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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, each law enforcement agency is required to report certain civil asset forfeiture information to the uniform crime reporting system operated by the Alabama Justice Information Commission.

This bill would further provide for the requirements of what must be officially published by the commission.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Justice Information Commission; to amend Section 41-9-655.03, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the requirement to publish data on civil asset seizures and forfeitures in the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-9-655.03, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§41-9-655.03

(a) ~~(1)~~ Annually, on or before February 1, the Alabama Justice Information Commission, shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the



29 Senate, and Governor a written report that includes all of the
30 following:

31 ~~a.~~ (1) A summary of seizure and forfeiture activity in
32 the state for the preceding fiscal year.

33 ~~b.~~ (2) The type, approximate value, and disposition of
34 the property seized and forfeited.

35 ~~c.~~ (3) The amount of any proceeds received.

36 ~~(2)~~ (b) The summary for data on seizures and forfeitures
37 may be disaggregated by the commission. The aggregate report
38 shall also be made available on the website of the Alabama
39 Justice Information Commission ~~consistent with the format of~~
40 ~~other reports posted on the commission's website~~ and shall
41 contain all civil case numbers assigned in state court.

42 ~~(b)~~ (c) The Alabama Justice Information Commission may
43 include in the report required under ~~subsection (a)~~ this
44 section recommendations to improve laws, rules, and policies
45 to better ensure that seizure, forfeiture, and expenditures
46 are done and reported in a manner that is fair to crime
47 victims, innocent property owners, secured interest holders,
48 citizens, law enforcement, and taxpayers."

49 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
50 1, 2025.