

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. XX
3 entitled “An act relating to _____” respectfully reports that it has
4 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by inserting a
5 Sec. X as follows:

6 Sec. X. 20 V.S.A. § 2366 is amended to read:

7 § 2366. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; BIAS-FREE POLICING
8 POLICY; RACE DATA COLLECTION

9 (a) ~~No later than January 1, 2013~~ On or before September 1, 2014, every
10 State, local, county, and municipal law enforcement agency ~~that employs one~~
11 ~~or more certified law enforcement officers, and every law enforcement officer~~
12 who exercises law enforcement authority pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1936a and
13 who is trained in compliance with section 2358 of this title, shall adopt a
14 ~~bias-free policing policy. The policy shall contain the following essential~~
15 ~~elements of such a policy as determined by the Law Enforcement Advisory~~
16 ~~Board after its review of either the current Vermont State Police Policy and~~
17 bias-free policing policy or the most current model policy issued by the Office
18 of the Attorney General.

19 (b) ~~The policy shall encourage ongoing bias-free law enforcement training~~
20 ~~for State, local, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies~~ If a law
21 enforcement agency or officer that is required to adopt a policy pursuant to

1 subsection (a) of this section fails to do so on or before September 1, 2014, that
2 agency or officer shall be deemed to have adopted, and shall follow and
3 enforce, the model policy issued by the Office of the Attorney General.

4 (c) On or before September 7, 2014, and annually thereafter as part of their
5 annual training report to the Council, every State, local, county, and municipal
6 law enforcement agency, and every law enforcement officer who exercises law
7 enforcement authority pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1936a and who is trained in
8 compliance with section 2358 of this title, shall report to the Council whether
9 the agency or officer has adopted a bias-free policing policy in accordance
10 with subsections (a) and (b) of this section and which policy has been adopted.
11 The Criminal Justice Training Council shall determine, as part of the Council's
12 annual certification of training requirements, if current officers have received
13 training on bias free policing. [Is this last sentence necessary?]

14 (d) On or before October 15, 2014, and annually thereafter on April 1, the
15 Criminal Justice Training Council shall report to the House and Senate
16 Committees on Judiciary which departments and officers have adopted a
17 bias-free policing policy, which policy has been adopted, and whether officers
18 have received training on bias-free policing.

19 (e) On or before September 1, 2014, every State, local, county, and
20 municipal law enforcement agencies that employ one or more certified law
21 enforcement officers are encouraged to work with the Vermont Association of

1 ~~Chiefs of Police to extend the collection of roadside stop race data uniformly~~
2 ~~throughout state law enforcement agencies, with the goal of obtaining uniform~~
3 ~~roadside stop race data for analysis~~ agency shall collect roadside stop data,
4 including the age, gender, race, and ethnicity of drivers. Law enforcement
5 agencies shall work with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council with
6 the goals of collecting uniform data, adopting uniform storage methods and
7 periods, and ensuring that data can be analyzed. Roadside stop data shall be
8 public.

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10 **Note: May need to amend effective date section of whatever bill this is**
11 **amending.**

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13 (Committee vote: _____)

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15 Representative _____
16 FOR THE COMMITTEE