

1 **** BILL NO. ****
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTS TO
6 THE LEGISLATURE; UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE
7 CLEARINGHOUSE; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; REVISING DATE REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING
8 SECTIONS 5-11-210, MCA; PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Reports to legislature. (1) (a) Except as provided in subsections (1)(b)**
13 **and (7), a report to the legislature means a biennial report required by the legislature and filed in accordance**
14 **with 5-11-210 on or before September 1 of each year preceding the convening of a regular session of the**
15 **legislature.**

16 (b) If otherwise required in law, a report may be required more or less frequently than the biennial
17 requirement in subsection (1)(a).

18 **(2) Reports to the legislature include the following:**

19 (a) an annual report on the unified investment program for public funds and public retirement systems
20 and state compensation insurance fund assets audits from the board of investments in accordance with Article
21 VIII, section 13, of the Montana constitution;

22 (b) federal mandates requirements from the governor in accordance with 2-1-407;

23 (c) activities of the state records committee in accordance with 2-6-1108;

24 (d) revenue studies from the director of revenue, if completed, in accordance with 2-7-104;

25 (e) legislative audit reports from the legislative audit division in accordance with 2-8-112;

26 (f) progress on gender and racial balance from the governor in accordance with 2-15-108;

27 (g) a mental health report from the ombudsman in accordance with 2-15-210;

28 (h) policies related to children and families from the interagency coordinating council for state

- 1 prevention in accordance with 2-15-225;
- 2 (i) watercourse name changes, if any, from the secretary of state in accordance with 2-15-401;
- 3 (j) results of programs established in 2-15-3111 through 2-15-3113 from the livestock loss board in
- 4 accordance with 2-15-3113;
- 5 (k) information technology activities in accordance with 2-17-512;
- 6 (l) the state strategic information technology plan and biennial report from the department of
- 7 administration in accordance with 2-17-521 and 2-17-522;
- 8 (m) statistical and other data related to business transacted by the courts from the court administrator,
- 9 if requested, in accordance with 3-1-702;
- 10 (n) the judicial standards commission report in accordance with 3-1-1126;
- 11 (o) reports from standing, interim, and administrative committees, if prepared, in accordance with 2-17-
- 12 825, 5-5-216, and 5-5-224;
- 13 (p) reports prepared by the legislative fiscal analyst, and as determined by the fiscal analyst, in
- 14 accordance with 5-12-302(4);
- 15 (q) school funding commission reports each fifth interim in accordance with 5-20-301;
- 16 (r) a report regarding the youth voting program, if requested, from the secretary of state in accordance
- 17 with 13-22-108;
- 18 (s) a report from the commissioner of political practices, if requested, in accordance with 13-37-120;
- 19 (t) a report concerning taxable value from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-1-205;
- 20 (u) a report on tax credits from the revenue interim committee in accordance with 15-30-2303;
- 21 (v) a report of local government entities that have balances contrary to limitations provided for in 17-2-
- 22 302 or that failed to reduce the charge from the department of administration in accordance with 17-2-304;
- 23 (w) an annual report from the board of investments in accordance with 17-5-1650(2);
- 24 (x) a report on retirement system trust investments and benefits from the board of investments in
- 25 accordance with 17-6-230;
- 26 (y) actuary reports and investigations for public retirement systems from the public employees'
- 27 retirement board in accordance with 19-2-405;
- 28 (z) a work report from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-2-407;

- 1 (aa) annual actuarial reports and evaluations from the teacher's retirement board in accordance with
- 2 19-20-201;
- 3 (bb) reports from the state director of K-12 career and vocational and technical education, as
- 4 requested, in accordance with 20-7-308;
- 5 (cc) 5-year state plan for career and technical education reports from the board of regents in
- 6 accordance with 20-7-330;
- 7 (dd) a gifted and talented students' report from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-7-
- 8 904;
- 9 (ee) status changes for at-risk students from the office of public instruction in accordance with 20-9-
- 10 328;
- 11 (ff) changes in status for American Indian students from the office of public instruction in accordance
- 12 with 20-9-330;
- 13 (gg) reports regarding Indian language preservation programs from the state tribal economic
- 14 development commission in accordance with 20-9-537;
- 15 (hh) expenditures and activities of the Montana agricultural experiment stations and cooperative
- 16 extension service, as requested, in accordance with 20-25-236;
- 17 (ii) reports, if requested by the legislature, from the president of each of the units of the higher
- 18 education system in accordance with 20-25-305;
- 19 (jj) reports from the Montana historical society trustees in accordance with 22-3-107;
- 20 (kk) a report on financial activities during the prior biennium from the Montana heritage preservation
- 21 and development commission in accordance with 22-3-1003;
- 22 (ll) an annual lottery audit from the legislative auditor in accordance with 23-7-410;
- 23 (mm) an economic development report from the department of administration in accordance with 32-
- 24 11-306;
- 25 (nn) state fund reports, if required, from the commissioner in accordance with 33-1-115;
- 26 (oo) reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-6-101;
- 27 (pp) Montana EARN program reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance with 39-
- 28 11-306;

