

SENATE BILL NO. 537

September 11, 2025, Introduced by Senators SANTANA, IRWIN, WOJNO and GEISS and referred to Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to require the collection of certain residential and demographic information of incarcerated individuals and to require the information to be reported in a certain manner; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Commission" means the independent citizens redistricting

1 commission created under section 6 of article IV of the state
2 constitution of 1963.

3 (b) "Demographic data" means an individual's race, whether the
4 individual is of Hispanic or Latino origin, and whether the
5 individual is over the age of 18 years.

6 (c) "Department" means the department of corrections.

7 (d) "Geographic unit" means an area for which a population
8 count is reported in a federal decennial census and that contains a
9 correctional facility, federal reentry facility, or a pre-
10 incarceration address.

11 (e) "Incarcerated individual" means an individual under the
12 jurisdiction of the department who is incarcerated in a
13 correctional facility operated by the department.

14 (f) "Pre-incarceration address" means the address at which an
15 individual resided before the individual's current incarceration.

16 Sec. 2. (1) Beginning 6 months after the effective date of
17 this act, at the time an individual enters incarceration with the
18 department, the department shall collect the incarcerated
19 individual's pre-incarceration address and demographic data.

20 (2) No later than May 15 in the year immediately following a
21 federal decennial census, the department shall, for each
22 incarcerated individual who is incarcerated on the date of the
23 census, provide to the commission the individual's pre-
24 incarceration address and the geographic unit containing the
25 correctional facility in which the individual is incarcerated.

26 (3) No later than April 15 in the year immediately following a
27 federal decennial census, the department of state shall request the
28 United States Department of Justice to provide a report of the
29 following information that pertains to any individual who, on the

1 date of the census, either was incarcerated in a federal
2 correctional facility or contractual federal reentry center or was
3 under the supervision of the United States Department of Justice:

4 (a) The street address of the correctional facility or center
5 in which the individual was incarcerated or supervised.

6 (b) If applicable, the pre-incarceration address of the
7 individual.

8 (c) The demographic data for the individual.

9 (4) The department of state shall provide any report received
10 under subsection (3) to the commission.

11 (5) The commission may consider the information received under
12 this section in proposing a redistricting plan under section 6 of
13 article IV of the state constitution of 1963. If the commission
14 requests assistance, the department of technology, management, and
15 budget may provide assistance to the commission.

16 (6) The information provided to the commission under this
17 section must not be used in the distribution of funds from this
18 state or from the federal government.