
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 927

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

SUMMARY

By law, the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Governing Board oversees the Connecticut Information Sharing System (CISS), a comprehensive, statewide criminal justice informational database and records system accessible by the police and criminal justice agencies.

This bill requires any third-party vendor or contractor (hereinafter, "contractor") assisting in the system's design and implementation, if it needs access to criminal history record information in the system, to first get the CJIS Governing Board's written approval. The board sets the manner to request approval.

Under the bill, any contract or subcontract (or amendment to them) between the board and a contractor concerning criminal justice-related record management systems must include board-established specifications. These specifications must ensure that all contractor-provided policies, procedures, processes, and control systems are compatible with, and support, the state's system. This includes the contractor's hardware, software, and protocols.

Additionally, the bill decreases the required frequency, from twice to once annually, for the CJIS Governing Board to report on the CISS status to the Judiciary and Appropriations committees. It continues to require reports by January 1 and eliminates the requirement for a report by July 1. Under existing law, in conjunction with the January report, the board must make a presentation during the ensuing legislative session on the system's status and a specific itemization of any additional resources needed.

The bill also makes technical changes, including removing obsolete

language.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/27/2023)