- 1 (qq) victim unemployment benefits reports from the department of labor and industry in accordance
2 with 39-51-2111;
- 3 (rr) state fund business reports in accordance with 39-71-2363;
- 4 (ss) authorized insurer risk reports from the state fund in accordance with 39-71-2375;
- 5 (tt) child custody reports from the office of the court administrator in accordance with 41-3-1004;
- 6 (uu) reports of remission of fine or forfeiture, respite, commutation, or pardon granted from the governor
7 in accordance with 46-23-316;
- 8 (vv) a trauma care systems report from the department of public health and human services in
9 accordance with 50-6-402;
- 10 (ww) medical marijuana reports from the department of public health and human services in
11 accordance with 50-46-343(3);
- 12 (xx) an older Montanans trust fund report from the department of public health and human services in
13 accordance with 52-3-115;
- 14 (yy) Montana criminal justice oversight council reports in accordance with 53-1-216;
- 15 (zz) a compliance and inspection report from the department of corrections in accordance with 53-30-
16 604;
- 17 (aaa) a report from the Flathead basin commission in accordance with 75-7-304;
- 18 (bbb) a report from the board of land commissioners, if prepared, in accordance with 76-12-109;
- 19 (ccc) an annual state trust land report from the board of land commissioners in accordance with 77-1-
20 223;
- 21 (ddd) a noxious weed report, if prepared, from the department of agriculture in accordance with 80-7-
22 713;
- 23 (eee) state water plans from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with
24 85-1-203;
- 25 (fff) water storage projects from the governor's office in accordance with 85-1-704;
- 26 (ggg) Upper Clark Fork river basin steering committee reports, if prepared, in accordance with 85-2-
27 338;
- 28 (hhh) private land/public wildlife advisory committee reports in accordance with 87-1-269;

1 (iii) a future fisheries improvement program report from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
2 accordance with 87-1-272;

3 (jjj) license revenue recommendations from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance
4 with 87-1-629;

5 (kkk) land information data reports from the state library in accordance with 90-1-404;

6 (lll) an annual report from the pacific northwest electric power and conservation planning council in
7 accordance with 90-4-403;

8 (mmm) veterans' home loan mortgage loan reports from the board of housing in accordance with 90-6-
9 604;

10 (nnn) matching infrastructure planning grant awards by the department of commerce in accordance
11 with 90-6-703(3); and

12 (ooo) treasure state endowment program reports from the department of commerce in accordance with
13 90-6-710.

14 **(3) Reports to the legislature include reports made to interim committees as follows:**

15 (a) Reports to the law and justice interim committee include:

16 (i) findings of the domestic violence fatality review commission in accordance with 2-15-2017;

17 (ii) reports from the department of justice and public safety officer standards and training council in
18 accordance with 2-15-2029;

19 (iii) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
20 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;

21 (iv) information on the False Claims Act from the department of justice in accordance with 17-8-416;

22 (v) child abuse and neglect review commission reports in accordance with 41-3-123;

23 (vi) annual case status reports from the attorney general in accordance with 41-3-210;

24 (vii) office of court administrator reports in accordance with 41-5-2003;

25 (viii) statewide public safety communications systems activities from the department of justice in
26 accordance with 44-4-1606;

27 (ix) restorative justice grant program status and performance from the board of crime control in
28 accordance with 44-7-302;

