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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Non-substantive change notification for the Survey of Inmate in Local
Jails (SILJ): OMB Control No: 1121-0098

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PURPOSE:

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is notifying OMB of a non-substantive change to the Survey of Inmates in Local Jails (SILJ) under OMB Control No: 1121-0098 (expiration date 6/30/2027). The change complies with Executive Order (EO) 14168, Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government. The survey instrument will be modified to revise one question and eliminate five questions. The average duration of the interview (73 minutes) will remain unchanged, as the removed questions were based on the respondent identifying as a sex (S1Q9c) other than their sex at birth (original S1Q9a). The small sample of respondents who would have gone through this series of questions is unlikely to impact the overall interview length.

Revision of an existing question

Original

S1Q9a. What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate? ENTER ONE

- (1) Male
 - (2) Female
- BLIND D OR R

Revised

S1Q9a. What is your sex? ENTER ONE

- (1) Male
 - (2) Female
- BLIND D OR R

Deletion of existing questions

S1Q9b. Do you currently think of yourself as...? ENTER ONE

- (1) Male
 - (2) Female
 - (3) Transgender
 - (4) [IF S1Q4_1= 1] Two-Spirit
 - (95) None of these
- BLIND D OR R

S1Q9c. Just to confirm what you entered, you were assigned [FILL ANSWER TO S1Q9A] on your original birth certificate and now you [CURRSEX FILL]. Is that correct? ENTER ONE

- (1) YES
 - (2) NO
- BLIND D OR R

S1Q9d. Please answer this question again: What sex was recorded on your original birth certificate? ENTER ONE

- (1) Male
 - (2) Female
- BLIND D OR R

S1Q9e. Please answer this question again: Do you currently think of yourself as male, female, Two-Spirit, or transgender? ENTER ONE

- (1) Male
- (2) Female
- (3) Transgender
- (4) [IF S1Q4b_3 = 1] Two-Spirit
- (95) None of these

BLIND D OR R

S1Q8b. Please answer this question again: Do you currently think of yourself as male, female, or transgender? ENTER ONE

- (1) Male
- (2) Female
- (3) Transgender
- (95) None of these

BLIND D OR R