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## **MEMO**

TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee

- FROM: Attorney General's Office
- RE: Report pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 41-3-210(4)
- DATE: September 1, 2023

On behalf of the Attorney General, and pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-210(4), please find attached three pages that constitutes the "aggregated information regarding the status of the cases reported by the county attorneys, including data on the total number of cases reported, the number of cases declined for prosecution, and the number of cases charged."

The data collected shows a total of 1,346 cases reported by 32 counties. This is an improvement from 2022 where only 25 counties reported.

With the upcoming statutory changes in reporting, new reporting forms are in the process of being created and instructions will be given to all counties to give guidance on how to fill out the forms and frequency of reporting.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding this data.

Enc.

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