- 1 (x) supervision response grid reports from the department of corrections in accordance with 46-23-
2 1028;
- 3 (xi) statewide public defender reports and information from the office of state public defender in
4 accordance with 47-1-125;
- 5 (xii) a percentage change in public defender funding report from the legislative fiscal analyst in
6 accordance with 47-1-125;
- 7 (xiii) every 5 years, statewide public defender reports on the percentage change in funding from the
8 office of state public defender in accordance with 47-1-125; and
- 9 (xiv) a report from the quality assurance unit of the department of corrections in accordance with 53-1-
10 211.
- 11 (b) Reports to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee include:
- 12 (i) information technology activities and additional information from the board of information technology
13 in accordance with 2-17-512 and 2-17-513;
- 14 (ii) requests to review capitol complex matters from the capitol complex advisory council in accordance
15 with 2-17-804;
- 16 (iii) a report of employee incentive grant awards from the department of administration in accordance
17 with 2-18-1103;
- 18 (iv) a board of veterans' affairs report in accordance with 10-2-102;
- 19 (v) reports on grants to the Montana civil air patrol from the department of military affairs in accordance
20 with 10-3-802;
- 21 (vi) a report on retirement system trust investments and benefits from the board of investments in
22 accordance with 17-6-230;
- 23 (vii) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
24 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 25 (viii) actuarial valuations and reports from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with
26 19-2-405 and 19-3-117;
- 27 (ix) actuarial valuations and reports from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-201
28 and 19-20-216;

- 1 (x) reemployment of retired teachers and specialist reports from the retirement board in accordance
2 with 19-20-732;
- 3 (xi) state lottery reports in accordance with 23-7-202; and
4 (xii) changes, if any, to the Uniform Commercial Code from the secretary of state in accordance with
5 30-9A-527.
- 6 (c) Reports to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee include:
7 (i) performance data from the department of public health and human services in accordance with 2-15-
8 2225;
- 9 (ii) quarterly reports on data requirements from the department of public health and human services in
10 accordance with 5-12-303;
- 11 (iii) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
12 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 13 (iv) annual reports from the board of medical examiners in accordance with 37-3-203;
14 (v) drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;
- 15 (vi) Montana HELP Act workforce development reports from the department of public health and human
16 services in accordance with 39-12-103;
- 17 (vii) child abuse and neglect review commission reports in accordance with 41-3-122 and 41-3-123;
18 (viii) annual reports from the child and family ombudsman in accordance with 41-3-1211;
- 19 (ix) medical marijuana inspection reports from the department of public health and human services in
20 accordance with 50-46-329;
- 21 (x) medical marijuana reports from department of public health and human services and the board of
22 medical examiners in accordance with 50-46-343;
- 23 (xi) out-of-state placement and monitoring information from the department of public health and human
24 services in accordance with 52-2-311;
- 25 (xii) private alternative adolescent program reports from the department of public health and human
26 services in accordance with 52-2-803;
- 27 (xiii) Social Security Act waiver proposals from the department of public health and human services in
28 accordance with 53-2-215(18);

- 1 (xiv) an annual Montana parents as scholars program report from the department of public health and
2 human services in accordance with 53-4-209;
- 3 (xv) a report concerning mental health managed care services, if managed care is in place, from the
4 advisory council in accordance with 53-6-710;
- 5 (xvi) quarterly medicaid reports related to expansion from the department of health and human services
6 in accordance with 53-6-1325;
- 7 (xvii) annual Montana developmental center reports from the department of health and human services
8 in accordance with 53-20-225;
- 9 (xviii) annual reports on children's mental health outcomes from the department of health and human
10 services in accordance with 53-21-508; and
- 11 (xix) suicide reduction plans from the department of public health and human services in accordance
12 with 53-21-1102.
- 13 (d) Reports to the economic affairs interim committee include:
- 14 (i) the annual state compensation insurance fund budget from the board of directors in accordance with
15 5-5-223;
- 16 (ii) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
17 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 18 (iii) a historic preservation office report from the historic preservation office in accordance with 22-3-
19 423;
- 20 (iv) an annual report on the heritage commission administrative rate from the department of commerce
21 and the Montana heritage preservation and development commission in accordance with 22-3-1002;
- 22 (v) state fund reports from the commissioner of insurance in accordance with 33-1-115;
- 23 (vi) annual reinsurance reports from the Montana reinsurance association board in accordance with 33-
24 22-1308;
- 25 (vii) reports from the department of labor and industry concerning board attendance in accordance with
26 37-1-107;
- 27 (viii) drug registry reports from the board of pharmacy in accordance with 37-7-1514;
- 28 (ix) authorized insurer risk reports, if required, from the state fund in accordance with 39-71-2375;

1 (x) recertification requirements and online training for pesticide applicators from the department of
2 agriculture in accordance with 80-8-209; and

3 (xi) status reports on the distressed wood products industry revolving loan program from the
4 department of commerce in accordance with 90-1-503.

