RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM; REQUIRING THE NEW MEXICO
SENTENCING COMMISSION TO CREATE A DATA-SHARING NETWORK FOR
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA; ADDING THREE MEMBERS TO THE NEW MEXICO
SENTENCING COMMISSION; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE MENTAL
HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CODE; SPECIFYING THAT
PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND PALM PRINTS ARE BIOMETRIC
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF AN ARRESTED PERSON; PROVIDING
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTENT AND DISPOSITION OF ARREST
RECORDS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SHARE
DATA WITH THE NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION; ENACTING THE
CRIME REDUCTION GRANT ACT; CREATING CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COORDINATING COUNCILS IN EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; REQUIRING
CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO ISSUE RULES AND REPORT ANNUALLY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-3-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 257, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"9-3-10. NEW MEXICO SENTENCING COMMISSION--CREATION-MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--

- A. There is created the "New Mexico sentencing commission".
- B. The New Mexico sentencing commission shall be composed of twenty-seven members. Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The

1	commission shall reflect reasonable geographical and urban-	
2	rural balances and regard for the incidence of crime and the	
3	distribution and concentration of law enforcement services in	
4	the state. The commission shall consist of the following	
5	individuals or their designees:	
6	(1) the attorney general;	
7	(2) a district attorney appointed by the New	
8	Mexico district attorney's association or its successor	
9	agency;	
10	(3) the chief public defender;	
11	(4) two district court judges, one of whom	
12	shall be a children's court judge, appointed by the district	
13	and metropolitan judges association or its successor agency;	
14	(5) a magistrate judge appointed by the	
15	chief justice of the supreme court;	
16	(6) the dean of the university of New Mexico	
17	school of law;	
18	(7) the secretary of corrections;	
19	(8) the secretary of public safety;	
20	(9) the secretary of children, youth and	
21	families;	
22	(10) the secretary of public education;	
23	(11) a representative from the behavioral	
24	health services division of the human services department;	
25	(12) a county sheriff appointed by the	HAFC/HJC/HB 267 Page 2

1	executive director of New Mexico countles;
2	(13) two public members appointed by the
3	governor, one of whom shall be designated as chair of the New
4	Mexico sentencing commission by the governor;
5	(14) three public members appointed by the
6	president pro tempore of the senate;
7	(15) one public member appointed by the
8	minority floor leader of the senate;
9	(16) three public members appointed by the
10	speaker of the house of representatives;
11	(17) one public member appointed by the
12	minority floor leader of the house of representatives;
13	(18) two public members appointed by the
14	chief justice of the supreme court;
15	(19) one public member who is Native
16	American and a practicing attorney, appointed by the
17	president of the state bar association; and
18	(20) one public member appointed by the
19	governor who is a representative of a New Mexico victims'
20	organization.
21	C. A majority of the members of the New Mexico
22	sentencing commission constitutes a quorum for the
23	transaction of commission business.
24	D. The New Mexico sentencing commission shall:

(1) hold meetings at times and for periods

2	(2) hire staff as needed to assist the	
3	commission in the performance of its duties;	
4	(3) prepare an annual budget;	
5	(4) establish policies for the operation of	
6	the commission and supervision of the activities of	
7	commission staff;	
8	(5) advise the executive, judicial and	
9	legislative branches of government on policy matters relating	
10	to criminal and juvenile justice;	
11	(6) make recommendations to the legislature	
12	concerning proposed changes to laws relating to the criminal	
13	and juvenile justice systems that the commission determines	
14	would improve those systems;	
15	(7) annually assess, monitor and report to	
16	the legislature on the impact of any enacted sentencing	
17	standards and guidelines on state and local correctional	
18	resources and programs and the need for further sentencing	
19	reform;	
20	(8) when developing proposed sentencing	
21	reform:	
22	(a) study sentencing models in other	
23	jurisdictions;	
24	(b) study the Criminal Sentencing Act,	
25	the Criminal Code and all other New Mexico statutes relating	наfc/нјс/нв 267 Page 4

as the commission deems necessary;

