

1 SENATE BILL NO. 19

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3 BY REQUEST OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE STRUCTURE AND STAFFING OF
6 THE BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL; PROVIDING THAT THE BOARD IS ALLOCATED TO THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY; ALLOWING THE BOARD TO HIRE
8 ITS OWN PERSONNEL; ELIMINATING THE CRIME CONTROL BUREAU IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 2-15-2306, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 2-15-2307, MCA; AND
10 PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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14 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-2306, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"2-15-2306. Board of crime control -- composition -- allocation.** (1) There is a board of crime
16 control.

17 (2) The board is allocated to the department of ~~corrections~~ justice for administrative purposes only as
18 prescribed in 2-15-121. However, the board may hire its own personnel and 2-15-121(2)(d) does not apply.

19 (3) The board is composed of 18 members appointed by the governor in accordance with 2-15-124
20 and any special requirements of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, as amended. The
21 board must be representative of state and local law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, including
22 agencies directly related to the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, units of general local
23 government, and public agencies maintaining programs to reduce and control crime and must include
24 representatives of citizens and professional and community organizations, including organizations directly
25 related to delinquency prevention."
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27 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Transition -- implementation procedure -- legislative intent.** (1)

28 Except as provided in subsections (2) and (5), the provisions of 2-15-131 through 2-15-137 govern the transfer

1 of the board of crime control and the board's functions from the department of corrections to the department of
2 justice.

3 (2) The staff of the board of crime control, the department of justice, and the department of corrections
4 shall develop a transition plan to allow for the least impactful transition of the board to the department of justice.
5 The plan must be presented to the law and justice interim committee no later than June 30, 2021.

6 (3) From July 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, the staff of the board of crime control, in collaboration
7 with the department of justice, shall implement the plan to fully transition the board to the department of justice
8 by January 1, 2022, in a manner that ensures the least amount of:

- 9 (a) delay in grant recipients receiving funds;
- 10 (b) impact in reporting for affected grant recipients; and
- 11 (c) impact for transitioning grants between DUNS numbers with the federal government.

12 (4) To the extent transferring a grant from the department of corrections to the department of justice
13 jeopardizes the grant, as determined by the budget director, the grant may not be transferred to the department
14 of justice.

15 (5) It is the intent of the legislature that the board of crime control operate within its current level of
16 funding during the transition. Within those funds, the board may add or eliminate staff positions as the board
17 determines to be necessary, subject to the provisions of 2-15-131.

18 (6) The department of justice shall report at least three times to ~~each of the following committees~~ LAW
19 AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, on the progress of the transition
20 implementation: _

- 21 ~~(a) the legislative finance committee;~~
- 22 ~~(b) the legislative audit committee;~~
- 23 ~~(c) the law and justice interim committee; and~~
- 24 ~~(d) the local government interim committee.~~

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26 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is
27 repealed:

28 2-15-2307. Crime control bureau.