5 (e) Reports to the education interim committee include:

6 (i) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
7 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139 and district budget amendments in accordance with 20-9-161;

8 (ii) reemployment of retired teachers and specialist reports from the retirement board in accordance
9 with 19-20-732;

10 (iii) a report on participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
11 in accordance with 20-1-231;

12 (iv) standards of accreditation proposals and economic impact statements from the board of public
13 education in accordance with 20-7-101;

14 (v) advance opportunity program reports from the board of public education in accordance with 20-7-
15 1506;

16 (vi) progress on transformational learning plans from the board of public education in accordance with
17 20-7-1602;

18 (vii) exceptions taken to certain educational funding requirements in accordance with 20-9-323;

19 (viii) annual Montana resident student financial aid program reports from the commissioner of higher
20 education in accordance with 20-26-105; and

21 (ix) interdisciplinary child information agreement reports from the office of public instruction in
22 accordance with 52-2-211.

23 (f) Reports to the energy and telecommunications interim committee include:

24 (i) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
25 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;

26 (ii) the high-performance building report from the department of administration in accordance with 17-7-
27 214;

28 (iii) an annual report from the consumer counsel in accordance with 69-1-222;

- 1 (iv) annual universal system benefits reports from utilities, electric cooperatives, and the department of
- 2 revenue in accordance with 69-8-402;
- 3 (v) small-scale hydroelectric power generation reports from the department of natural resources and
- 4 conservation in accordance with 85-1-501; and
- 5 (vi) geothermal reports from the bureau of mines and geology in accordance with 90-3-1301.
- 6 (g) Reports to the revenue interim committee include:
- 7 (i) use of the qualified endowment tax credit report from the department of revenue in accordance with
- 8 15-1-230;
- 9 (ii) property exempt from property taxation reports from the department of revenue in accordance with
- 10 15-6-232;
- 11 (iii) tax rates for the upcoming reappraisal cycle from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-
- 12 7-111;
- 13 (iv) gray water system property tax abatement usage reports from the department of revenue in
- 14 accordance with 15-24-3211;
- 15 (v) student scholarship contributions from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-30-3112;
- 16 (vi) tax havens from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-31-322;
- 17 (vii) media production tax credit economic impact reports from the department of commerce in
- 18 accordance with 15-31-1011;
- 19 (viii) biodiesel tax credits from the department of revenue in accordance with 15-32-703;
- 20 (ix) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
- 21 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 22 (x) reports that actual or project receipts will result in less revenue than estimated from the office of
- 23 budget and program planning, if necessary, in accordance with 17-7-140; and
- 24 (xi) medical marijuana reports required in accordance with 50-46-343.
- 25 (h) Reports to the transportation interim committee include:
- 26 (i) biodiesel tax refunds from the department of transportation in accordance with 15-70-433;
- 27 (ii) cooperative agreement negotiations from the department of transportation in accordance with 15-
- 28 70-450;

- 1 (iii) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
- 2 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 3 (iv) an annual alternative project delivery contracting report from the department of transportation in
- 4 accordance with 60-2-119; and
- 5 (v) a special fuels inspection report from the department of transportation in accordance with 61-10-
- 6 154.
- 7 (i) Reports to the environmental quality council include:
- 8 (i) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
- 9 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 10 (ii) enforcement and compliance reports required in accordance with 75-1-314;
- 11 (iii) the state solid waste management and resource recovery plan, every 5 years, from the department
- 12 of environmental quality in accordance with 75-10-111;
- 13 (iv) annual orphan share reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-
- 14 10-743;
- 15 (v) Libby asbestos superfund oversight committee reports in accordance with 75-10-1601;
- 16 (vi) annual subdivision sanitation reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance
- 17 with 76-4-116;
- 18 (vii) annual sage grouse oversight team reports and biennial staffing reports in accordance with 76-22-
- 19 118;
- 20 (viii) state trust land accessibility reports from the department of natural resources and conservation in
- 21 accordance with 77-1-820;
- 22 (ix) annual state land banking reports and cabin and home site sales reports from the department of
- 23 natural resources and conservation in accordance with 77-2-366;
- 24 (x) biannual invasive species reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with
- 25 80-7-1006;
- 26 (xi) annual upper Columbia conservation commission reports in accordance with 80-7-1026;
- 27 (xii) annual invasive species council reports in accordance with 80-7-1203;
- 28 (xiii) annual sage grouse population reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in

