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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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2025 Senate Bill 115 requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to collect certain information from the Director of State Courts about criminal cases that have been filed and establish a database that is accessible on DOJ's website in an interactive format that includes this information. The information collected must include, for each case involving a crime:

- The county in which the case was filed.
- The name of the prosecuting attorney assigned to the case.
- The name of the court official assigned to the case.
- The criminal charge filed.
- The charging recommendation from the referring law enforcement agency, if applicable.
- Whether the court official released the defendant without bail, upon the execution of an unsecured appearance bond, upon the execution of an appearance bond with sufficient solvent sureties, or upon the deposit of cash in lieu of sureties, or denied release, and the name of the court official who made the decision.
- For each case for which a court official required the execution of an appearance bond with sufficient solvent sureties, the monetary amount of the bond and the name of the court official who made the decision.
- For each case for which a court official required the deposit of cash in lieu of sureties, the monetary amount of cash required and the name of the court official who made the decision.
- Any other conditions of release imposed on the defendant and the name of the court official who made the decision.
- Whether any plea bargain was offered in the case.
- Whether any deferred prosecution agreement was offered in the case.
- Whether any charge relating to the case was dismissed.
- Whether the case resulted in a conviction.

The bill also requires the department to annually submit to the chief clerk of each house of the Legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees a report that includes all of the information, described above, that the department collects, as required by the bill.

## SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 115 narrows the scope of the information that DOJ is required to collect. Under the amendment, for each case involving a crime that resulted in charges being filed in any circuit court, DOJ must collect:

- The county in which the case was filed.
- The name of the prosecuting attorney assigned to the case.
- The name of the court official assigned to the case.
- The criminal charge filed.
- The arrest charge from the arresting law enforcement agency, if applicable.
- Whether any charge relating to the case was dismissed.
- Whether the case resulted in a conviction.

The amendment makes the following additional changes to the bill:

- Removes the requirement that the information DOJ is required to collect be provided by the Director of State Courts.
- Provides that instead of establishing a database with this information that is accessible on DOJ's website in an interactive format, the department must establish an interactive dashboard with the information.
- Specifies that the report DOJ must submit to the Legislature include a summary of, rather than all, the information that DOJ is required to collect.
- Changes the bill's effective date from the first day of the seventh month beginning after publication to January 1, 2026.

## BILL HISTORY

Senator Hutton offered Senate Amendment 1 to 2025 Senate Bill 115 on April 14, 2025. On May 8, 2025, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1. The committee then voted to recommend passage of Senate Bill 115, as amended, on a vote of Ayes 5; Noes, 3.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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