

# SENATE, No. 1322

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**SYNOPSIS**

Prohibits law enforcement agencies from considering number of arrests made and citations issued when evaluating police officer's professional performance.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/11/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning quotas for arrests and citations and amending  
2 P.L.2000, c.164.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2000, c.164 (C.40A:14-181.2) is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 2. a. A State, county or municipal police department or force  
10 engaged in the enforcement of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or  
11 any local ordinance adopted pursuant to this title shall not establish  
12 any quota for arrests or citations. The department or force may,  
13 however, collect, analyze and apply information concerning the  
14 number of arrests and citations in order to ensure that a particular  
15 officer or group of officers does not violate any applicable legal  
16 obligation and for the purpose of forwarding that information to the  
17 Superintendent of State Police for inclusion in the Uniform Crime  
18 Report.

19 b. The department or force shall not use the number of arrests  
20 or citations issued by a law enforcement officer **[as the sole]** when  
21 evaluating the performance of a law enforcement officer, or as a  
22 criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, discipline, or the  
23 earning of any benefit provided by the department or force. **[Any**  
24 **such arrests or citations, and their ultimate dispositions, may be**  
25 **considered in evaluating the overall performance of a law**  
26 **enforcement officer.]**

27 (cf: P.L.2000, c.164, s.2)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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34 This bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from using the  
35 volume of an officer's arrests or citations as a factor when  
36 evaluating that officer's overall performance or when making  
37 personnel determinations such as promotions, demotions and other  
38 benefits of employment. The bill provides that a law enforcement  
39 agency may collect, analyze and apply information concerning the  
40 number of arrests and citations for the purpose of forwarding that  
41 information to the Superintendent of State Police for inclusion in  
42 the Uniform Crime Report.

43 Under current law, State and local law enforcement agencies are  
44 prohibited from establishing policies requiring officers to meet  
45 quotas for arrests and citations in enforcing the State's motor

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

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- 1 vehicle code. However, these agencies may consider arrest and
- 2 citation data as part of the officer's overall performance evaluation.
- 3 This bill prohibits this practice.