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## 2023 SENATE BILL 458

September 29, 2023 - Introduced by Senators WANGGAARD and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Representatives SORTWELL, DONOVAN, GOEBEN, MAGNAFICI, MOSES and MURSAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to create** 16.971 (10m) and 971.23 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** index  
2 of discovery for district attorneys and public defenders.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the Department of Administration maintains automated justice information systems that are compatible among counties and agencies. DOA also maintains a case management system that allows district attorneys to manage and share all case-related information; DOA must provide access to this system to the Department of Justice. This bill requires that DOA maintain an index system for discovery that allows district attorneys and public defenders to manage and organize all discovery-related information.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3 **SECTION 1.** 16.971 (10m) of the statutes is created to read:  
4 16.971 (**10m**) The department, in conjunction with district attorneys and the  
5 public defender board, shall maintain an index system for discovery that allows

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**SECTION 1**

1 district attorneys and public defenders to manage, access, and organize all  
2 discovery-related information.

3 **SECTION 2.** 971.23 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

4 971.23 (4) DISCOVERY INDEX SUBMISSION. A party must input disclosures to the  
5 index system maintained under s. 16.971 (10m) at the times and in the sequence that  
6 the court orders.

7 (END)