-	to criminal law, criminal sentencing, criminal procedure and	
2	probation and parole;	
3	(c) review past studies or reports	
4	regarding proposed changes to the Children's Code, the	
5	Criminal Code, the Criminal Sentencing Act or other New	
6	Mexico statutes relating to criminal law, criminal	
7	sentencing, criminal procedure or probation and parole;	
8	(d) study past and current criminal	
9	sentencing and release practices and create a statistical	
10	database for simulating the impact of various sentencing	
11	policies;	
12	(e) study the full range of prison,	
13	nonprison and intermediate sanctions;	
14	(f) determine the principal purpose for	
15	criminal sanctions;	
16	(g) rank criminal offenses by degree of	
17	seriousness;	
18	(h) determine the role of criminal	
19	history in making criminal sentencing decisions;	
20	(i) define dispositional policy that	
21	determines when adult felony offenders are confined in state	
22	prisons and county jails or sentenced to nonprison and	
23	intermediate sanctions;	
24	(j) establish the length of criminal	
25	sentences;	нагс/нјс/нв 267 Page 5

criminal justice agencies and criminal justice coordinating

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councils; and

1	and (15) of this subsection. The rules shall include
2	procedures to:
3	(a) fulfill any requirements related to
4	data privacy, security and protection so that information
5	access and sharing is permitted for authorized purposes, as
6	defined by law, court order or for business practices that
7	are a necessary component of the requesting agency's duties
8	and functions and is compatible with the purpose and
9	expectations of use under which the information was
10	collected;
11	(b) guide participating agencies to
12	ensure accuracy, completeness, currency and reliability of
13	information reported to the data-sharing network;
14	(c) allow data querying and reporting
15	tools for those authorized users who want to perform
16	statistical analysis of some of the data collected and
17	retained;
18	(d) provide safeguards to actively
19	monitor and record: 1) access and use of the network's
20	services and systems; and 2) the nature of information
21	exchanges using the network; and
22	(e) identify and recognize authorized
23	users who access the network.
24	E. The members of the New Mexico sentencing

commission shall be paid pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage

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1	record with a state arrest tracking number provided by the
2	department. The arrest record shall include:
3	(1) the date of arrest;
4	(2) the state arrest tracking number
5	assigned to the arrest record;
6	(3) the state personal identification number
7	assigned to the arrestee by the department;
8	(4) the arrestee's biometric identifying
9	information; and
10	(5) a completed description with charge code
11	of each offense charged.
12	D. The department shall promulgate rules
13	addressing:
14	(1) collection of biometric identifying
15	information;
16	(2) submission of biometric identifying
17	information;
18	(3) creation of a state personal
19	identification number system to identify a person arrested
20	and charged with a crime and ensure that the same state
21	personal identification number is assigned to the person
22	regardless of the number of times the person is arrested or
23	the location of the arrest within the state; and
24	(4) creation of a state arrest tracking
25	number system for each arrest record.

- E. At booking, the booking facility shall immediately forward the arrest record and any other information required by department rule to the department.
  - F. The department shall immediately provide the:
- (1) biometric identifying information to the federal bureau of investigation in Washington, D.C.;
- (2) state personal identification number to agencies at all levels of government that are engaged in the apprehension, prosecution or defense, adjudication, incarceration or rehabilitation of criminal offenders; and
- (3) arrest record to the administrative office of the district attorneys for submission to the appropriate prosecuting authority.
- G. Biometric identifying information shall be collected from an inmate who is charged with a felony or misdemeanor offense while incarcerated, and the jail or corrections facility shall forward the offender's biometric identifying information to the department.
- H. The administrative office of the courts shall provide to the department the disposition of all criminal cases assigned a state arrest tracking number. The disposition shall be provided in electronic format, promptly upon the conclusion of the case.
- I. The administrative office of the district attorneys shall provide to the department the disposition of

all criminal cases assigned a state arrest tracking number when the district attorney decides not to file charges in the case. The disposition shall be provided in electronic format promptly upon a district attorney's decision not to file charges in the case.

