

1 H.561

2 Introduced by Representative Wizowaty of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Internal security and public safety; Vermont Criminal Justice Training

6 Council; law enforcement agencies; bias-free policing policy; race

7 data collection

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that

9 all law enforcement agencies collect data on traffic stops including drivers'

10 age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

11 An act relating to requiring that all law enforcement agencies collect data on
12 traffic stops including drivers' age, gender, race, and ethnicity

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2366 is amended to read:

15 § 2366. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; BIAS-FREE POLICING

16 POLICY; RACE DATA COLLECTION

17 (a) ~~No later than~~ On or before January 1, 2013, every State, local, county,

18 and municipal law enforcement agency that employs one or more certified law

19 enforcement officers shall adopt a bias-free policing policy. The policy shall

20 contain the essential elements of such a policy as determined by the Law

1 Enforcement Advisory Board after its review of the current Vermont State
2 Police Policy and the most current model policy issued by the Office of the
3 Attorney General.

4 (b) The policy shall encourage ongoing bias-free law enforcement training
5 for State, local, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies.

6 (c) On or before January 1, 2016, every State, local, county, and municipal
7 law enforcement agencies agency that employ employs one or more certified
8 law enforcement officers are encouraged to work with the Vermont
9 Association of Chiefs of Police to extend the collection of roadside stop race
10 data uniformly throughout state law enforcement agencies, with the goal of
11 obtaining uniform roadside stop race data for analysis shall collect roadside
12 stop data, including the age, gender, race, and ethnicity of drivers. Law
13 enforcement agencies are encouraged to work with the Vermont Association of
14 Chiefs of Police and the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council with the
15 goals of using uniform forms, collecting uniform data, adopting uniform
16 storage methods and periods, and ensuring that data can be analyzed.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.