

# Legislative Update: Outcome of council related 2025 legislation

Prepared for the Criminal Justice Oversight Council, May 2025

This document summarizes legislation from the 2025 Montana legislative session specifically related to the Criminal Justice Oversight Council (CJOC). The first table provides an overview of the outcome of bills requested by the CJOC during its 2023-2024 cycle. The second table provides an overview of bills related to or directly impacting the council’s authority, duties, and membership.

Further bill information can be found online on the Bill Explorer (<https://bills.legmt.gov/>).

## COUNCIL REQUESTED LEGISLATION

| LC # / Bill #<br>(CJOC Draft #)             | Short Title   | Summary  | Effective Date                    | Status                             |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b><u>LC 238 / SB 69</u></b><br>(CJOC 1)    | Generally revise laws related to county attorney reporting requirements | Changes the reporting requirement frequency of reports submitted by county attorneys to the Attorney General regarding child sexual abuse and neglect cases in their respective counties from biannually, submitted January 1 and June 1, to annually, submitted June 1. | Immediate on passage and approval | Signed by Governor<br>May 12, 2025 |
| <b><u>LC 239 / HB 117</u></b><br>(CJOC 2.2) | Establish data project priorities for the 2025-2026 interim             | Provides guidance and funding to the Montana Board of Crime Control to continue the implementation of the criminal justice data warehouse.   | Immediate on passage and approval | Signed by Governor<br>May 13, 2025 |
| <b><u>LC 240 / SB 84</u></b><br>(CJOC 3.2)  | Generally revise laws related to presentence investigations             | Requires courts to order presentence investigations for certain sentences under certain conditions instead of by court discretion.   | Oct 1, 2025                       | Died in Process                    |
| <b><u>LC 241 / SB 89</u></b><br>(CJOC 4)    | Establish a presentence investigation writers special unit              | Establishes a special unit of PSI writers who are dedicated to conducting and compiling PSI reports on sexual and violent offenders.   | Oct 1, 2025 /<br>July 1, 2025     | Died in Process                    |
| <b><u>LC 242 / SB 70</u></b><br>(CJOC 5.2)  | Generally revise laws related to supervision on probation               | Revises supervision on probation laws to allow the removal of supervision conditions by the probation and parole officer under certain conditions  | Oct 1, 2025                       | Signed by Governor<br>May 5, 2025  |

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COUNCIL-RELATED 2025 LEGISLATION

| Bill #  | Short Title  | Summary  | Effective Date                    | Final Status                         |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">HB 546</a>                            | Limit study entities that may request legislation                                    | Removes the council's ability to request legislation to enact changes to the state's criminal justice system that the council finds necessary.   | Oct 1, 2025                       | Died in Process                      |
| <a href="#">HB 691</a>                            | Provide for legislative intent regarding the Montana criminal justice data warehouse | Modifies criminal justice data warehouse laws to expand upon the purposes and legislative intent of the data warehouse.  | Oct 1, 2025                       | Died in Process                      |
| <a href="#">HB 890</a>                            | Generally revise criminal procedure law  | Revises criminal justice data warehouse laws to require the Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, and the Judicial Branch to collaborate on the most efficient process to provide criminal history information of certain offenders to the data warehouse. | July 1, 2025                      | Died in Process                      |
| <a href="#">SB 68</a>                             | Eliminate the ability of certain committees to meet during legislation session       | Revises interim activity laws to prohibit committees staffed by the legislative services division from meeting during a legislation session.   | Oct 1, 2025                       | Died in Process                      |
| <a href="#">SB 162</a><br><a href="#">Ch. 173</a> | Generally revise criminal justice oversight council laws                             | Modifies council membership to expand the municipal judge representation to include justice of the peace, and recodifies the council under the legislative branch.   | Immediate on passage and approval | Signed by Governor<br>April 17, 2025 |
| <a href="#">SJ 43</a>                             | Study of the criminal justice data warehouse   | Requests an interim study of the implementation and long-term deliverables of the criminal justice data warehouse.   | Immediate on passage and approval | Died in Process                      |