§ 2054a. Hate crime reports

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "The center" means the Vermont crime information center.

(2) "Hate crime" means a criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity.

(3) “Uniform reports” means the uniform forms provided by the center as defined in section 2054.

(b) State departments and agencies, municipal police departments, sheriffs and other law enforcement officers shall report all hate crimes to the center in the form of uniform reports.

(c) The center shall submit an annual report to the Attorney General based on the information contained in the uniform reports received under this section.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the definition of “hate-motivated crimes” as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 1455.