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AN ACT

To repeal section 590.650, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to racial bias in policing.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 590.650, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 590.650, to read as follows:

590.650. 1. **This section may be cited as the "Fair and Impartial
2 Policing Act of 2015".**

3 2. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

4 (1) **"Benchmark", the percentage of a given population within the
5 larger population, be it residential, driving, or some other measured
6 population;**

7 (2) **"Biased policing", occurs when a peace officer inappropriately
8 considers race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation,
9 age, national origin, or other factors in deciding which individuals
10 should be subject to routine or spontaneous law enforcement
11 activity. This does not include investigations of alleged crimes where
12 law enforcement must seek out suspects who match a specifically
13 delineated description;**

14 (3) **"Contraband", drugs, guns, or some other object that may
15 warrant an arrest;**

16 (4) **"Disparity index", the rate of any given activity such as stops,
17 searches, arrests, for a given population as compared to the benchmark
18 for that population;**

19 (5) **"Hit rate", the percentage of stops and searches in which a**

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

20 law enforcement officer finds seizable evidence. The hit rate is
21 calculated by dividing the number of searches that yield contraband by
22 the total number of searches;

23 (6) "Law enforcement activity", the following activities by a peace
24 officer:

25 (a) Traffic stops;

26 (b) Pedestrian (Terry) stops;

27 (c) Consensual or nonconsensual searches of persons, property,
28 or possessions, including vehicles;

29 (7) "Minority group" [means], individuals of African, Hispanic, Native
30 American [or], Asian descent, or multiracial descent;

31 (8) "Pedestrian stops" (Terry stops), any stops of individuals in
32 public spaces where an officer stops, frisks, or questions a person based
33 upon reasonable suspicion of unlawful activity.

34 [2.] 3. Each time a peace officer stops a driver of a motor vehicle or
35 completes a pedestrian stop, that officer shall report the following
36 information to the law enforcement agency that employs the officer:

37 (1) The age, gender [and], gender identity, race [or minority group],
38 and national origin of the individual stopped as perceived by the peace
39 officer;

40 (2) Whether the person stopped resides in the jurisdiction in
41 which such person was stopped;

42 (3) The reasons for the stop;

43 [(3)] (4) Whether a search was conducted as a result of the stop;

44 [(4)] (5) If a search was conducted, whether the individual consented to
45 the search, the probable cause for the search, whether the person was searched,
46 whether the person's property was searched, and the duration of the search;

47 [(5)] (6) Whether any [contraband] seizable evidence was discovered
48 in the course of the search and the type of any contraband discovered;

49 [(6)] (7) Whether any warning or citation was issued as a result of the
50 stop;

51 [(7)] (8) If a warning or citation was issued, the violation charged or
52 warning provided;

53 [(8)] (9) Whether an arrest was made as a result of either the stop or the
54 search;

55 [(9)] (10) If an arrest was made, the crime charged; and

56 [(10)] **(11)** The **time, date, and** location of the stop.
57 Such information may be reported using a format determined by the department
58 of public safety which uses existing citation and report forms.

59 **[3.] 4.** (1) Each law enforcement agency shall compile the data described
60 in subsection **[2] 3** of this section for the calendar year into a report to the
61 attorney general. **No information revealing the identity of any individual**
62 **peace officer shall be contained in the report.**

63 (2) Each law enforcement agency shall submit the report to the attorney
64 general no later than March first of the following calendar year.

65 (3) The attorney general shall determine the format that all law
66 enforcement agencies shall use to submit the report.

67 **[4.] 5.** (1) The attorney general shall analyze the annual reports of law
68 enforcement agencies required by this section and submit a report of the findings
69 to the governor, the general assembly and each law enforcement agency no later
70 than June first of each year.

71 (2) **The data analysis shall be completed using best practices and**
72 **include a meaningful benchmark as appropriate for the type of**
73 **population and appropriate for the geographic areas being analyzed,**
74 **against which data shall be measured, which may include:**

75 **(a) Using race and ethnicity specific data about the residential**
76 **population; or**

77 **(b) Using race and ethnicity specific data spatial weighting**
78 **analysis tool;**

79 **(c) Using race and ethnicity specific data about traffic accidents**
80 **in which the driver is not found to be at fault;**

81 **(d) Using race and ethnicity specific data from observational**
82 **surveys of motorists;**

83 **(e) Using a combination of the above listed benchmark measures.**

84 **(3)** The report of the attorney general shall include **statewide and**
85 **agency-specific analyses of** at least the following information [for each
86 agency]:

87 (a) The total number of vehicles **and pedestrians** stopped by peace
88 officers during the previous calendar year;

89 (b) **The number of driver and pedestrian stops, broken down by**
90 **the racial or ethnic group, meaning White, Black/African American,**
91 **Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Multiracial, or**

92 **Other/Unknown;**

93 **(c) The number of vehicle stops that resulted in a search, broken**
94 **down by the driver's racial or ethnic group;**

95 **(d) The number of pedestrian stops that resulted in either a pat**
96 **down or search, broken down by racial or ethnic group;**

