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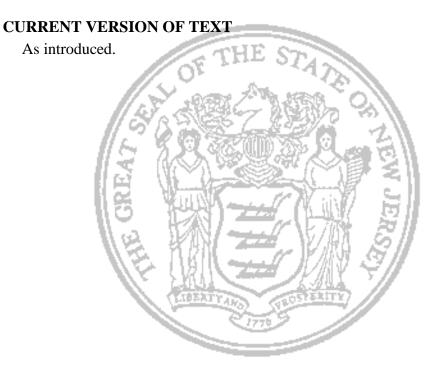
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## **SYNOPSIS**

Requires AG to establish law enforcement officer use of force data collection and reporting system.



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1 AN ACT establishing a law enforcement officer use of force data 2 collection and reporting system and supplementing chapter 17B 3 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. a. For the purposes of this section: 9 "Law enforcement agency" means a department, division, 10 bureau, commission, board, or other authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof which employs law enforcement 11 12 officers. 13 "Law enforcement officer" means any person who is employed as a permanent full-time member of a law enforcement agency and 14 15 is statutorily empowered to act as an officer for the detection, apprehension, arrest, and conviction of offenders against the laws of 16 17 this State. 18 b. The Attorney General shall establish and implement an electronic data collection and reporting system for tracking every 19 20 incident of use of force by a law enforcement officer appointed to any law enforcement agency in this State. 21 22 c. Every law enforcement agency in the State shall utilize a 23 standardized reporting form prescribed by the Attorney General for 24 recording data describing each incident of use of force by a law 25 enforcement officer. 26 The data collection and reporting system shall include a d. 27 secure portal through which law enforcement agencies can electronically submit use of force data to the system. 28 29 The data collection and reporting system shall be searchable e. 30 by law enforcement agencies and members of the public. 31 f. The Attorney General shall develop guidelines to ensure 32 accurate and secure transmission, storage, scrubbing, and analysis 33 of the data in the data collection and reporting system required by this section. 34 35 36 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh 37 month next following enactment, but the Attorney General may take any anticipatory action in advance of that date as may be necessary for 38 39 the timely implementation of this act. 40 41 42 **STATEMENT** 43 44 This bill requires the Attorney General to establish and 45 implement an electronic data collection and reporting system for 46 tracking incidents of use of force by law enforcement officers in 47 this State.

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Law enforcement agencies are required by the bill to use a standard reporting form prescribed by the Attorney General to record data describing each incident of use of force by a law enforcement officer. The data on these forms is to be uploaded to the database through a secure portal.

6 The bill requires the data collection and reporting system to be 7 searchable by law enforcement agencies and members of the public. 8 The Attorney General is required to develop guidelines to ensure 9 accurate and secure transmission, storage, scrubbing, and analysis 10 of the data in the data collection and reporting system.

The Attorney General currently is operating a pilot "Police Use of Force Portal" program in six municipalities (Bridgeton, Dover, Linden, Millville, Paterson, and South Brunswick). The goal is to establish a Statewide, uniform database to aggregate data and compare information across agencies. Reportedly, the database was to be accessible to all law enforcement agencies by July 1, 2020 and be accessible to the public at a later date.