MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FROM: Gary Syphus and Brian Wikle, Analysts
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SUBJECT: Implementation Plan for Integrated Data System

The 2016 Legislature appropriated $2 million one-time in FY 2017 to the Department of Technology Services (DTS) for an integrated data system. The Legislature included the following intent language with the funding:

The Legislature intends that the Department of Technology Services use the $2,000,000 appropriation provided by this item to coordinate with the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), and counties to provide resources for local government and the state to plan, scope, design and begin implementing an integrated data system that would coordinate services for vulnerable populations including homeless individuals and families, individuals with mental illness and substance abuse issues, and individuals undergoing rehabilitation through the criminal justice system (see House Bill 3, 2016 G.S., Item 69).

The department has been in contact with relevant governmental entities and has begun to plan and scope the project. DTS will present its preliminary plans to the Executive Appropriations Committee in the committee’s June meeting.
During the 2016 session, the legislature passed H.B. 3, Item 69 which appropriated $2 million to DTS for an integrated JRI information system. In coordination with other state and local governmental entities, DTS will "plan, scope, design, and begin implementing an integrated data system that would coordinate services for vulnerable populations."

We have already started working on the project, and will receive the $2 million on July 1.

**Progress so far:**

- Worked with agencies such as GOMB, Department of Human Services, Corrections, Department of Workforce Services, CCJJ, and others to identify challenges and collaborative solutions for sharing data related to justice reform, homelessness, mental illness, and substance abuse.
- Met with Representative Hutchings to discuss direction of project
- Met with Association of Counties representatives to understand county information sharing requirements for JRI
- GOMB has completed a Criminal Justice Information Sharing System Review to understand the information flow and business processes in the Criminal Justice System, including a gap analysis to identify needed information that is not readily available.
- Reviewed related solutions and systems across 50 states
- Began identifying primary and secondary data sources that will be needed for the project:
  - Reviewed the capabilities and status of Palantir, a collaborative state and local data analytics system
  - Reviewed with GOMB and Public Safety potential for using UCJIS technology as part of the JRI solution
  - Met with major vendors to review existing solutions that may help achieve the goals of this initiative
- Identified metrics and outcome measures developed by the JRI Data Task Force

**Next Steps:**

- Hire a project manager to work with all parties:
  - Gather business requirements
  - Analyze current systems and coordinate disparate systems
  - Identify hurdles to sharing data between all parties
  - Identify potential solutions
- After all requirements are identified, we plan to develop an integrated system that will allow coordination of all entities
- We will continue to work with all of the agencies to develop a solution that meets their business requirements.