PUBLIC SAFETY
The 2040 MARA model will be broken into “modules”. The modules reflect different aspects of the revenues and expenditures of state government, local government, and school districts. The diagram below shows the revenue components in green and the expenditure components in blue. The public safety module will encompass correctional facilities and the criminal justice system.

Modules

Data Driven
All modules will rely on a consistent set of data used to keep the model assumptions consistent through all modules. Examples are econometric data from IHS Markit, Regional Economic Models, Inc (REMI), and others. The graphic depicts the flow of data into the model, scenarios, and the modeled outputs.
**Public Safety – Criminal Justice System Process**

The criminal justice system process will begin with the following tasks:

- Gather these data:
  - past 20 years of Departments of Corrections and Justice, Office of Public Defender, and Judicial Branch revenues and expenditures by fiscal year
  - Caseload data
  - Judges caseloads
  - Crime rate statistics
  - Facility needs strategic master planning report
  - Population growth/decline at facilities like WATCh, etc.

- Reach out to stakeholders: Departments of Corrections and Justice, Office of Public Defender, Judicial Branch, Governor’s Office of Budget and Program Planning, Law and Justice Interim Committee, Criminal Justice Oversight Council, Section D Interim Budget Committee

- Develop a small group of experts for sounding board

**Analysis:** evaluate the data with ideas from stakeholders and experts, consider how to incorporate changes in technology, population, etc. into the module.

**Timeline for Completion**

- **April – May 2022**
  - Building Model
    - Data collection
    - Data categorization
    - Module development

- **June – July 2022**
  - Preliminary Model Complete
    - First draft of model and property tax look forward
    - First look for legislative committees
    - Analyze assumptions with experts

- **August – September 2022**
  - Final Draft of Model
    - Second look for legislative committees
    - Final changes

- **October 2022**
  - Model Complete
    - Final MARA committee discussion
    - Legislation of Interim Committees

The first draft of the model will be available in June. Additional legislator, stakeholder, and expert feedback will be sought during the summer months for suggested improvements to the model. The final version of the model is expected in early September. If you have questions about the modules or final model, or would like to provide feedback, please contact Susie Lindsay at slindsay@mt.gov.