- J. The department shall forward the disposition of all criminal cases to the federal bureau of investigation and the national crime information center within five business days of receipt.
- K. Law enforcement agencies, the administrative office of the courts and the administrative office of the district attorneys shall allow the department access to their records for the purpose of auditing those records to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section.
  - L. As used in this section:
- (1) "biometric identifying information"
  means physical characteristics used in verifying the identity
  of an individual, including photographs, fingerprint
  impressions and palm print impressions;
- (2) "booking facility" means a jail, police station, sheriff's office or other place of detention;
- (3) "charge code" means the unique code assigned to the crime from the master charge code table distributed by the New Mexico justice information sharing council;

D. The annual report and other statistical data reports generated by the department shall be made available to state and local law enforcement agencies, the administrative office of the courts and the general public."

SECTION 4. Section 43-1-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1977, Chapter 279, Section 18, as amended) is amended to read:

"43-1-19. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.--

A. Except as otherwise provided in the code, no person shall, without the authorization of the client, disclose or transmit any confidential information from which a person well acquainted with the client might recognize the client as the described person, or any code, number or other means that can be used to match the client with confidential information regarding the client.

- B. Authorization from the client shall not be required for the disclosure or transmission of confidential information in the following circumstances:
- (1) when the request is from a mental health or developmental disabilities professional or from an employee or trainee working with a person with a mental disability or developmental disability, to the extent that the practice, employment or training on behalf of the client requires access to such information is necessary;
- (2) when such disclosure is necessary to protect against a clear and substantial risk of imminent

- (3) when the disclosure is made pursuant to the provisions of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act, using reasonable efforts to limit protected health information to that which is minimally necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure or request;
- (4) when the disclosure of such information is to the primary caregiver of the client and the disclosure is only of information necessary for the continuity of the client's treatment in the judgment of the treating physician or certified psychologist who discloses the information;
- contractually obligated to pay part or all of the expenses relating to the treatment of the client at the residential facility. The information disclosed shall be limited to data identifying the client, facility and treating or supervising physician and the dates and duration of the residential treatment. It shall not be a defense to an insurer's obligation to pay that the information relating to the residential treatment of the client, apart from information disclosed pursuant to this section, has not been disclosed to the insurer;
  - (6) when the request is from a physician, a

licensed psychologist or a qualified mental health professional licensed for independent practice and responsible for the continuity of care of inmates with a mental or developmental disability who are in a jail or corrections facility, and the disclosure is only of information necessary for the continuity of the client's treatment in the judgment of an equally qualified treating professional who discloses the information;

(7) when such disclosure is by a physician, a licensed psychologist or a qualified mental health professional licensed for independent practice and responsible for the treatment of inmates in a jail or corrections facility to another equally qualified treating professional responsible for the continuation of care of the inmate upon the inmate's release from a jail or corrections facility, and the disclosure is only of information necessary for the continuity of the client's treatment in the judgment of the treating professional who discloses the information; or

(8) when the disclosure is made to a governmental agency, its agent or a state educational institution, a duly organized state or county association of licensed physicians or dentists, a licensed health facility or staff committees of such a facility for the purpose of research, subject to the provisions of Section 14-6-1 NMSA

1978 and subject to the review of an institutional review board in compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 or any succeeding legislation.

- C. No authorization given for the transmission or disclosure of confidential information shall be effective unless it:
  - (1) is in writing and signed; and
- (2) contains a statement of the client's right to examine and copy the information to be disclosed, the name or title of the proposed recipient of the information and a description of the use that may be made of the information.
- D. The client has a right of access to confidential information and has the right to make copies of any information and to submit clarifying or correcting statements and other documentation of reasonable length for inclusion with the confidential information. The statements and other documentation shall be kept with the relevant confidential information, shall accompany it in the event of disclosure and shall be governed by the provisions of this section to the extent they contain confidential information. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the denial of access to such records when a physician or other mental health or developmental disabilities professional believes

and notes in the client's medical records that such disclosure would not be in the best interests of the client. In any such case, the client has the right to petition the court for an order granting such access.

