

Subject Department of Public Safety Policy Bill

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Overview

This bill contains a variety of policy reforms advanced by the Department of Public Safety.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Specialized emergency response team. Assigns the commissioner of public safety with the authority to determine if an emergency warrants activation of specialized emergency response teams.
2	Victim notification of petition and release; right to submit statement. Modifies the requirement for county attorneys to provide victim notice in civil commitment proceedings to those victims who have submitted a written request to receive notice.
3	Notice of filing petition. Conforming change related to section 2.
4	Domestic abuse programs. Clarifies that the Office of Justice Programs, not the Department of Corrections, is the designated agency responsible for domestic abuse funding.
5	Acceptance of private funds; appropriation. Authorizes the commissioner of public safety to accept donations, grants, and other gifts of money to carry out the purposes of chapter 299A.
6	Expiration of report mandates. Establishes automatic expiration dates for mandated reports from the commissioner unless otherwise specified in statute.

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7	Hazardous materials response. Changes the name of “chemical assessment teams” to “hazardous materials response teams.”
8	Elements of plan; rules. Directs the commissioner of public safety to consult with his/her agency when preparing the statewide hazardous materials incident response team.
9	Liability and worker’s compensation. Removes an obsolete term.
10	Questioned identity process. Creates a questioned identity (QI) statute in chapter 299C to codify the BCA’s QI process. Details how a person can challenge data contained in BCA databases that is wrongfully associated with their name and the steps the BCA must take to disassociate wrongful information from a person’s file.
11	Smoke alarm; installation; rules; penalty. Changes references to “smoke detectors” to “smoke alarms” in statute.
12	Data. Defines the term “data” for purposes of the state’s computer crime statutes.
13	Acts. Expands the list of computer related criminal conduct to include the unauthorized use and retention of computer software and data.
14	Notice of rights. Clarifies that the Office of Justice Programs, not the Department of Corrections, is the designated agency responsible for domestic abuse funding.
15	Report required. Clarifies that the Office of Justice Programs, not the Department of Corrections, is the designated agency responsible for domestic abuse funding.
16	Notice; release of arrested person. Removes an obsolete term.
17	Repealer. Deletes an obsolete term (“regional hazardous materials response team”) from statute.



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