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2 An act relating to the calculation of recidivism and other related  
3 criminology measures

4 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

5 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. chapter 233 is added to read:

6 CHAPTER 233. CRIMINOLOGY MEASURES

7 § 8121. DEFINITION

8 As used in this chapter, “recidivism” means a relapse into criminal activity  
9 as evidenced by an individual who is convicted of a criminal offense after  
10 receiving a criminal conviction for a previous crime. The date of the recidivism  
11 event is the date of arraignment for the subsequent offense. The arraignment  
12 date is used as a proxy for when the subsequent offense was committed. The  
13 recidivism calculation shall begin on the date an individual is released from  
14 incarceration or the date when an individual is sentenced to a non-custodial  
15 sentence.

16 § 8122. VERMONT STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER ANNUAL

17 REPORTS

18 (a) Annual reports. Annually, on or before April 1, the Vermont Statistical  
19 Analysis Center (SAC) shall submit the following reports to the House and  
20 Senate Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and  
21 Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions:

1           (1) Bail rates. An annualized report on bail rates, including hold  
2           without bail, monetary amounts, and bail posting information aggregated by  
3           county. The report shall include data on pretrial detainees held in Vermont  
4           correctional facilities, including the crime type and jurisdiction for which they  
5           are held.

6           (2) Recidivism. A report on the annual recidivism rate that measures  
7           individuals who are convicted of a criminal offense after receiving a criminal  
8           conviction for a previous crime. The recidivism rate shall be calculated using  
9           a three-year and five-year period.

10           (3) Arrests and clearance rates. An annualized report on arrests and  
11           clearance rates. Arrests shall be organized by crime according to data from the  
12           National Incident-Based Reporting System.

13           (4) Most convicted crimes.

14           (A) A report detailing aggregated information on the number, type,  
15           and length of sentences, including fines, for the 20 crimes with the highest  
16           number of convictions.

17           (B) A report detailing the total combined years of probation and  
18           incarceration sentenced by the court in the prior year. The report shall include  
19           an analysis of which crimes and counties contributed most significantly to the  
20           sentences imposed.

1       (b) Demographic variables. The information required pursuant to  
2       subsection (a) of this section shall include race, gender, age, and other  
3       demographic variables whenever possible.

4       (c) Data sharing. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all  
5       State and local agencies and departments that possess the data necessary to  
6       compile the reports required pursuant to this section shall, upon request,  
7       provide the SAC with any data that it determines is relevant to the report. The  
8       obligation to disclose shall supersede any other legal obligation with respect to  
9       the data required pursuant to this section, and a department, agency, or other  
10       entity shall not decline to disclose data required based on any other purported  
11       legal obligation. Prior to submission of the reports required by this section, the  
12       SAC shall provide copies of drafts of the reports to State and local agencies  
13       and departments that provided the SAC with data to compile the reports and  
14       allow a reasonable time period for comment from such State and local  
15       agencies.

16       Sec. 2. 28 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:

17       § 4. ~~STANDARD MEASURE OF RECIDIVISM~~

18       ~~The Department shall calculate the rate of recidivism based upon offenders~~  
19       ~~who are sentenced to more than one year of incarceration who, after release~~  
20       ~~from incarceration, return to prison within three years for a conviction for a~~

1 ~~new offense or a violation of supervision resulting, and the new incarceration~~  
2 ~~sentence or time served on the violation is at least 90 days. [Repealed.]~~

3 Sec. 3. 28 V.S.A. § 125 is amended to read:

4 § 125. CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVESTMENTS AND TRENDS; REPORT

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6 (b) Definitions. As used in this section:

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8 (5) ~~“Recidivism” has the same meaning as in section 4 of this title.~~

9 [Repealed.]

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11 (c) Report.

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13 (2) The report required pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection  
14 shall include data showing:

15 (A) ~~recidivism rates;~~ [Repealed.]

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17 Sec. 4. VERMONT STATISTICAL ANALYSIS CENTER;

18 APPROPRIATIONS

19 In fiscal year 2027, the following monies are appropriated from the General  
20 Fund to the Department of Public Safety for contracted support related to the  
21 Vermont Statistical Analysis Center:

1           (1) \$10,000.00 for the annual bail rates report required by 13 V.S.A.

2           § 8122(a)(1).

3           (2) \$10,000.00 for the annual recidivism report required by 13 V.S.A.

4           § 8122(a)(2).

5           (3) \$1,000.00 for the annual arrests and clearance rates report required  
6           by 13 V.S.A. § 8122(a)(3).

7           (4) \$4,000.00 for the annual sentencing reports required by 13 V.S.A.

8           § 8122(a)(4).

9           Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

10           This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.