



FY2013 RECOMMENDATION/FY13-BL04 STANDARDIZED JAIL DATA COLLECTION ACROSS ALL COLORADO JURISDICTIONS

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2019 ACTION TO DATE

Introduced April 1, 2019, House Bill 2019-1297 (Jail Capacity Data Collection; Sponsors Reps. Weissman/McKean and Sen. Lee) requires that those managing jails maintain records of those confined in jail. This bill was not initiated by CCJJ, but included elements of the CCJJ recommendation. The bill was signed by the Governor May 31, 2019.

The jail records are to be submitted quarterly to the Division of Criminal Justice whereupon the data is made publicly available in a searchable and sortable format. The first jail data submission is required by January 17, 2020 (for the fourth quarter of 2019) and every third Friday of each January, April, July and October thereafter.

Action on this recommendation is considered complete.

2014 - 2018 ACTION TO DATE

Implementation status unknown.

2013 ACTION TO DATE

Implementation status unknown.

2012 ACTION TO DATE

Update pending.

Description

Implement a standardized data collection instrument in all Colorado jurisdictions and jails that includes, but is not limited to, information on total jail population, index crime, crime class, type of bond, bond amount if any, length of stay, assessed risk level, and the proportion of pretrial, sentenced and hold populations.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

Policies and procedures for jails vary widely across jurisdictions. Consequently, there is no standardized or mandated data collection effort, leaving it impossible to obtain accurate

information on population trends and possible causes for those trends. Without this basic information, it is difficult to identify statewide, regional, or local problems and solutions, particularly as these relate to facility overcrowding.

This data should be collected biannually by jail officials and forwarded to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice which will compile the information and place it on its website.