

Subject Identifying, reporting, and prosecuting crimes motivated by bias

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Overview

This bill amends and establishes several requirements related to identifying, responding to, and reporting crimes motivated by bias. It directs the commissioner of human rights to solicit and collect reports from community members and organizations, directs the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop and update training and policies, and amends the crime of criminal damage to property when damage is motivated by bias.

Summary

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1	Formulation of policies.
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Expands the responsibilities of the commissioner of human rights to include collaborating and consulting with the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to update training for peace officers to identify and report crimes motivated by bias. Further expands those responsibilities to include receiving reports of crimes motivated by bias and reporting on the information received.

2	Criminal damage to property in the second degree.
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Amends the crime of criminal damage in the second degree to apply to damage that: (1) was motivated in whole or in part by the person's race, religion, or other protected class; or (2) has a substantial adverse effect, or is intended to have a substantial adverse effect, on another because of the person's race, religion, or other protected class.

3	Criminal damage to property in the third degree.
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Amends the crime of criminal damage in the third degree to apply to damage that: (1) was motivated in whole or in part by the person's race, religion, or other protected class; or (2) has a substantial adverse effect, or is intended to have a substantial adverse effect, on another because of the person's race, religion, or other protected class.

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4	Reports required. Clarifies that peace officers must report on crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived race, religion, or other protected class.
5	Training course; crimes motivated by bias. Requires the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to review a training course designed to assist peace officers in identifying and responding to crimes motivated by bias every three years and to consult with the commissioner of human rights in updating the course.
6	In-service training required. Requires mandatory in-service training to assist peace officers to identify, respond to, and report crimes motivated by bias. Directs the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to perform an annual review of learning objectives and to consult and collaborate with the commissioner of human rights in identifying appropriate objectives.
7	Identifying, responding to, and reporting crimes motivated by bias; written policy required. Requires the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to consult with the commissioner of human rights to develop a model policy for law enforcement agencies to identify, respond to, and report crimes motivated by bias. Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt the model policy, or a policy that complies with the model policy, by November 1, 2021.
8	Updated training materials; appropriation. Appropriates money to the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to update the training course on crimes motivated by bias and to develop a model policy.
9	Collection of data; appropriation. Appropriates money to the commissioner of human rights to collect and compile data on crimes motivated by bias and to consult with the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training in updating training on crimes motivated by bias.



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