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TO: Senate Committee on Government Operations
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RE: Status and Summary of Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council

This memorandum is submitted on behalf of the Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council pursuant to Act 142 of 2022.

As anticipated throughout the passage of Act 142 of 2022, the Division of Racial Justice Statistics (DRJS) remains in its early stages of establishing its technical and administrative infrastructure. As such, its work has been diligent, but limited in scope. The Division has conducted research on topics including access to carceral records, equity in the composition and administration of the state’s Social Equity Business Development Fund for licensed cannabis establishments, pay parity in state government, and various legislative proposals in the 2023-2024 legislative session.

Concurrently, substantial recommendations have been developed by related entities, and are appropriate to highlight here to assist the State’s deliberations on racial equity in the justice system:

Source/Entity	Availability
Giglio/Brady Study Committee	Giglio/Brady Report
Act 161 Working Group on Law Enforcement Data Collection	Act 161/S.250 Report
Sentencing Commission on Cash Bail	Cash Bail Report
Act 106 Working Group on Secondary Traffic Enforcement	[forthcoming] (see also: 2024 Report of the Executive Director of Racial Equity)
Behavioral Threat Assessment Working Group	[forthcoming]
Community Violence Prevention Program	[forthcoming]
Facility Planning for Justice-Involved Youth stakeholder group	[forthcoming]
Racial Disparities in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems Advisory Panel on Second-Look, Community Supervision, and Juvenile Justice	[forthcoming]

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