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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 128

2025 Regular Session

Carter

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Requires a written report when any law enforcement officer uses force on a member of the public. (8/1/25)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Remove authorization to cite proposed law as "Shantel Arnold's Law".
2. Provide that mandatory reporting applies only when the use of force results in serious bodily injury.
3. Remove provision that physical force includes but is not limited to use of a weapon.
4. Remove provision requiring a penalty for failure to complete the report.
5. Remove the requirement that reports be considered a public record and subject to the Public Records Law.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Changed provision that mandatory reporting applies only when the use of force is deadly and results in serious bodily injury.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Clarify that the term "serious bodily injury" means "serious bodily injury" as defined in present law.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law defines "serious bodily injury" as bodily injury which involves unconsciousness; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty; or a substantial risk of death.

Proposed law requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T. council) to adopt a policy no later than Jan. 1, 2026, regarding mandatory reporting when a peace officer uses force that results in serious bodily injury as defined in present law, to a member of the public whether or not the interaction results in an arrest.

Proposed law requires the P.O.S.T. council to adopt policies regarding but not limited to the following:

- (1) When the use of force report is required.
- (2) Who is required to complete the report.

Proposed law provides that the policy apply to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Proposed law authorizes a law enforcement agency to adopt a more strenuous policy.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 40:2554)