AN ACT to renumber and amend 165.845 (1) (a); to amend 165.845 (2); and to create 165.845 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes; relating to: reporting requirements for crimes involving firearms, distribution of marijuana, and the theft of motor vehicles.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the Department of Justice to collect information from law enforcement agencies and others concerning the number and nature of offenses known to have been committed in this state. This bill adds that DOJ must collect from law enforcement agencies, district attorneys, and courts specific information on crimes committed with a firearm, the manufacture, distribution, or delivery of marijuana, and the theft of motor vehicles. The information collected must include the number of arrests, any recommendations made to the district attorney, all charges filed, any charges dropped, and any penalty imposed for these specific crimes. This bill also requires DOJ to compile the information quarterly and make it public.

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

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 165.845 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 165.845 (1) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

165.845 (1) (a) (intro.) Collect information all of the following:

1. Information concerning the number and nature of offenses known to have been committed in this state and such.

2. Such other information as may be useful in the study of crime and the administration of justice. The

4. Any information the department of justice may determine any other information determines to be obtained regarding crime and justice system statistics. The information shall include data

5. Data requested by the federal bureau of investigation under its system of uniform crime reports for the United States.

SECTION 2. 165.845 (1) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

165.845 (1) (a) 3. Information concerning violations of ss. 943.23 and 961.41 (1) (h) and concerning crimes specified under chs. 939 to 951 and 961 committed while possessing, using, or threatening to use a firearm. The department shall ensure that the information is organized by county and includes the number of arrests; any recommendations made to the district attorney; any charges filed and, if no charges are filed or if charges are dropped or are the subject of a plea agreement, a report on the decision or agreement; any read-in crimes, as defined in s. 973.20 (1g) (b); any convictions; and any sentence or period of probation imposed. The department shall compile this information quarterly and make public all information collected under this subdivision.

SECTION 3. 165.845 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
165.845 (2) All persons in charge of law enforcement agencies and, other
criminal and juvenile justice system agencies, district attorneys, and courts shall
supply the department of justice with the information described in sub. (1) (a) on the
basis of the forms or instructions or both to be supplied by the department under sub.
(1) (a). The department may conduct an audit to determine the accuracy of the data
and other information it receives from law enforcement agencies and other criminal
and juvenile justice system agencies.

(END)