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**Act No. 161 (S.250). Law enforcement; certification; data collection; interrogation; reports**

**An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**

This act creates, clarifies, and directs law enforcement’s reporting of data collection concerning roadside stops and encounters with members of the public. Specifically, statutory requirements specify the contents of an annual roadside data report and direct its submission to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Judiciary in addition to the Executive Director of Racial Equity. The act also requires the Department of Public Safety, on or before November 1, 2023, to submit a report concerning the ability of law enforcement agencies to collect data during law enforcement encounters and specific recommendations that should be considered by the General Assembly for codification into law during the 2024 legislative session.

The act also creates the Giglio Database Study Committee that is directed to study the creation and administration of a law enforcement officer information database designed to facilitate the disclosure of potential impeachment information by prosecutors pursuant to legal obligations. The Study Committee is required to submit a report with legislative recommendations on or before December 1, 2022.

The act expands the statutory requirements to electronically record custodial interrogations occurring in a place of detention to now include all felony and misdemeanor investigations in addition to, unless impracticable, the recording of all felony and misdemeanor investigations occurring outside of a place of detention. The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee is directed to study Vermont law enforcement’s use of deceptive and coercive interrogation tactics and submit a report on any proposed legislation on or before December 1, 2022.

The act also adds U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ special agents, inspectors, and police force members to the list of “certified federal law enforcement officers” authorized to arrest individuals for alleged Vermont crimes.

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