97 **(e) The disparity index regarding stopped pedestrians and**
98 **drivers for each racial or ethnic group, as determined using the**
99 **benchmark measures listed in subdivision (2) of this subsection;**

100 **(f) The disparity indices regarding consensual and**
101 **nonconsensual searches for pedestrians and drivers subjected to**
102 **vehicle stops for each racial or ethnic group, basing the benchmarks on**
103 **the population of those stopped;**

104 **(g) The disparity indices regarding arrests for pedestrians and**
105 **drivers subjected to stops for each racial or ethnic group, basing the**
106 **benchmarks on the population of those stopped;**

107 **(h) The disparity indices in "pat downs" for pedestrians subject**
108 **to stops for each racial or ethnic group, basing the benchmarks on the**
109 **population of those stopped;**

110 **(i) A comparison of the racial or ethnic disparities in consent**
111 **searches to the consent search hit rate;**

112 **(j) The number and percentage of [stopped motor vehicles that were**
113 **driven by members of each particular minority] traffic stops by the type of**
114 **violation cited, such as moving, equipment, license, or investigatory,**
115 **broken down by racial or ethnic group;**

116 **[(c)] (k) A comparison of the [percentage of stopped motor vehicles driven**
117 **by each minority group and the percentage of the state's population that each**
118 **minority group comprises] racial or ethnic disparities in hit rates; and**

119 **[(d)] (l) A compilation of the information reported by law enforcement**
120 **agencies pursuant to subsection [2] 4 of this section.**

121 **[5.] 6. Each law enforcement agency shall adopt a detailed written**
122 **policy [on race-based traffic stops] that shall include:**

123 **[(1) Prohibits the practice of routinely stopping members of minority**
124 **groups for violations of vehicle laws as a pretext for investigating other violations**
125 **of criminal law;**

126 **(2) Provides for periodic reviews by the law enforcement agency of the**
127 **annual report of the attorney general required by subsection 4 of this section**

128 that:

129 (a) Determine whether any peace officers of the law enforcement agency
130 have a pattern of stopping members of minority groups for violations of vehicle
131 laws in a number disproportionate to the population of minority groups residing
132 or traveling within the jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency; and

133 (b) If the review reveals a pattern, require an investigation to determine
134 whether any peace officers of the law enforcement agency routinely stop members
135 of minority groups for violations of vehicle laws as a pretext for investigating
136 other violations of criminal law; and

137 (3) Provides for appropriate counseling and training of any peace officer
138 found to have engaged in race-based traffic stops within ninety days of the
139 review. The course or courses of instruction and the guidelines shall stress
140 understanding and respect for racial and cultural differences, and development
141 of effective, noncombative methods of carrying out law enforcement duties in a
142 racially and culturally diverse environment.

143 6. If a law enforcement agency fails to comply with the provisions of this
144 section, the governor may withhold any state funds appropriated to the
145 noncompliant law enforcement agency.]

146 (1) **A stated prohibition on bias in policing;**

147 (2) **Provisions for training on biased policing, including:**

148 (a) **A required initial course on biased policing as part of basic**
149 **law enforcement training given to all peace officers and those training**
150 **for licensure as a peace officer;**

151 (b) **A requirement that peace officers attend a minimum of eight**
152 **hours of ongoing anti-bias police training annually in order to maintain**
153 **POST certification;**

154 (c) **A requirement that command staff and other peace officers**
155 **with supervisory authority, including all licensed training instructors,**
156 **shall be trained on best practices for promoting fair and impartial**
157 **policing in their agencies on an annual basis; and**

158 (d) **A requirement that peace officers use electronic recording**
159 **devices available in their agencies and receive training on the use and**
160 **maintenance of the devices;**

161 (3) **Procedures aimed at decreasing bias in policing in the**
162 **administration of consent searches, which shall include the following**
163 **provisions:**

164 (a) A peace officer may only seek consent to search when he or
165 she has reasonable suspicion based on specific, articulable facts for
166 conducting such search;

167 (b) The peace officer shall document in writing such specific,
168 articulable facts for conducting a consent search. The written
169 documentation shall also include the results of the search;

170 (c) Prior to conducting a consensual search of a person or the
171 person's effects, a peace officer shall articulate in plain language that
172 the person is being asked to voluntarily consent to a search and the
173 person has the right to refuse the request to search;

174 (d) After providing such advisement, a peace officer shall
175 request, in plain language, that the person subject to the search
176 provide voluntary written consent to the search;

177 (e) Whether or not the person subject to search provides written
178 consent, a peace officer may conduct the search if the person provided
179 voluntary consent in a form other than in writing;

180 (f) Any evidence obtained as a result of a search prohibited by
181 this section shall be inadmissible in any judicial proceeding; and

182 (g) Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to
183 preclude any search otherwise based upon any legally sufficient cause;

184 (4) When the motor vehicle has been stopped solely for a traffic
185 violation, a peace officer may only request the following documentation
186 from drivers of motor vehicles: a driver's license or other verifiable,
187 government-issued identification, including foreign-issued
188 identification; motor vehicle registration; and proof of insurance,
189 unless there exists reasonable suspicion or probable cause of criminal
190 activity;

191 (5) No passenger of a motor vehicle shall be requested to provide
192 identification or any other documentation by a peace officer when the
193 motor vehicle has been stopped solely for a traffic violation, unless
194 there exists reasonable suspicion or probable cause of criminal activity;
195 and

196 (6) When a pedestrian has been stopped based on reasonable
197 suspicion of criminal activity, a peace officer may only request the
198 first, middle, and last name and address of the individual stopped.

