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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

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Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act;
- (b) “personal information” means personal information as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- (c) “report” means a report prepared under section 3.

Purposes

2 The purposes of this Act are

- (a) to increase transparency and accountability with respect to the criminal justice system in Alberta,
- (b) to help Albertans better understand the criminal justice system in Alberta, and
- (c) to ensure Albertans have information about the safety of their communities.

Report

3(1) The Minister shall prepare a report respecting data and information relating to the criminal justice system in Alberta, including data and information in respect of the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is prepared, that the Minister considers necessary or advisable to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) A report under subsection (1) must be prepared at least once per year.

Agreements

4 For the purposes of preparing a report, the Minister may enter into an agreement with any of the following bodies for the provision of data and information to the Minister by that body:

- (a) another department, branch or agency of the Government of Alberta;
- (b) the Provincial Court, Court of Queen's Bench or Court of Appeal;
- (c) the Government of Canada;
- (d) the government of another province or territory;
- (e) a municipality as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;
- (f) a council of a band as defined in the *Indian Act* (Canada);
- (g) a police service as defined in the *Police Act*.

Collection, use and disclosure of data and information

5 For the purposes of preparing and publishing a report, the Minister may

- (a) collect and use data and information, including personal information, and
- (b) subject to the regulations, disclose data and information, including personal information from which the identity of the person who is the subject of the personal information cannot readily be ascertained.

Publication of report

6(1) The Minister shall lay a copy of a report before the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable if the Legislative Assembly is sitting or, if it is not sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

(2) The Minister shall publish the report on the website of the Minister's department within 30 days after it is laid before the Legislative Assembly.

Regulations

7 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) respecting the preparation and publication of reports, including the frequency and timing of reports;
- (b) respecting the data and information in respect of which reports must be prepared;
- (c) respecting the provision of data and information by municipalities or police services to the Minister;
- (d) respecting the disclosure of data and information by the Minister, including the exclusion of data and information from reports.

Coming into force

8 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

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