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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 11, 2025.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1636) of Michael S. Day and David M. Rogers relative to the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4465) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL S. DAY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to clarity and consistency for the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clauses (12) through (14), as amended by  
3 section 2 of chapter 135 of the acts of 2024, and inserting in place thereof the following 3  
4 clauses:-

5           (12)(i) to establish data collection and reporting standards for the trial court and for  
6 criminal justice agencies, including the probation service, the parole board, the executive office  
7 of public safety and security, the department of correction, houses of correction, county jails, and  
8 the several district attorneys to enable their submission of data including the capture and  
9 reporting of information on the criminal justice population, and the recording of all applicable  
10 charges and convictions. The secretary shall promulgate regulations regarding: (i) the format for  
11 the submission of the data and (ii) the categories and types of data required to be submitted,  
12 including, but not limited to: (A) a unique statewide identification number assigned to each  
13 person who enters the criminal justice system, including but not limited to the fingerprint-based  
14 state identification number and the probation central file number; (B) the offense for which the

15 person has been incarcerated; (C) the date and time of the offense, (D) the location of the  
16 offense; (E) the race, ethnicity, gender and age of the person, whether the person is a primary  
17 caretaker of a child and the status of the person's reproductive health needs; (F) the person's risk  
18 and needs assessment scores; (G) their participation and completion of evidence-based programs;  
19 and (H) the dates of jail entrance or exist or the entrance date to the department or house of  
20 correction custody, wrap-up release date and actual release date.

21 (ii) the data collected pursuant to clause (i) shall be in the form of a cross-tracking  
22 system for data collection and reporting standards for the trial court and for criminal justice  
23 agencies, including the probation service, the parole board, the executive office of public safety  
24 and security, the department of correction, houses of correction, county jails, and the several  
25 district attorneys. The cross-tracking system shall require the trial court and these agencies to  
26 use a unique state identification number assigned to each person who enters the criminal justice  
27 system and to incorporate the unique state identification number into their data systems upon a  
28 person's initial transfer to their jurisdiction. Anonymized cross-agency data shall be made  
29 available to the public for analysis through an application programming interface which allows  
30 access to all electronically available records.

31 (13) to establish data collection and reporting standards for the trial court and criminal  
32 justice agencies, including the probation service, the parole board, the executive office of public  
33 safety and security, the department of correction, houses of correction, county jails, and the  
34 several district attorneys relative to recidivism rates for rearraignment, reconviction and  
35 reincarceration. Recidivism rates, determined by the data collected, shall be reported annually to  
36 the secretary. The data shall be submitted by each agency to the secretary who shall  
37 subsequently publish the information quarterly on the executive office of public safety and

38 security website. Reported data shall be tracked over 1-, 2- and 3-year periods and include  
39 categorizations by race, ethnicity, gender and age.

40 (14) to establish data collection and reporting standards for the trial court and criminal  
41 justice agencies, including the probation service, the parole board, the executive office of public  
42 safety and security, the department of correction, houses of correction, county jails, and the  
43 several district attorneys to standardize methods of reporting of race and ethnicity data to  
44 facilitate assessment of the racial and ethnic composition of the criminal justice population of the  
45 commonwealth. The trial court and these agencies shall coordinate to ensure that racial and  
46 ethnic data related to populations, trends and outcomes is reported accurately to the secretary of  
47 the executive office of public safety and security and the public.

48 SECTION 2. Section 11 of chapter 7D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
49 amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following  
50 paragraph:-

51 The board shall meet quarterly to review the compliance of the trial court and criminal  
52 justice agencies, including the probation service, the parole board, the executive office of public  
53 safety and security, the department of correction, houses of correction and, county jails and the  
54 several district attorneys in: (1) collecting and submitting data required by paragraphs 12, 13 and  
55 14 of section 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of chapter 6A; (2) making said data available to the public as required by said  
56 paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of said section 18<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> through the development of data portals to make  
57 data without personally identifiable information so available; and (3) maintaining policies  
58 ensuring accurate data collection across racial, ethnic and gender classifications; provided, that  
59 compliance shall include a review of whether the methods of data collection are appropriately

60 screening for gender-specific risk or needs that may be addressed by evidence-based programs.  
61 A report on the collection of data and the compliance with justice reinvestment policies shall be  
62 submitted annually to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on or before July  
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