- 1 accordance with 87-1-201;
- 2 (xiv) upland game bird reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-1-
- 3 250;
- 4 (x) annual gray wolf management reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance
- 5 with 87-1-901;
- 6 (xi) special license reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 87-2-702;
- 7 and
- 8 (xii) Montana wildlife habitat improvement reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in
- 9 accordance with 87-5-807.
- 10 (j) Reports to the water policy interim committee include:
- 11 (i) drought and water supply advisory committee reports in accordance with 2-15-3308;
- 12 (ii) changes in operating budgets and transfers for agencies under the committee's purview in
- 13 accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 14 (iii) nutrient standards reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with 75-5-
- 15 313;
- 16 (iv) total maximum daily load reports from the department of environmental quality in accordance with
- 17 75-5-703;
- 18 (v) state water plans from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-
- 19 1-203;
- 20 (vi) small-scale hydroelectric power generation reports from the department of natural resources and
- 21 conservation in accordance with 85-1-501;
- 22 (vii) renewable resource grant and loan program reports from the department of natural resources and
- 23 conservation in accordance with 85-1-621;
- 24 (viii) quarterly adjudication reports from the department of natural resources and conservation and
- 25 water court in accordance with 85-2-281;
- 26 (ix) water reservation reports from the department of natural resources and conservation in accordance
- 27 with 85-2-316;
- 28 (x) instream flow reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance with 85-2-436;

1 and

2 (xi) ground water investigation program reports from the bureau of mines and geology in accordance
3 with 85-2-525.

4 (k) Reports to the local government interim committee include:

5 (i) assistance to local governments on federal land management proposals from the department of
6 commerce in accordance with 90-1-182; and

7 (ii) reports on emergency financial assistance to local governments from the department of commerce
8 in accordance with 90-6-703(2).

9 (l) Reports to the state-tribal relations interim committee include:

10 (i) the Montana Indian language preservation program report from the state-tribal economic
11 development commission in accordance with 20-9-537;

12 (ii) a decennial report on the economic contributions and impacts of Indian reservations from the
13 department of commerce in accordance with 90-1-105;

14 (iii) state-tribal economic development commission reports on commission activities in accordance with
15 90-1-132; and

16 (iv) state-tribal economic development commission reports provided regularly by the state director of
17 Indian affairs in accordance with 90-11-102.

18 (4) (a) Except as provided in subsections (4)(b) and (7) and unless otherwise required by law, a report
19 made to the legislature in accordance with subsection (3) may be provided orally before September 1 of each
20 year preceding the convening of a regular session of the legislature and in accordance with 5-11-210(1)(b).

21 (b) After receiving an oral report, an interim committee responsible for receiving the report may request
22 that a written report be filed with the legislature in accordance with 5-11-210(1)(a).

23 (c) This section may not be interpreted to preclude an interim committee from requesting and receiving
24 updates and information on a more frequent basis.

25 (5) Reports to the legislature include reports to the fiscal analyst in accordance with 5-12-302(7) and
26 reports to the legislative finance committee, including:

27 (a) the allocation of space report from the department of administration required in accordance with 2-
28 17-101;

