



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE SMART ACT; REQUIRING DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE ANNUAL PLANS EACH YEAR; REQUIRING DEPARTMENTS TO INCLUDE PROGRAM-LEVEL INITIATIVES IN THE REPORT; AMENDING SECTION 2-12-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 2-12-104, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-12-104. Annual plan.** (1) Each department shall produce an annual plan no later than September 1, 2023.

(2) Each department shall publish a subsequent annual plan no later than September 1 ~~every 2~~ years afterward each year.

(3) At a minimum, an annual plan must include the following components:

(a) a description of the functions and divisions of the department, including a discussion of the department's priorities;

(b) initiatives of the department for each program, as that term is used in ~~17-7-111~~, that reflect the benefits and outcomes the department expects to achieve on behalf of the public or specific groups through its divisions; and

(c) specific and measurable performance measures for its initiatives, including the preferred outcomes and outputs with respect to each initiative.

(4) Performance measures must:

(a) be tracked on an ongoing basis;

(b) assess a department's preferred outcomes and outputs;

(c) be quantitative when possible; and

(d) be designed to provide meaningful and useful information to policymakers and the public.

- (5) The annual plan adopted by a department must be posted on the websites of the department."

**Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 692, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 692

INTRODUCED BY B. MERCER

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