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**Opioid and Methamphetamine
Data System**

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The act requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to issue a request for proposals, subject to approval by the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) under its passive review process, to establish and maintain an opioid and methamphetamine data system (data system) to collect, format, analyze, and disseminate information on opioid and methamphetamine use as specified in the act.

Specifically, the act requires that, before issuing the request for proposals, DOA must collaborate with the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and must then submit to JCF the proposed request for proposals and a request to supplement in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million any appropriation of one of the departments. The supplementation may be expended to finance the cost of the data system regardless of the specified purpose of any such appropriation. The supplemental request submitted by the departments is considered approved if JCF does not notify the departments within 14 working days after submission that the committee has scheduled a meeting on the submission. If a meeting is scheduled, DOA may issue the proposed request for proposals and receive the supplementation only upon approval by the committee.

The act then requires that DOA administer a contract with a vendor to operate the data system. DOA must have access to the data contained in the data system, and must work with the vendor to disseminate information and advanced analytics from the data system in as close to real time as possible.

The act also requires that DOA collaborate with and collect data from DHS, DSPS, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Children and Families and any other applicable agencies for the data system. The data system must allow the state agencies that submit data to the data system access to the data in the data system as appropriate for the agency to fulfill its functions and as allowed by state and federal confidentiality laws.

The act also requires DOA to submit a report to JCF summarizing the information from the opioid and methamphetamine data system and analyzing trends in that information across years of data collection.

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