- 1 (b) state strategic information technology plan exceptions from the department of administration in
- 2 accordance with 2-17-515;
- 3 (c) quarterly reports on data requirements from the department of public health and human services in
- 4 accordance with 5-12-303;
- 5 (d) annual state agency reports on grants awarded in the previous fiscal year, in accordance with 5-12-
- 6 208;
- 7 (e) if a waste of state resources occurs, a report from the legislative state auditor, in accordance with 5-
- 8 13-311;
- 9 (f) annual reports on general fund and non-general fund encumbrances from the department of
- 10 administration in accordance with 17-1-102;
- 11 (g) loans or loan extensions authorized for two consecutive fiscal years from the department of
- 12 administration and office of commissioner of higher education, including negative cash balances from the
- 13 commissioner of higher education, in accordance with 17-2-107;
- 14 (h) annual reports on accounts with cash balances in excess of statutory limits from the office of budget
- 15 program planning in accordance with 17-2-304;
- 16 (i) general fund unaudited ending fund balances from the department of administration in accordance
- 17 with 17-7-130;
- 18 (j) changes in operating budgets and transfers in accordance with 17-7-138 and 17-7-139;
- 19 (k) recommendations for reductions in spending and related analysis in accordance with 17-7-140;
- 20 (l) a statewide facility inventory and condition assessment from the department of administration in
- 21 accordance with 17-7-202;
- 22 (m) reports on new accounts in the enterprise fund and internal services funds from the department of
- 23 administration, when required, in accordance with 17-8-101;
- 24 (n) actuary valuation reports from the public employees' retirement board in accordance with 19-3-117;
- 25 (o) actuarial reports from the teachers' retirement board in accordance with 19-20-216;
- 26 (p) proposals for funding community colleges in accordance with 20-15-309;
- 27 (q) Montana HELP Act workforce development reports from the department of public health and human
- 28 services in accordance with 39-12-103;

- 1 (r) child abuse and neglect review commission reports in accordance with 41-3-122;
- 2 (s) annual statewide public defender reports from the office of public defender in accordance with 47-1-
- 3 125;
- 4 (t) medicaid block grant reports from the department of public health and human services in
- 5 accordance with 53-1-611;
- 6 (u) an annual Montana parents as scholars program from the department of public health and human
- 7 services in accordance with 53-4-209;
- 8 (v) medicaid funding reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance
- 9 with 53-6-110;
- 10 (w) proposals regarding managed care for medicaid recipients, if required, from the department of
- 11 public health and human services in accordance with 53-6-116;
- 12 (x) quarterly medicaid reports from the department of public health and human services in accordance
- 13 with 53-6-1325;
- 14 (y) emergency medical services grants from the department of transportation in accordance with 61-2-
- 15 109;
- 16 (z) annual financial reports on the environmental contingency account from the department of
- 17 environmental quality in accordance with 75-1-1101;
- 18 (aa) biannual invasive species reports from the department of fish, wildlife, and parks in accordance
- 19 with 80-7-1006;
- 20 (bb) reports on the allocation of renewable resources grants and loans for emergencies from the
- 21 department of natural resources and conservation in accordance with 85-1-605; and
- 22 (cc) emergency financial assistance to local government reports from the department of commerce in
- 23 accordance with 90-6-703.
- 24 **(6) Reports to the legislature include multistate compact and agreement reports, including:**
- 25 (a) Multistate Tax Compact reports in accordance with 15-1-601;
- 26 (b) Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children reports in accordance with 20-1-
- 27 230 and 20-1-231;
- 28 (c) Compact for Education reports in accordance with 20-2-501;

- 1 (d) Western Regional Higher Education Compact reports in accordance with 20-25-801;
- 2 (e) Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact reports in accordance with 33-39-101;
- 3 (f) Interstate Medical Licensure Compact reports in accordance with 37-3-356;
- 4 (g) Interstate Compact on Juveniles reports in accordance with 41-6-101;
- 5 (h) Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision reports in accordance with 46-23-1115;
- 6 (i) Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact reports in accordance with 61-2-201;
- 7 (j) Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement reports in accordance with 61-10-1101; and
- 8 (k) Western Interstate Nuclear Compact reports in accordance with 90-5-201.
- 9 (7) Reports, transfers, statements, assessments, and changes required under 17-6-230, 17-7-138, 17-
- 10 7-139, 17-7-140, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, 19-3-117, 19-20-201, 19-20-216, 20-7-101, 23-7-202, 33-1-115, and 39-
- 11 71-2375 must be provided as soon as the report is published.

