Overview

This bill authorizes the award of matching funds to pay the costs of developing and implementing "best practices" plans to integrate criminal justice information systems at the county and statewide level. It sets forth detailed requirements concerning the content of these integration plans and appropriates $1.2 million for grants to develop the plans. It also permits the use of a portion of this appropriation for implementing high priority tasks identified by a grant applicant in an interim implementation plan.

1 Report; task force. Increases the membership of the task force that the criminal and juvenile justice information policy group is directed by statute to appoint to assist it in formulating criminal justice information system policy. Adds the following three new members: two public members who are representatives of the private business community and who have expertise in integrated information systems; and the attorney general or a designee. Also directs the appointing authorities of all task force members to select members with expertise in integrated data systems or best practices.

2 Review of funding request. Amends the current law that requires the policy group to review funding requests for criminal justice information systems from state and local government agencies.

Par. (b). Requires that if a funding request is for matching funds to develop a criminal justice information plan, the policy group must ensure that the request contains the following:

- an integration plan that addresses the six major business functions of the criminal justice community (incident reporting, investigation, arrest, detention, adjudication and disposition) and includes offenses committed by adults and juveniles, as well as related civil actions;
- a statement of the system's mission and goals;
- an identification of the current barriers to implementation of an integrated criminal justice information system within the requester's jurisdiction;
an identification of the current gaps and overlaps in the collection and dissemination of criminal justice information in the requester's jurisdiction;
an identification of best practices, procedures and processes for operating an integrated criminal justice information system locally and statewide;
an evaluation of the range of available alternatives, ranging from simple modifications of existing systems to the complete replacement of those systems;
an estimate of the resources needed to develop an integrated criminal justice information system locally and statewide;
reasonable time lines for implementing the system; and
any other matters the policy group deems necessary.

Par. (c). Requires that if a funding request is for matching funds to implement an integration plan, the requester must submit the following to the policy group:

an integration plan that complies with paragraph (b);
a description of how implementation of the plan will improve operation of the criminal justice system in the requester's jurisdiction;
a description of how the requester will fulfill the match requirement of paragraph (e); and

a means for evaluating outcomes of the plan's implementation.

Par. (d). Permits an agency to submit an interim integration plan if it identifies high priority tasks during development of the full integration plan. Requires the interim plan to identify the tasks and the business case for completing these tasks ahead of completing the rest of the plan.

Par. (e). Requires applicants for funding to provide matching funds for 50 percent of the costs of developing or implementing an integration plan. Permits the policy group to adopt policies regulating the use of in-kind resources to satisfy a portion of the match and the sources from which the matching funds may be obtained.

Par. (f). Requires recipients of matching funds for implementation of an integration plan to submit an evaluation report to the policy group on a date set by the policy group.

3 Appropriation. Appropriates $1,200,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety to be awarded as grants for developing integration plans under section 2, paragraph (b). Permits the use of up to $200,000 for the costs, if any, of completing integration tasks identified in an interim report submitted under section 2, paragraph (d).