- E. Where there exists evidence that the client whose consent to disclosure of confidential information is sought is incapable of giving or withholding valid consent and the client does not have a guardian or treatment guardian appointed by a court, the person seeking such authorization shall petition the court for the appointment of a treatment guardian to make a substitute decision for the client, except that if the client is less than fourteen years of age, the client's parent or guardian is authorized to consent to disclosure on behalf of the client.
- F. Information concerning a client disclosed under this section shall not be released to any other person, agency or governmental entity or placed in files or computerized data banks accessible to any persons not otherwise authorized to obtain information under this section.
- G. Nothing in the code shall limit the confidentiality rights afforded by federal statute or regulation.
- H. A person appointed as a treatment guardian in accordance with the Mental Health and Developmental

-	Disabilities code may act as the citem s personal
2	representative pursuant to the federal Health Insurance
3	Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Sections
4	1171-1179 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section
5	1320d, as amended, and applicable federal regulations to
6	obtain access to the client's protected health information,
7	including mental health information and relevant physical
8	health information, and may communicate with the client's
9	health care providers in furtherance of such treatment."
10	SECTION 5. SHORT TITLESections 5 through 10 of this
11	act may be cited as the "Crime Reduction Grant Act".
12	SECTION 6. DEFINITIONSAs used in the Crime Reduction
13	Grant Act:
14	A. "commission" means the New Mexico sentencing
15	commission; and
16	B. "grant administration agency" means a state
17	agency that receives appropriations for grants to criminal
18	justice coordinating council members for the purposes
19	specified in the Crime Reduction Grant Act.
20	SECTION 7. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCILS
21	CREATEDCOMPOSITIONDUTIES
22	A. A criminal justice coordinating council is
23	created for each judicial district and may include
24	representation from within the district for:

(l) each court in the district;

1	(2) the district attorney;
2	(3) the district public defender office;
3	(4) law enforcement agencies;
4	(5) jails;
5	(6) correctional facilities;
6	(7) behavioral health programs; or
7	(8) other agencies and entities agreed upon
8	by the council.
9	B. Each criminal justice coordinating council
10	shall be convened by the chief judge of the district court in
11	the judicial district.
12	C. Each criminal justice coordinating council
13	shall select a chair at its first meeting. The first meeting
14	of each council shall take place by August 1, 2019, and the
15	council shall subsequently meet at the call of the chair, but
16	not less than ten months per year.
17	D. Each criminal justice coordinating council
18	shall organize itself and adopt rules in a manner appropriate
19	to accomplish its duties pursuant to the Crime Reduction
20	Grant Act.
21	E. A criminal justice coordinating council shall,
22	to the extent possible, develop a strategic plan to meet the
23	requirements of this section and shall:
24	(l) review the criminal justice system in
25	the judicial district, including judicial processes, law

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practices for any programs operated with crime reduction

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outcome reported to it by a grant recipient from a previous year in making a determination of whether to make subsequent grants or the amount of a subsequent grant.

SECTION 9. RULES.--The New Mexico sentencing commission, in consultation with each grant administration agency, shall promulgate uniform procedural rules necessary to administer the provisions of the Crime Reduction Grant Act. Each grant administration agency shall adopt the uniform procedures along with other grant award criteria unique to the grant administration agency.

## SECTION 10. REPORTS.--

- A. Each grant administration agency shall report to the commission annually by November 1 of each year regarding the:
- (1) applications for grants made during the previous fiscal year by each criminal justice coordinating council;
- (2) purpose and amount of each grant approved by the grant administration agency for each member for the previous fiscal year; and
- (3) processes, outputs and outcomes resulting from the use of the grant.
- B. The commission shall report to the legislature annually by December 1 of each year regarding the datasharing network, including data derived from crime reduction

1	grant data-sharing agreements.	
2	SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATEThe effective date of the	
3	provisions of this act is July 1, 2019	HAFC/HJC/HB 26 Page 26
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