Section 2. Section 5-11-210, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-11-210. Clearinghouse for reports to legislature. ~~(1) For the purposes of this section, "report" means a written report required by law to be given to or filed with the legislature.~~

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~~(1) (a) On or before September 1 of each year preceding the convening of a regular session of the legislature Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c), an entity required to report to the legislature in accordance with [section 1] shall provide, in writing, to the appropriate interim or statutory committee to the executive director ~~in~~ of the legislative services division:~~

~~(a)(i) the final title of the report;~~

~~(b)(ii) an abstract or description of the contents of the report, not to exceed 40050 words, including reference to the statute establishing the required report;~~

~~(c)(iii) if the report is available electronically, its location on the internet and an electronic copy of the report; and~~

~~(d)(iv) a recommendation on how many paper copies of the report, if any, should be provided to the unless provided electronically in accordance with subsection (1)(a)(iii), a hardcopy hard copy of the report with a recommendation on how many additional hard copies should be printed for the legislature.~~

1 (b) If an oral report is provided in accordance with [section 1(4)(a)], the reporting entity shall provide to
2 the executive director ~~in~~ of the legislative services division:

3 (i) the title of the report given;

4 (ii) a description of the report, not to exceed 50 words, including reference to the statute establishing
5 the required report; and

6 (iii) the date the report was provided to an interim committee.

7 (c) If a report is provided to the fiscal analyst or finance committee in accordance with [section 1(5)], the
8 legislative fiscal division shall provide to the executive director of the legislative services division ~~with~~:

9 (i) the title of the report and a description of the report, not to exceed 50 words, including reference to
10 the statute establishing the requirements;

11 (ii) the date the report was received; and

12 (iii) where the report may be obtained, if requested by a legislator.

13 ~~.(3) After considering all of the information available about the report, including the number of~~
14 ~~legislators requesting copies of the report pursuant to subsection (7), the appropriate interim or statutory~~
15 ~~committee shall, in writing, direct the reporting entity to provide a specific number of paper copies. The number~~
16 ~~of copies required is at the sole discretion of the appropriate interim or statutory committee. The appropriate~~
17 ~~interim or statutory committee may require the reporting entity to mail the copies of the report.~~

18 ~~(4)(2) The appropriate interim or statutory committee legislative services division may require that the~~
19 ~~a hardcopy ~~hard-copy~~ report provided in accordance with subsection (1)(a)(iv) also be submitted in an~~
20 ~~electronic format ~~that is usable on the legislature's current computer hardware or in a digital form.~~~~

21 ~~(5)(3) Costs of preparing and distributing a report to the legislature, including writing, printing,~~
22 ~~postage, distribution, and all other costs, accrue to the reporting agency. Costs incurred in meeting the~~
23 ~~requirements of this section may not accrue to the legislative services division.~~

24 ~~(6)(4) The executive director of the legislative services division shall ~~cause to be prepared~~ prepare a~~
25 ~~list of all reports required to be presented to the legislature ~~from the list of titles received under subsection (2) in~~~~
26 ~~accordance with [section 1].~~

27 ~~(7)(5) (a) The executive director shall, as soon as possible following a general election, provide to~~
28 ~~each holdover senator, senator-elect, and representative-elect a list of the ~~titles of the reports, along with the~~~~

1 ~~abstracts prepared pursuant to subsection (2)(b), and the location of electronic copies reports available.~~
2 Legislators may then request copies of reports included on the list.
3 ~~(8)(b)~~ The executive director of the legislative services division shall provide either hard copies or
4 electronic copies of reports requested pursuant to subsection ~~(7)-(5)(a) to these members or members elect by~~
5 either ~~requiring that copies be mailed pursuant to subsection (3) by~~ providing links to electronic copies or audio
6 recordings of oral reports, or by delivering hard copies of the reports during the first week of the legislative
7 session.

8 ~~(9) The executive director of the legislative services division may keep as many copies of a report as~~
9 ~~are necessary and discard the rest or return them to the agency.~~

10 ~~(10) The procedure outlined in this section may also be used for a report required to be made to the~~
11 ~~legislature under the Multistate Tax Compact contained in 15-1-601, the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact~~
12 ~~contained in 61-2-201, the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement contained in 61-10-1101, or the~~
13 ~~Western Interstate Nuclear Compact contained in 90-5-201.~~

14 ~~(11) Each report to the legislature required under 17-6-230, 19-2-405, 19-2-407, and 19-20-201 must~~
15 ~~be provided to the legislative services division as soon as the report is published. The legislative services~~
16 ~~division shall ensure that legislators are notified pursuant to this section of the report's availability. During the~~
17 ~~interim, the legislative services division shall ensure that members of the state administration and veterans'~~
18 ~~affairs interim committee and the legislative finance committee receive copies of the reports."~~

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