a) through (c) of this section to include information
11 as the type of criminal conduct, including, but not limited to,
12 applicable classification, violent and nonviolent offenses, sex
13 offenses, property offenses, drug offenses, and other appropriate
14 categories; requiring information to be provided in a certain format;
15 establishing deadlines for submitting the information, including on a
16 monthly, quarterly, or annual basis, as deemed appropriate by the
17 office of the attorney general; and establishing other policies
18 necessary for carrying out the requirements of this section.

19 (3) The office of the attorney general shall collect and compile
20 the information required under this section and publish an annual
21 report on its web site by February 28th, which must include the
22 information collected from the previous calendar year.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new
24 chapter in Title 10 RCW.

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