199 7. Each law enforcement agency in this state may utilize federal funds
200 from community-oriented policing services grants or any other federal sources to

201 equip each vehicle used for traffic stops with a video camera and voice-activated
202 microphone.

203 **8. (1) Each law enforcement agency shall ensure that there is an**
204 **annual review of the data collected by their officers under subsection**
205 **3 of this section and the annual report of the attorney general required**
206 **by subsection 4 of this section.**

207 **(2) Such review shall determine whether individual officers in**
208 **the agency have a pattern of stopping, searching, or arresting members**
209 **of minority groups:**

210 **(a) In a number disproportionate to the population of minority**
211 **groups residing or traveling within the jurisdiction of the law**
212 **enforcement agency, using the benchmark measures described in**
213 **subsection 5 of this section; and**

214 **(b) In a number disproportionate to similarly situated peace**
215 **officers.**

216 **(3) If the review reveals a pattern of disparity, ether systemically**
217 **or for individual officers, the agency shall require an investigation to**
218 **determine whether the agency or any peace officers of the agency**
219 **routinely engage in biased policing.**

220 **(4) The agency shall provide for appropriate counseling and**
221 **training of any peace officer found to have engaged in biased policing**
222 **within ninety days of the review. The officer shall be removed from**
223 **patrol duties until completion of training and counseling. The agency**
224 **shall also review its own policies and procedures in order to minimize**
225 **this bias in the future.**

226 **9. Each law enforcement agency shall create a community and**
227 **law enforcement partnership to create mutual understanding between**
228 **law enforcement and the community about bias-based policing and to**
229 **provide a forum for each group to listen and respond to the other's**
230 **concerns. The partnership:**

231 **(1) Shall include no less than five participants composed of**
232 **representatives of law enforcement, community leaders, and**
233 **educational leaders who reflect the local racial and ethnic community;**

234 **(2) Shall facilitate workshops and public meetings in the**
235 **community on racial and other biases;**

236 **(3) May advise and assist in policy development and the training**
237 **and education of law enforcement agencies on biased policing;**

238 (4) Shall annually and formally recognize law enforcement
239 agencies and individual officers who have demonstrated strong
240 commitment to addressing issues of biased policing and working with
241 the local community.

242 10. (1) If an agency does not report or submits incomplete
243 reports in any year, the governor shall withhold any state funds
244 appropriated to that agency.

245 (2) If a law enforcement agency reports a motor vehicle or
246 pedestrian stop or consent search disparity index for any particular
247 minority group that is one standard deviation above the corresponding
248 statewide indices for that same minority group for three consecutive
249 years, the agency shall be subject to review for a period of three years.

250 (3) During the time an agency is subject to review, the agency
251 shall provide semi-annual reports on bias-based policing to the attorney
252 general, which shall include the same information required in
253 subsection 4 of this section and a narrative form describing what effort
254 or action, if any, has been taken to address any racial disparities in
255 stops and searches. The report shall be a public record.

256 (4) If the agency's disparity or consent search rate indices
257 remain one standard deviation or more above the statewide indices in
258 its second year of review, the attorney general shall require changes in
259 the agency's policies and practices, including techniques for identifying
260 problem officers, requirements that an officer's profiling statistics be
261 a part of the record used to evaluate promotions and reassignments,
262 training of supervisors in the skills necessary to eliminate bias in
263 policing, and increasing the quality and quantity of officer training
264 related to bias in policing.

265 (5) If the agency's disparity and consent search rate indices
266 remain one standard deviation or more above the statewide indices and
267 search rates in its third year of review, in addition to loss of state
268 funds, the POST commission, in consultation with the attorney
269 general's office, shall review the record of the law enforcement agency
270 during the review period to determine if the pattern of disparities
271 indicates a systemic bias or a failure to supervise of such magnitude
272 that the law enforcement agency should be decertified. The POST
273 commission shall take into account whether the agency is making a
274 good faith effort to reform. If not decertified, the agency shall remain

275 **under sanction, with periodic POST review, until such time as the**
276 **agency's disparity and consent search rate indices are no longer one**
277 **standard deviation above the statewide indices.**

278 [8.] **11.** A peace officer who stops a driver of a motor vehicle pursuant to
279 a lawfully conducted sobriety check point or road block shall be exempt from the
280 reporting requirements of subsection [2] 4 of this section.

281 **12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,**
282 **violation of this section is automatic grounds for civil suit by the**
283 **person or persons claiming racial profiling by law enforcement**
284 **agencies or peace officers in Missouri. Law enforcement agencies and**
285 **peace officers are not immune to civil litigation or any generally**
286 **applicable damages or remedies.**

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