

STRATEGIC PLANNING & ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

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Background Materials and Research

Topic Summary: Many federal, state, and local governments use various planning tools to improve performance and efficiency. In 1993, Congress passed the Government Performance and Results Act (GRPA) to improve strategic planning at the federal level.

In Montana, most statutory strategic planning is at the program level. However, the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is subject to certain strategic plan and performance measures under Title 2, chapter 15, part 22 (see [Ch. 185, L. 2003](#)). Originally, this bill was intended to apply to agencies beyond DPHHS, but after amendments, the final act applied only to DPHHS.

During the 2011-2012 interim, the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government met to examine the efficiency and effectiveness of state government in four broad areas: budgeting, health care, technology, and natural resources. The final report and committee page is linked below, and the committee page lists all legislation originating from this committee.

There are additional strategic planning requirements in statute for certain government entities, but they are often program specific, for instance strategic planning concerning information technology (see Title 2, chapter 17, part 5, MCA), certain school board requirements for certain funding (see sections 20-7-1506 and 20-7-1602, MCA), the Montana Indian language preservation program (see section 20-9-537), a 5-year DPHHS strategic plan to reduce child abuse and neglect (see section 41-3-122, MCA), a Department of Justice public safety communications system strategic plan (see section 44-4-1606, MCA), a strategic plan concerning the statewide public defender system (see section Title 47, chapter 1, MCA), a DPPHS strategic plan

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for the 2-1-1 service (*see* section 53-1-711, MCA), county, tribal, or regional jail diversion and crisis intervention services strategic plans (*see* 53-21-1203), an invasive species strategic plan (*see* section 80-7-1006, MCA), an upland game bird enhancement program 10-year strategic plan (*see* section 87-1-251, MCA).

Legislative Services Division Materials:

[Study Resources Page](#) for the 2011-2012 Select Committee on Efficiency in Government
[Final Report of the Select Committee on Efficiency in Government \(2012\)](#)

[Performance Measurement – Best Practice to Ensure State Agency Accountability, Economy, Efficiency, and Effectiveness – LFC Report \(2007\)](#)

Other Materials:

[National Program Evaluation Society \(NCSL\)](#)

[National Legislative Program Evaluation Society: Training Resources \(NCSL\)](#)

Introduced Legislation:

2019

[Senate Bill 19](#) -- (S) Died in Standing Committee -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PERFORM INVESTIGATIONS AND BRING ACTIONS AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND AUDITORS WITH RESPECT TO AUDITS; REQUIRING SPECIAL AUDITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE CITY OR COUNTY ATTORNEY IF A SHORTAGE IS FOUND BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR; PROVIDING AUDIT TIMELINES; REQUIRING THE STOPPAGE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING A TAXPAYER WITH AN INDEPENDENT CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; ALLOWING A RECEIVER TO BE APPOINTED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO COMPEL ACTION BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; IMPOSING MANDATORY DUTIES ON CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE OFFICERS; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-503, 2-7-506, 2-7-508, 2-7-511, 2-7-515, 2-7-517, AND 7-6-611, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE

[Senate Bill 302](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES; PROVIDING AUDIT TIMELINES; REQUIRING THE STOPPAGE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING AN INDEPENDENT CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY; ALLOWING A FINANCIAL RECEIVER TO BE APPOINTED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-515, 7-6-611, AND 15-1-121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.

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2017

2015

2013

[House Bill 83](#) -- (H) Died in Standing Committee -- A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO MEASURE THE OUTCOMES OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; REQUIRING REPORTING OF THE OUTCOMES; AMENDING SECTION 52-2-311, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

[House Bill 100](#) -- (H) Vetoed by Governor -- AN ACT CREATING A PILOT PROJECT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN MEDICAID PROVIDERS BASED ON PERFORMANCE; CREATING A PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE TASK FORCE; ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF A PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE MODEL; REQUIRING DATA COLLECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.

[Senate Joint Resolution 13](#) -- (S) Filed with Secretary of State -- A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TO STUDY AND ADOPT GOALS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES DIRECTED AT INCREASING COLLEGE COMPLETION RATES; REQUESTING THAT THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR; PROVIDING THE PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO BE STUDIED; AND REQUESTING THAT REPORTS BE PROVIDED TO THE 64TH LEGISLATURE, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

2011

[House Bill 642](#) -- Chapter Number Assigned -- AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SELECT COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE