

# ARLINGTON

## Police Department

# RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

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*"Dr. Alex del Carmen's work on racial profiling exemplifies the very best of the Sandra Bland Act, named after my daughter. My daughter's pledge to fight for injustice is best represented in the high quality of Dr. del Carmen's reports which include, as required by law, the data analysis, audits, findings and recommendations. I commend the agencies that work with him as it is clear that they have embraced transparency and adherence to the law."*

-Quote by Geneva Reed (Mother of Sandra Bland)



January 14, 2025

Arlington City Council  
101 W. Abram St.  
Arlington, TX 76010

Dear Distinguished Members of the City Council,

The Texas Racial Profiling Law was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2001, with the intent of addressing the issue of racial profiling in policing. During the last calendar year, the Arlington Police Department, in accordance with the law, has collected and reported traffic and motor vehicle related contact data for the purpose of identifying and addressing (if necessary) areas of concern regarding racial profiling practices. In the 2009 Texas legislative session, the Racial Profiling Law was modified, and additional requirements were implemented. Further, in 2017 the Sandra Bland Act was passed and signed into law (along with HB 3051, which introduced new racial and ethnic designations). The Sandra Bland Law currently requires that law enforcement agencies in the state collect additional data and provide a more detailed analysis. I am pleased to report that all of these requirements have been met by the Arlington Police Department and are included in this report.

In this annual report, you will find three sections with information on motor vehicle-related contacts. In addition, when applicable, documentation is included which demonstrates the way the Arlington Police Department has complied with the Texas Racial Profiling Law. In section one, you will find the table of contents. Section two documents compliance by the Arlington Police Department relevant to the requirements established in the Texas Racial Profiling Law. That is, you will find documents relevant to the training of all police personnel on racial profiling prevention and the institutionalization of the compliment and complaint processes, as required by law.

Section three contains statistical data relevant to contacts (as defined by the law) which were made during motor vehicle stops that took place between 1/1/24 and 12/31/24. Further, this section includes the Tier 2 form, which is required to be submitted to TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement) and the law enforcement agency's local governing authority by March 1 of each year. The data in this report has been fully analyzed and compared to information derived from the U.S. Census Bureau's Fair Roads Standard. The final analysis and recommendations are also included in this report.

In the last section of the report, you will find the original draft of the Texas Racial Profiling Law, SB1074, as well as the Sandra Bland Act (current law). Also in this section, a list of requirements relevant to the Racial Profiling Law, as established by TCOLE is included. The findings in this report support the Arlington Police Department's commitment to comply with the Texas Racial Profiling Law.

Sincerely,

Alex del Carmen, Ph.D.

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# Public Education on Responding to Compliments and Complaints

## **Informing the Public on the Process of Filing a Compliment or Complaint with the Arlington Police Department**

The Texas Racial Profiling Law requires that police agencies provide information to the public regarding the manner in which to file a compliment or racial profiling complaint. In an effort to comply with this particular component, the Arlington Police Department launched an educational campaign aimed at informing the public on issues relevant to the racial profiling complaint process.

The police department made available, in the lobby area and on its web site, information relevant to filing a compliment and complaint on a racial profiling violation by an Arlington Police Officer. In addition, each time an officer issues a citation, ticket or warning, information on how to file a compliment or complaint is given to the individual cited. This information is in the form of a web address (including in the document issued to the citizen), which has instructions and details specifics related to the compliment or complaint processes.

It is believed that through these efforts, the community has been properly informed of the new policies and the complaint processes relevant to racial profiling.

All Arlington Police Officers have been instructed, as specified in the Texas Racial Profiling Law, to adhere to all Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) training and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) requirements. To date, all sworn officers of the Arlington Police Department have completed the TCOLE basic training on racial profiling. The main outline used to train the officers of Arlington has been included in this report.

It is important to recognize that the Chief of the Arlington Police Department has also met the training requirements, as specified by the Texas Racial Profiling Law, in the completion of the LEMIT program on racial profiling. The satisfactory completion of the racial profiling training by the sworn personnel of the Arlington Police Department fulfills the training requirement as specified in the Education Code (96.641) of the Texas Racial Profiling Law.

# Racial Profiling Course 3256

## Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

September 2001

### Racial Profiling 3256

#### Instructor's Note:

You may wish to teach this course in conjunction with Asset Forfeiture 3255 because of the related subject matter and applicability of the courses. If this course is taught in conjunction with Asset Forfeiture, you may report it under Combined Profiling and Forfeiture 3257 to reduce data entry.

#### Abstract

This instructor guide is designed to meet the educational requirement for racial profiling established by legislative mandate: 77R-SB1074.

**Target Population:** Licensed law enforcement personnel in Texas

**Prerequisites:** Experience as a law enforcement officer

**Length of Course:** A suggested instructional time of 4 hours

**Material Requirements:** Overhead projector, chalkboard and/or flip charts, video tape player, handouts, practical exercises, and demonstrations

**Instructor Qualifications:** Instructors should be very knowledgeable about traffic stop procedures and law enforcement issues

#### Evaluation Process and Procedures

An examination should be given. The instructor may decide upon the nature and content of the examination. It must, however, sufficiently demonstrate the mastery of the subject content by the student.

#### Reference Materials

Reference materials are located at the end of the course. An electronic copy of this instructor guide may be downloaded from our web site at <http://www.tcleose.state.tx.us>.

## **Racial Profiling 3256**

### **1.0 RACIAL PROFILING AND THE LAW**

**1.1 UNIT GOAL: The student will be able to identify the legal aspects of racial profiling.**

**1.1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVE: The student will be able to identify the legislative requirements placed upon peace officers and law enforcement agencies regarding racial profiling.**

#### **Racial Profiling Requirements:**

Racial profiling CCP 3.05

Racial profiling prohibited CCP 2.131

Law enforcement policy on racial profiling CCP 2.132

Reports required for traffic and pedestrian stops CCP 2.133

Liability CCP 2.136

Racial profiling education for police chiefs Education Code 96.641

Training program Occupations Code 1701.253

Training required for intermediate certificate Occupations Code 1701.402

Definition of "race or ethnicity" for form Transportation Code 543.202

#### **A. Written departmental policies**

1. Definition of what constitutes racial profiling
2. Prohibition of racial profiling
3. Complaint process
4. Public education
5. Corrective action
6. Collection of traffic-stop statistics
7. Annual reports

#### **B. Not prima facie evidence**

#### **C. Feasibility of use of video equipment**

#### **D. Data does not identify officer**

#### **E. Copy of complaint-related video evidence to officer in question**

#### **F. Vehicle stop report**

1. Physical description of detainees: gender, race or ethnicity
2. Alleged violation
3. Consent to search
4. Contraband
5. Facts supporting probable cause
6. Arrest
7. Warning or citation issued

#### **G. Compilation and analysis of data**

#### **H. Exemption from reporting – audio/video equipment**

#### **I. Officer non-liability**

#### **J. Funding**

#### **K. Required training in racial profiling**

1. Police chiefs
2. All holders of intermediate certificates and/or two-year-old licenses as of 09/01/2001 (training to be completed no later than 09/01/2003) – see legislation 77R-SB1074



**1.1.2 LEARNING OBJECTIVE: The student will become familiar with Supreme Court decisions and other court decisions involving appropriate actions in traffic stops.**

**A. Whren v. United States, 517 U.S. 806, 116 S.Ct. 1769 (1996)**

1. Motor vehicle search exemption
2. Traffic violation acceptable as pretext for further investigation
3. Selective enforcement can be challenged

**B. Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1, 88 S.Ct. 1868 (1968)**

1. Stop & Frisk doctrine
2. Stopping and briefly detaining a person
3. Frisk and pat down

**C. Other cases**

1. Pennsylvania v. Mimms, 434 U.S. 106, 98 S.Ct. 330 (1977)
2. Maryland v. Wilson, 117 S.Ct. 882 (1997)
3. Graham v. State, 119 MdApp 444, 705 A.2d 82 (1998)
4. Pryor v. State, 122 Md.App. 671 (1997) cert. denied 352 Md. 312, 721 A.2d 990 (1998)
5. Ferris v. State, 355 Md. 356, 735 A.2d 491 (1999)
6. New York v. Belton, 453 U.S. 454 (1981)





## **2.0 RACIAL PROFILING AND THE COMMUNITY**

**2.1 UNIT GOAL:** The student will be able to identify logical and social arguments against racial profiling.

**2.1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVE:** The student will be able to identify logical and social arguments against racial profiling.

- A. There are appropriate reasons for unusual traffic stops (suspicious behavior, the officer's intuition, MOs, etc.), but police work must stop short of cultural stereotyping and racism.
- B. Racial profiling would result in criminal arrests, but only because it would target all members of a race randomly – the minor benefits would be far outweighed by the distrust and anger towards law enforcement by minorities and the public as a whole.
- C. Racial profiling is self-fulfilling bad logic: if you believed that minorities committed more crimes, then you might look for more minority criminals, and find them in disproportionate numbers.
- D. Inappropriate traffic stops generate suspicion and antagonism towards officers and make future stops more volatile – a racially-based stop today can throw suspicion on tomorrow's legitimate stop.
- E. By focusing on race, you would not only be harassing innocent citizens, but overlooking criminals of all races and backgrounds – it is a waste of law enforcement resources.

### 3.0 RACIAL PROFILING VERSUS REASONABLE SUSPICION

**3.1 UNIT GOAL:** The student will be able to identify the elements of both inappropriate and appropriate traffic stops.

**3.1.1 LEARNING OBJECTIVE:** The student will be able to identify elements of a racially motivated traffic stop.

A. Most race-based complaints come from vehicle stops, often since race is used as an inappropriate substitute for drug courier profile elements

B. "DWB" – "Driving While Black" – a nickname for the public perception that a Black person may be stopped solely because of their race (especially with the suspicion that they are a drug courier), often extended to other minority groups or activities as well ("Driving While Brown," "Flying While Black," etc.)

C. A typical traffic stop resulting from racial profiling

1. The vehicle is stopped on the basis of a minor or contrived traffic violation which is used as a pretext for closer inspection of the vehicle, driver, and passengers
2. The driver and passengers are questioned about things that do not relate to the traffic violation
3. The driver and passengers are ordered out of the vehicle
4. The officers visually check all observable parts of the vehicle
5. The officers proceed on the assumption that drug courier work is involved by detaining the driver and passengers by the roadside
6. The driver is asked to consent to a vehicle search – if the driver refuses, the officers use other procedures (waiting on a canine unit, criminal record checks, license-plate checks, etc.), and intimidate the driver (with the threat of detaining him/her, obtaining a warrant, etc.)



**3.1.2 LEARNING OBJECTIVE: The student will be able to identify elements of a traffic stop which would constitute reasonable suspicion of drug courier activity.**

A. Drug courier profile (adapted from a profile developed by the DEA)

1. Driver is nervous or anxious beyond the ordinary anxiety and cultural communication styles
2. Signs of long-term driving (driver is unshaven, has empty food containers, etc.)
3. Vehicle is rented
4. Driver is a young male, 20-35
5. No visible luggage, even though driver is traveling
6. Driver was over-reckless or over-cautious in driving and responding to signals
7. Use of air fresheners

B. Drug courier activity indicators by themselves are usually not sufficient to justify a stop

**3.1.3 LEARNING OBJECTIVE: The student will be able to identify elements of a traffic stop which could constitute reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.**

A. Thinking about the totality of circumstances in a vehicle stop

B. Vehicle exterior

1. Non-standard repainting (esp. on a new vehicle)
2. Signs of hidden cargo (heavy weight in trunk, windows do not roll down, etc.)
3. Unusual license plate suggesting a switch (dirty plate, bugs on back plate, etc.)
4. Unusual circumstances (pulling a camper at night, kids' bikes with no kids, etc.)

C. Pre-stop indicators

1. Not consistent with traffic flow
2. Driver is overly cautious, or driver/passengers repeatedly look at police car
3. Driver begins using a car- or cell-phone when signaled to stop
4. Unusual pull-over behavior (ignores signals, hesitates, pulls onto new street, moves objects in car, etc.)

D. Vehicle interior

1. Rear seat or interior panels have been opened, there are tools or spare tire, etc.
2. Inconsistent items (anti-theft club with a rental, unexpected luggage, etc.)

**Resources**

Proactive Field Stops Training Unit – Instructor's Guide, Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions, 2001. (See Appendix A.)

Web address for legislation 77R-SB1074:





# Report on Compliments and Racial Profiling Complaints



## Report on Complaints

The following table contains data regarding officers that have been the subject of a complaint, during the time period of 1/1/24-12/31/24 based on allegations outlining possible violations related to the Texas Racial Profiling Law. The final disposition of the case is also included.

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## Tables Illustrating Motor Vehicle-Related Contacts

TIER 2 DATA

**TOTAL STOPS: 83,335**

### STREET ADDRESS OR APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF STOP.

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| City Street      | 50,949 |
| US Highway       | 14,536 |
| State Highway    | 17,846 |
| County Road      | 0      |
| Private Property | 4      |

### WAS RACE OR ETHNICITY KNOWN PRIOR TO STOP?

|     |        |
|-----|--------|
| Yes | 1,761  |
| No  | 81,574 |

### RACE OR ETHNICITY

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 153    |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 6,276  |
| Black                         | 29,713 |
| White                         | 19,751 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 27,442 |

### GENDER

**Female Total: 29,896**

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 50     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 1,700  |
| Black                         | 12,169 |
| White                         | 7,460  |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 8,517  |

**Male Total: 53,439**

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 103    |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 4,576  |
| Black                         | 17,544 |
| White                         | 12,291 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 18,925 |

### REASON FOR STOP?

**Violation of Law Total: 4,874**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 4     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 224   |
| Black                         | 2,113 |
| White                         | 1,061 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 1,472 |

**Pre-existing Knowledge Total: 0**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 0 |

**Moving Traffic Violation Total: 42,947**

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 83     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 3,770  |
| Black                         | 14,190 |
| White                         | 11,080 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 13,824 |



## TIER 2 DATA

### Vehicle Traffic Violation Total: 35,514

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 66     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 2,282  |
| Black                         | 13,410 |
| White                         | 7,610  |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 12,146 |

### Contraband (in plain view) Total: 0

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 0 |

### WAS SEARCH CONDUCTED?

|                               | YES          | NO            |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 4            | 149           |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 60           | 6,216         |
| Black                         | 1,536        | 28,177        |
| White                         | 329          | 19,422        |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 839          | 26,603        |
|                               |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>2,768</b> | <b>80,567</b> |

### Probable Cause Total: 1,838

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 4     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 36    |
| Black                         | 1,124 |
| White                         | 192   |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 482   |

### Inventory Total: 305

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0   |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 4   |
| Black                         | 136 |
| White                         | 19  |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 146 |

### REASON FOR SEARCH?

#### Consent Total: 75

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 2  |
| Black                         | 33 |
| White                         | 17 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 23 |

### Incident to Arrest Total: 550

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0   |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 18  |
| Black                         | 243 |
| White                         | 101 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 188 |

## TIER 2 DATA

### WAS CONTRABAND DISCOVERED?

|                               | YES          | NO           |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1            | 3            |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 28           | 32           |
| Black                         | 758          | 778          |
| White                         | 150          | 179          |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 380          | 459          |
|                               |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>1,317</b> | <b>1,451</b> |

### Did the finding result in arrest?

|                               | YES          | NO         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0            | 1          |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 22           | 6          |
| Black                         | 650          | 108        |
| White                         | 126          | 24         |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 321          | 59         |
|                               |              |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>1,119</b> | <b>198</b> |

### DESCRIPTION OF CONTRABAND

#### Drugs Total: 1,045

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1   |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 25  |
| Black                         | 627 |
| White                         | 120 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 272 |

#### Currency Total: 0

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 0 |

#### Weapons Total: 117

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 1  |
| Black                         | 80 |
| White                         | 11 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 25 |

#### Alcohol Total: 129

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0  |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 1  |
| Black                         | 41 |
| White                         | 13 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 74 |

## TIER 2 DATA

### Stolen Property Total: 3

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 1 |
| Black                         | 1 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 1 |

### Other Total: 23

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 9 |
| White                         | 6 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 8 |

### RESULT OF THE STOP

#### Verbal Warning Total: 47,597

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 89     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 3,851  |
| Black                         | 17,247 |
| White                         | 11,819 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 14,591 |

#### Written Warning Total: 0

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 0 |

### Citation Total: 33,398

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 62     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 2,363  |
| Black                         | 11,244 |
| White                         | 7,596  |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 12,133 |

### Written Warning and Arrest Total: 0

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 0 |

### Citation and Arrest Total: 0

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 0 |

### Arrest Total: 2,340

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 2     |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 62    |
| Black                         | 1,222 |
| White                         | 336   |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 718   |



## TIER 2 DATA

### ARREST BASED ON

**Violation of Penal Code Total: 1,206**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1   |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 30  |
| Black                         | 647 |
| White                         | 146 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 382 |

**Violation of Traffic Law Total: 248**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0   |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 10  |
| Black                         | 88  |
| White                         | 46  |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 104 |

**Violation of City Ordinance Total: 2**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 0 |
| Black                         | 0 |
| White                         | 0 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 2 |

**Outstanding Warrant Total: 884**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 1   |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 22  |
| Black                         | 487 |
| White                         | 144 |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 230 |

**Was physical force used resulting in bodily injury during the stop?**

|                               | YES       | NO            |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0         | 153           |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 2         | 6,274         |
| Black                         | 6         | 29,707        |
| White                         | 4         | 19,747        |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 10        | 27,432        |
|                               |           |               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>22</b> | <b>83,313</b> |

# Tables Illustrating Motor Vehicle Related Contact Data

**Table 1. Citations and Warnings**

| Race/ Ethnicity                           | All<br>Contacts | Citations | Verbal<br>Warning | Written<br>Warning | Contact<br>Percent | Citation<br>Percent | Verbal<br>Percent | Written<br>Percent |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|   |                 |           |                   |                    |                    |                     |                   |                    |
| <b>Alaska Native/<br/>American Indian</b> | 153             | 62        | 89                | 0                  | 0%                 | 0%                  | 0%                | 0%                 |
| <b>Asian/ Pacific<br/>Islander</b>        | 6,276           | 2,363     | 3,851             | 0                  | 8%                 | 7%                  | 8%                | 0%                 |
| <b>Black</b>                              | 29,713          | 11,244    | 17,247            | 0                  | 36%                | 34%                 | 36%               | 0%                 |
| <b>White</b>                              | 19,751          | 7,596     | 11,819            | 0                  | 24%                | 23%                 | 25%               | 0%                 |
| <b>Hispanic/ Latino</b>                   | 27,442          | 12,133    | 14,591            | 0                  | 33%                | 36%                 | 31%               | 0%                 |
|   |                 |           |                   |                    |                    |                     |                   |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | 83,335          | 33,398    | 47,597            | 0                  | 100%               | 100%                | 100%              | 0%                 |



**Table 2. Motor Vehicle Contacts and Fair Roads Standard Comparison**

Comparison of motor vehicle-related contacts with households that have vehicle access.

| Race/Ethnicity                | Contact Percentage | Households with Vehicle Access |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
|                               |                    |                                |
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0%                 | 0%                             |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 8%                 | 5%                             |
| Black                         | 36%                | 14%                            |
| White                         | 24%                | 60%                            |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 33%                | 19%                            |
|                               |                    |                                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | 100%               | 98%                            |

**Table 3. Motor Vehicle Searches and Arrests.**

| Race/Ethnicity                | Searches | Consent Searches | Arrests |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|
|                               |          |                  |         |
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 4        | 0                | 2       |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 60       | 2                | 62      |
| Black                         | 1,536    | 33               | 1,222   |
| White                         | 329      | 17               | 336     |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 839      | 23               | 718     |
|                               |          |                  |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | 2,768    | 75               | 2,340   |

**Table 4. Instances Where Peace Officers Used Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury**

| <b>Instances Where Peace Officers Used Physical Force that Resulted in Bodily Injury</b> | <b>Arrest</b> | <b>Location of Stop</b>         | <b>Reason for Stop</b>    |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1  | 2/23/24       | 3001 S Cooper St                | Violation of Law          |
| 2  | 5/10/24       | 700 W I-20 Hwy                  | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 3  | 2/2/24        | N Center St/Lincoln Dr          | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 4  | 2/15/24       | 2200 Gladstone Dr               | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 5  | 7/12/24       | S Cooper St/Benge Dr            | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 6  | 8/3/24        | W Sanford St/NL Robinson Dr     | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 7  | 8/11/24       | E Pioneer Pkwy/S Collins St     | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 8  | 12/31/24      | 500 N Collins St                | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 9  | 1/8/24        | 408 N Fielder Rd                | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 10   | 1/10/24       | 735 N Fielder Rd                | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 11   | 1/25/24       | SW Green Oaks Blvd/S Cooper St  | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 12   | 4/10/24       | Wester Way Dr/W Green Oaks Blvd | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 13   | 2/10/24       | 2200 E Abram St                 | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 14   | 6/30/24       | E Timberview Ln/Sherry St       | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 15   | 7/2/24        | New York Ave/Ridgeway St        | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 16   | 9/6/24        | Eden Rd/Matlock Rd              | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 17   | 9/18/24       | 1200 E I-20 Fwy                 | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 18   | 10/21/24      | Matlock Rd/E Sublett Rd         | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 19   | 11/2/24       | 2000 Randy Snow Rd              | Vehicle Traffic Violation |
| 20   | 11/21/24      | 1600 Wet n Wild Way             | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 21   | 11/23/24      | 1300 S Cooper St                | Moving Traffic Violation  |
| 22   | 12/21/24      | 4000 Retail Connection Way      | Vehicle Traffic Violation |

**Table 5. Search Data**

| Race/<br>Ethnicity                      | Searches | Contraband<br>Found Yes | Contraband<br>Found No | Arrests | Percent<br>Searches | Percent<br>Contraband<br>Found | Percent No<br>Contraband | Percent<br>Arrest |
|---|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Alaska<br>Native/<br>American<br>Indian | 4        | 1                       | 3                      | 2       | 0%                  | 0%                             | 0%                       | 0%                |
| Asian/<br>Pacific<br>Islander           | 60       | 28                      | 32                     | 62      | 2%                  | 2%                             | 2%                       | 3%                |
| Black                                   | 1,536    | 758                     | 778                    | 1,222   | 55%                 | 58%                            | 54%                      | 52%               |
| White                                   | 329      | 150                     | 179                    | 336     | 12%                 | 11%                            | 12%                      | 14%               |
| Hispanic/<br>Latino                     | 839      | 380                     | 459                    | 718     | 30%                 | 29%                            | 32%                      | 31%               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | 2,768    | 1,317                   | 1,451                  | 2,340   | 100%                | 100%                           | 100%                     | 100%              |

**Table 6. Report on Audits.**

The following table contains data regarding the number and outcome of required data audits during the period of 1/1/24-12/31/24.

| Audit<br>Data | Number of Data<br>Audits Completed | Date of Completion | Outcome of Audit            |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1             | 1                                  | 03/01/24           | Data was valid and reliable |
| 2             | 1                                  | 06/01/24           | Data was valid and reliable |
| 3             | 1                                  | 09/01/24           | Data was valid and reliable |
| 4             | 1                                  | 12/01/24           | Data was valid and reliable |

**Table 7. Instance Where Force Resulted in Bodily Injury.**

| Race/Ethnicity                | Number | Percent |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Alaska Native/American Indian | 0      | 0%      |
| Asian/Pacific Islander        | 2      | 9%      |
| Black                         | 6      | 27%     |
| White                         | 4      | 18%     |
| Hispanic/Latino               | 10     | 45%     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | 22     | 100%    |



**Table 8. Reason for Arrests from Vehicle Contact**

| Race/ Ethnicity                | Violation of Penal Code | Violation of Traffic Law | Violation of City Ordinance | Outstanding Warrant | Percent Penal Code | Percent Traffic Law | Percent City Ordinance | Percent Warrant |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
|                                |                         |                          |                             |                     |                    |                     |                        |                 |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 1                       | 0                        | 0                           | 1                   | 0%                 | 0%                  | 0%                     | 0%              |
| Asian/ Pacific Islander        | 30                      | 10                       | 0                           | 22                  | 2%                 | 4%                  | 0%                     | 2%              |
| Black                          | 647                     | 88                       | 0                           | 487                 | 54%                | 35%                 | 0%                     | 55%             |
| White                          | 146                     | 46                       | 0                           | 144                 | 12%                | 19%                 | 0%                     | 16%             |
| Hispanic/ Latino               | 382                     | 104                      | 2                           | 230                 | 32%                | 42%                 | 100%                   | 26%             |
|                                |                         |                          |                             |                     |                    |                     |                        |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | 1,206                   | 248                      | 2                           | 884                 | 100%               | 100%                | 100%                   | 100%            |

**Table 9. Contraband Hit Rate**

| Race/ Ethnicity                | Searches | Contraband Found Yes | Contraband Hit Rate | Search Percent | Contraband Percent |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                                |          |                      |                     |                |                    |
| Alaska Native/ American Indian | 4        | 1                    | 25%                 | 0%             | 0%                 |
| Asian/ Pacific Islander        | 60       | 28                   | 47%                 | 2%             | 2%                 |
| Black                          | 1,536    | 758                  | 49%                 | 55%            | 58%                |
| White                          | 329      | 150                  | 46%                 | 12%            | 11%                |
| Hispanic/Latino                | 839      | 380                  | 45%                 | 30%            | 29%                |

# Analysis and Interpretation of Data

As previously noted, in 2001, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1074, which eventually became the Texas Racial Profiling Law. This particular law came into effect on January 1, 2002, and required all police departments in Texas to collect traffic-related data and report this information to their local governing authority by March 1 of each year. This version of the law remained in place until 2009, when it was modified to include the collection and reporting of all motor vehicle-related contacts in which a citation was issued, or an arrest was made. Further, the modification to the law further requires that all police officers indicate whether or not they knew the race or ethnicity of the individuals before detaining them. In addition, it became a requirement that agencies report motor vehicle-related data to their local governing authority and to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) by March 1 of each year. The purpose in collecting and disclosing this information is to determine if police officers in any particular municipality are engaging in the practice of racially profiling minority motorists.

One of the main requirements of the law is that police departments interpret motor vehicle-related data. Even though most researchers would likely agree that it is within the confines of good practice for police departments to be accountable to the citizenry while carrying a transparent image before the community, it is in fact very difficult to determine if individual police officers are engaging in racial profiling from a review and analysis of aggregate/institutional data. In other words, it is challenging for a reputable researcher to identify specific "individual" racist behavior from aggregate-level "institutional" data on traffic or motor vehicle-related contacts.

As referenced earlier, in 2009 the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3389, which modified the Racial Profiling Law by adding new requirements; this took effect on January 1, 2010. The changes included, but are not limited to, the re-definition of a contact to include motor vehicle-related contacts in which a citation was issued, or an arrest was made. In addition, it required police officers to indicate if they knew the race or ethnicity of the individual before detaining them. The 2009 law also required adding "Middle Eastern" to the racial and ethnic category and submitting the annual data report to TCOLE before March 1 of each year.

In 2017, the Texas Legislators passed HB 3051 which removed the Middle Eastern data requirement while standardizing the racial and ethnic categories relevant to the individuals that came in contact with police. In addition, the Sandra Bland Act (SB 1849) was passed and became law. Thus, the most significant legislative mandate (Sandra Bland Act) in Texas history regarding data requirements on law enforcement contacts became law and took effect on January 1, 2018. The Sandra Bland Act not only currently requires the extensive collection of data relevant to police motor vehicle contacts, but it also mandates for the data to be analyzed while addressing the following:

**1. A comparative analysis of the information compiled (under Article 2.133):**

- a. Evaluate and compare the number of motor vehicle stops, within the applicable jurisdiction, of persons who are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities and persons who are not recognized as racial or ethnic minorities;*
- b. Examine the disposition of motor vehicle stops made by officers employed by the agency, categorized according to the race or ethnicity of the affected persons, as appropriate, including any searches resulting from stops within the applicable jurisdiction;*
- c. Evaluate and compare the number of searches resulting from motor vehicle stops within the applicable jurisdiction and whether contraband or other evidence was discovered in the course of those searches.*

**2. Information related to each complaint filed with the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling.**

In an effort to comply with The Texas Racial Profiling/Sandra Bland Law, the Arlington Police Department commissioned the analysis of its 2024 contact data. Hence, two different types of data analyses were performed. The first of these involved a careful evaluation of the 2024 motor vehicle-related data. This particular analysis measured, as required by law, the number and percentage of Whites, Blacks, Hispanics or Latinos, Asians and Pacific Islanders, Alaska Natives and American Indians, who came in contact with police in the course of a motor vehicle-related contact and were either issued a ticket, citation, or warning or an arrest was made. Also included in this data were instances when a motor vehicle contact took place for an alleged violation of the law or ordinance. The Tier 2 data analysis included, but was not limited to, information relevant to the number and percentage of contacts by race/ethnicity, gender, reason for the stop, location of stop, searches while indicating the type of search performed, result of stop, basis of an arrest, and use of physical force resulting in bodily injury.

The analysis on the data performed in this report, was based on a comparison of the 2024 motor vehicle contact data with a specific baseline. When reading this particular analysis, one should consider that there is disagreement in the literature regarding the appropriate baseline to be used when analyzing motor vehicle-related contact information. Of the baseline measures available, the Arlington Police Department agreed with our recommendation to rely in part, as a baseline measure, on the Fair Roads Standard. This particular baseline is established on data obtained through the U.S. Census Bureau (2020) relevant to the number of households that have access to vehicles while controlling for the race and ethnicity of the heads of households.

It should be noted that the census data presents challenges to any effort made at establishing a fair and accurate racial profiling analysis. That is, census data contains information on all residents of a particular community, regardless whether they are among the driving population. Further, census data, when used as a baseline of comparison, presents the challenge that it captures information related to city residents only, thus excluding individuals who may have come in contact with the Arlington Police Department in 2024 but live outside city limits. In some jurisdictions the percentage of the population that comes in contact with the police but lives outside city limits represents a substantial volume of all motor vehicle-related contacts made in a given year.

In 2002, major civil rights groups in Texas expressed their concern and made recommendations to the effect that all police departments should rely, in their data analysis, on the Fair Roads Standard. This source contains census data specific to the number of “households” that have access to vehicles. Thus, proposing to compare “households” (which may have multiple residents and only a few vehicles) with “contacts” (an individual-based count). In essence this constitutes a comparison that may result in ecological fallacy. Despite this risk, as noted earlier, the Arlington Police Department accepted the recommendation to utilize this form of comparison (i.e., census data relevant to households with vehicles) in an attempt to demonstrate its “good will” and “transparency” before the community. Thus, the Fair Roads Standard data obtained and used in this study is specifically relevant to the Dallas Fort-Worth (DFW) Metroplex.

### **Tier 2 (2024) Motor Vehicle-Related Contact Analysis**

When examining the enhanced and more detailed Tier 2 data collected in 2024, it was evident that most motor vehicle-related contacts were made with Blacks, followed by Hispanics. Of those who came in contact with police, most tickets or citations were issued to Hispanics and Blacks; this was followed by Whites.

While reviewing searches and arrests, the data showed that most searches took place among Blacks. When considering all searches, most were consented by Blacks and Hispanics, while most custody arrests were also of Blacks. Overall, most searches did not result in contraband; of those that produced contraband, most were of Blacks; this was followed by Hispanics. Of the searches that did not produce contraband, most were of Blacks. Most arrests were made of Blacks. Most of the arrests that originated from a violation of the penal code involved Blacks. Overall, the police department reports 22 instances where force was used that resulted in bodily injury.

### **Comparative Analysis**

A comprehensive analysis of the motor vehicle contacts made in 2024 to the census data relevant to the number of “households” in DFW who indicated in the 2020 census that they had access to vehicles, produced interesting findings. Specifically, the percentage of Whites and American Indians who came in contact with police was the same or lower than the percentage of White and American Indian households in DFW that claimed in the last census to have access to vehicles. The opposite was true of Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians. That is, a higher percentage of Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians came in contact with police than the percentage of Black, Hispanic, and Asian households in DFW that claimed in the last census to have access to vehicles. It should be noted that the percentage difference among Asian contacts with households is of 3%; thus, deemed by some as statistically insignificant.

The comprehensive analysis of the searches resulting in contraband shows that the most significant contraband hit rate is of Blacks. This was followed by Asians and Whites. This means that among all searches performed in 2024, the most significant percentage of these that resulted in contraband was among Blacks. The lowest contraband hit rate was among American Indians.

### **Summary of Findings**

As previously noted, the most recent Texas Racial Profiling Law requires that police departments perform data audits in order to validate the data being reported. Consistent with this requirement, the Arlington Police Department has engaged del Carmen Consulting, LLC in order to perform these audits in a manner consistent with normative statistical practices. As shown in Table 6, the audit performed reveals that the data is valid and reliable. Further, as required by law, this report also includes an analysis on the searches performed. This analysis includes information on whether contraband was found as a result of the search while controlling for race/ethnicity. The search analysis demonstrates that the police department is engaging in search practices consistent with national trends in law enforcement.

While considering the findings produced as a result of this analysis, it is recommended that the Arlington Police Department should continue to collect and evaluate additional information on motor vehicle contact data (i.e., reason for probable cause searches, contraband detected), which may prove to be useful when determining the nature of the contacts police officers are making with all individuals.

As part of this effort, the Arlington Police Department should continue to:

- 1) Perform an independent analysis on contact and search data in the upcoming year.
- 2) Commission data audits in 2025 in order to assess data integrity; that is, to ensure that the data collected is consistent with the data being reported.

The comprehensive data analysis performed serves as evidence that the Arlington Police Department has complied with the Texas Racial Profiling Law and all of its requirements. Further, the report demonstrates that the police department has incorporated a comprehensive racial profiling policy, currently offers information to the public on how to file a compliment or complaint, commissions quarterly data audits in order to ensure validity and reliability, collects and commissions the analysis of Tier 2 data, and ensures that the practice of racial profiling will not be accepted or tolerated.



# Checklist

The following requirements were met by the Arlington Police Department in accordance with The Texas Racial Profiling Law:

- ✓ Implement a Racial Profiling Policy citing act or actions that constitute racial profiling.
- ✓ Include in the racial profiling policy, a statement indicating prohibition of any peace officer employed by the Arlington Police Department from engaging in racial profiling.
- ✓ Implement a process by which an individual may file a complaint regarding racial profiling violations.
- ✓ Provide public education related to the compliment and complaint process.
- ✓ Implement disciplinary guidelines for officers found in violation of the Texas Racial Profiling Law.
- ✓ Collect, report and analyze motor vehicle data (Tier 2).
- ✓ Commission Data Audits and a Search Analysis.
- ✓ Indicate total number of officers who knew and did not know, the race/ethnicity of individuals before being detained.
- ✓ Produce an annual report on police contacts (Tier 2) and present this to the local governing body and TCOLE by March 1, 2025.
- ✓ Adopt a policy, if video/audio equipment is installed, on standards for reviewing video and audio documentation.

# Legislative & Administrative



# TCOLE GUIDELINES

## Guidelines for Compiling and Reporting Data under Senate Bill 1074

### Background

Senate Bill 1074 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislature established requirements in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (TCCP) for law enforcement agencies. The Commission developed this document to assist agencies in complying with the statutory requirements.

The guidelines are written in the form of standards using a style developed from accreditation organizations including the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The standards provide a description of **what** must be accomplished by an agency but allows wide latitude in determining **how** the agency will achieve compliance with each applicable standard.

Each standard is composed of two parts: the standard statement and the commentary. The *standard statement* is a declarative sentence that places a clear-cut requirement, or multiple requirements, on an agency. The commentary supports the standard statement but is not binding. The commentary can serve as a prompt, as guidance to clarify the intent of the standard, or as an example of one possible way to comply with the standard.

### Standard 1

Each law enforcement agency has a detailed written directive that:

- clearly defines acts that constitute racial profiling;
- strictly prohibits peace officers employed by the agency from engaging in racial profiling;
- implements a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the agency if the individual believes a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual filing the complaint;
- provides for public education relating to the complaint process;
- requires appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the agency who, after investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the agency's written racial profiling policy; and
- requires the collection of certain types of data for subsequent reporting.

### Commentary

Article 2.131 of the TCCP prohibits officers from engaging in racial profiling, and article 2.132 of the TCCP now requires a written policy that contains the elements listed in this standard. The article also specifically defines a law enforcement agency as it applies to this statute as an “agency of the state, or of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state, that employs peace officers who make traffic stops in the routine performance of the officers’ official duties.”

The article further defines race or ethnicity as being of “a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American.” The statute does not limit the required policies to just these ethnic groups.

This written policy is to be adopted and implemented no later than January 1, 2002.

## **Standard 2**

Each peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance regulating traffic, or who stops a pedestrian for any suspected offense reports to the employing law enforcement agency information relating to the stop, to include:

- a physical description of each person detained, including gender and the person’s race or ethnicity, as stated by the person, or, if the person does not state a race or ethnicity, as determined by the officer’s best judgment;
- the traffic law or ordinance alleged to have been violated or the suspected offense;
- whether the officer conducted a search as a result of the stop and, if so, whether the person stopped consented to the search;
- whether any contraband was discovered in the course of the search, and the type of contraband discovered;
- whether probable cause to search existed, and the facts supporting the existence of that probable cause;
- whether the officer made an arrest as a result of the stop or the search, including a statement of the offense charged;
- the street address or approximate location of the stop; and
- whether the officer issued a warning or citation as a result of the stop, including a description of the warning or a statement of the violation charged.

## **Commentary**

The information required by 2.133 TCCP is used to complete the agency reporting requirements found in Article 2.134. A peace officer and an agency may be exempted from this requirement under Article 2.135 TCCP Exemption for Agencies Using Video and Audio Equipment. An agency may be exempt from this reporting requirement by applying for the funds from the Department of Public Safety for video and audio equipment and the State does not supply those funds. Section 2.135 (a)(2) states, “the governing body of the county or municipality served by the law enforcement agency, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency, certifies to the Department of Public Safety, not later than the date specified by rule by the department, that the law enforcement agency needs funds or video and audio equipment for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Subsection (a) (1) (A) and the agency does not receive from the state funds for video and audio equipment sufficient, as determined by the department, for the agency to accomplish that purpose.”

## **Standard 3**

The agency compiles the information collected under 2.132 and 2.133 and analyzes the information identified in 2.133.

## **Commentary**

Senate Bill 1074 from the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature created requirements for law enforcement agencies to gather specific information and to report it to each county or municipality served. New sections of law were added to the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding the reporting of traffic and pedestrian stops. Detained is defined as when a person stopped is not free to leave.

Article 2.134 TCCP requires the agency to compile and provide an analysis of the information collected by peace officer employed by the agency. The report is provided to the governing body of the municipality or county no later than March 1 of each year and covers the previous calendar year.

There is data collection and reporting required based on Article 2.132 CCP (tier one) and Article 2.133 CCP (tier two).

The minimum requirements for “tier one” data for traffic stops in which a citation results are:

- 1) the race or ethnicity of individual detained (race and ethnicity as defined by the bill means of “a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American”);
- 2) whether a search was conducted, and if there was a search, whether it was a consent search or a probable cause search; and
- 3) whether there was a custody arrest.

The minimum requirements for reporting on “tier two” reports include traffic and pedestrian stops. Tier two data include:

- 1) the detained person’s gender and race or ethnicity;
- 2) the type of law violation suspected, e.g., hazardous traffic, non-hazardous traffic, or other criminal investigation (the Texas Department of Public Safety publishes a categorization of traffic offenses into hazardous or non-hazardous);
- 3) whether a search was conducted, and if so whether it was based on consent or probable cause;
- 4) facts supporting probable cause;
- 5) the type, if any, of contraband that was collected;
- 6) disposition of the stop, e.g., arrest, ticket, warning, or release;
- 7) location of stop; and
- 8) statement of the charge, e.g., felony, misdemeanor, or traffic.

Tier one reports are made to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency an annual report of information if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state. Tier one and two reports are reported to the county or municipality not later than March 1 for the previous calendar year beginning March 1, 2003. Tier two reports include a comparative analysis between the race and ethnicity of persons detained to see if a differential pattern of treatment can be discerned based on the disposition of stops



including searches resulting from the stops. The reports also include information relating to each complaint filed with the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling. An agency may be exempt from the tier two reporting requirement by applying for the funds from the Department of Public Safety for video and audio equipment and the State does not supply those funds [See 2.135 (a)(2) TCCP].

Reports should include both raw numbers and percentages for each group. Caution should be exercised in interpreting the data involving percentages because of statistical distortions caused by very small numbers in any particular category, for example, if only one American Indian is stopped and searched, that stop would not provide an accurate comparison with 200 stops among Caucasians with 100 searches. In the first case, a 100% search rate would be skewed data when compared to a 50% rate for Caucasians.

#### **Standard 4**

If a law enforcement agency has video and audio capabilities in motor vehicles regularly used for traffic stops, or audio capabilities on motorcycles regularly used to make traffic stops, the agency:

- adopts standards for reviewing and retaining audio and video documentation; and
- promptly provides a copy of the recording to a peace officer who is the subject of a complaint on written request by the officer.

#### **Commentary**

The agency should have a specific review and retention policy. Article 2.132 TCCP specifically requires that the peace officer be promptly provided with a copy of the audio or video recordings if the officer is the subject of a complaint and the officer makes a written request.

#### **Standard 5**

Agencies that do not currently have video or audio equipment must examine the feasibility of installing such equipment.

#### **Commentary**

None

#### **Standard 6**

Agencies that have video and audio recording capabilities are exempt from the reporting requirements of Article 2.134 TCCP and officers are exempt from the reporting requirements of Article 2.133 TCCP provided that:

- the equipment was in place and used during the proceeding calendar year; and
- video and audio documentation is retained for at least 90 days.

#### **Commentary**

The audio and video equipment and policy must have been in place during the previous calendar year. Audio and video documentation must be kept for at least 90 days or longer if a complaint has been filed. The documentation must be retained until the complaint is resolved. Peace officers are not exempt from the requirements under Article 2.132 TCCP.

**Standard 7**

Agencies have citation forms or other electronic media that comply with Section 543.202 of the Transportation Code.

**Commentary**

Senate Bill 1074 changed Section 543.202 of the Transportation Code requiring citations to include:

- race or ethnicity, and
- whether a search of the vehicle was conducted and whether consent for the search was obtained.

# The Texas Law on Racial Profiling

S.B. No. 1074 - An Act relating to the prevention of racial profiling by certain peace officers.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Articles 2.131 through 2.138 to read as follows:

Art. 2.131. RACIAL PROFILING PROHIBITED. A peace officer may not engage in racial profiling.

Art. 2.132. LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY ON RACIAL PROFILING. (a) In this article:

(1) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of the state, or of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state, that employs peace officers who make traffic stops in the routine performance of the officers' official duties.

(2) "Race or ethnicity" means of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent.

(b) Each law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt a detailed written policy on racial profiling. The policy must:

(1) clearly define acts constituting racial profiling;

(2) strictly prohibit peace officers employed by the agency from engaging in racial profiling;

(3) implement a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the agency if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;

(4) provide public education relating to the agency's complaint process;

(5) require appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the agency who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the agency's policy adopted under this article;

(6) require collection of information relating to traffic stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests resulting from those traffic stops, including information relating to:

(A) the race or ethnicity of the individual detained; and

(B) whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search; and

(7) require the agency to submit to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.

(c) The data collected as a result of the reporting requirements of this article shall not constitute prima facie evidence of racial profiling.

(d) On adoption of a policy under Subsection (b), a law enforcement agency shall examine the feasibility of installing video camera and transmitter-activated equipment in each agency law enforcement motor vehicle regularly used to make traffic stops and transmitter-activated equipment in each agency law enforcement motorcycle regularly used to make traffic stops. If a law enforcement agency installs video or audio equipment as provided by this subsection, the

policy adopted by the agency under Subsection (b) must include standards for reviewing video and audio documentation.

(e) A report required under Subsection (b)(7) may not include identifying information about a peace officer who makes a traffic stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested by a peace officer. This subsection does not affect the collection of information as required by a policy under Subsection (b)(6).

(f) On the commencement of an investigation by a law enforcement agency of a complaint described by Subsection (b)(3) in which a video or audio recording of the occurrence on which the complaint is based was made, the agency shall promptly provide a copy of the recording to the peace officer who is the subject of the complaint on written request by the officer.

Art. 2.133. REPORTS REQUIRED FOR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS. (a) In this article:

(1) "Race or ethnicity" has the meaning assigned by Article 2.132(a).

(2) "Pedestrian stop" means an interaction between a peace officer and an individual who is being detained for the purpose of a criminal investigation in which the individual is not under arrest.

(b) A peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance regulating traffic or who stops a pedestrian for any suspected offense shall report to the law enforcement agency that employs the officer information relating to the stop, including:

(1) a physical description of each person detained as a result of the stop, including:

(A) the person's gender; and

(B) the person's race or ethnicity, as stated by the person or, if the person does not state the person's race or ethnicity, as determined by the officer to the best of the officer's ability;

(2) the traffic law or ordinance alleged to have been violated or the suspected offense;

(3) whether the officer conducted a search as a result of the stop and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search;

(4) whether any contraband was discovered in the course of the search and the type of contraband discovered;

(5) whether probable cause to search existed and the facts supporting the existence of that probable cause;

(6) whether the officer made an arrest as a result of the stop or the search, including a statement of the offense charged;

(7) the street address or approximate location of the stop; and

(8) whether the officer issued a warning or a citation as a result of the stop, including a description of the warning or a statement of the violation charged.

Art. 2.134. COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION COLLECTED.

(a) In this article, "pedestrian stop" means an interaction between a peace officer and an individual who is being detained for the purpose of a criminal investigation in which the individual is not under arrest.

(b) A law enforcement agency shall compile and analyze the information contained in each report received by the agency under Article 2.133. Not later than March 1 of each year, each local law enforcement agency shall submit a report containing the information compiled

during the previous calendar year to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency in a manner approved by the agency.

(c) A report required under Subsection (b) must include:

(1) a comparative analysis of the information compiled under Article 2.133 to:

(A) determine the prevalence of racial profiling by peace officers employed by the agency; and

(B) examine the disposition of traffic and pedestrian stops made by officers employed by the agency, including searches resulting from the stops; and

(2) information relating to each complaint filed with the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling.

(d) A report required under Subsection (b) may not include identifying information about a peace officer who makes a traffic or pedestrian stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested by a peace officer. This subsection does not affect the reporting of information required under Article 2.133(b)(1).

(e) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall develop guidelines for compiling and reporting information as required by this article.

(f) The data collected as a result of the reporting requirements of this article shall not constitute prima facie evidence of racial profiling.

Art. 2.135. EXEMPTION FOR AGENCIES USING VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT. (a) A peace officer is exempt from the reporting requirement under Article 2.133 and a law enforcement agency is exempt from the compilation, analysis, and reporting requirements under Article 2.134 if:

(1) during the calendar year preceding the date that a report under Article 2.134 is required to be submitted:

(A) each law enforcement motor vehicle regularly used by an officer employed by the agency to make traffic and pedestrian stops is equipped with video camera and transmitter-activated equipment and each law enforcement motorcycle regularly used to make traffic and pedestrian stops is equipped with transmitter-activated equipment; and

(B) each traffic and pedestrian stop made by an officer employed by the agency that is capable of being recorded by video and audio or audio equipment, as appropriate, is recorded by using the equipment; or

(2) the governing body of the county or municipality served by the law enforcement agency, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency, certifies to the Department of Public Safety, not later than the date specified by rule by the department, that the law enforcement agency needs funds or video and audio equipment for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Subsection (a)(1)(A) and the agency does not receive from the state funds or video and audio equipment sufficient, as determined by the department, for the agency to accomplish that purpose.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a law enforcement agency that is exempt from the requirements under Article 2.134 shall retain the video and audio or audio documentation of each traffic and pedestrian stop for at least 90 days after the date of the stop. If a complaint is filed with the law enforcement agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling with respect to a traffic or pedestrian stop, the agency shall retain the video and audio or audio record of the stop until final disposition of the complaint.



(c) This article does not affect the collection or reporting requirements under Article 2.132.

Art. 2.136. LIABILITY. A peace officer is not liable for damages arising from an act relating to the collection or reporting of information as required by Article 2.133 or under a policy adopted under Article 2.132.

Art. 2.137. PROVISION OF FUNDING OR EQUIPMENT.

(a) The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules for providing funds or video and audio equipment to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A), including specifying criteria to prioritize funding or equipment provided to law enforcement agencies. The criteria may include consideration of tax effort, financial hardship, available revenue, and budget surpluses. The criteria must give priority to:

(1) law enforcement agencies that employ peace officers whose primary duty is traffic enforcement;

(2) smaller jurisdictions; and

(3) municipal and county law enforcement agencies.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall collaborate with an institution of higher education to identify law enforcement agencies that need funds or video and audio equipment for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A). The collaboration may include the use of a survey to assist in developing criteria to prioritize funding or equipment provided to law enforcement agencies.

(c) To receive funds or video and audio equipment from the state for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A), the governing body of a county or municipality, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency serving the county or municipality, shall certify to the Department of Public Safety that the law enforcement agency needs funds or video and audio equipment for that purpose.

(d) On receipt of funds or video and audio equipment from the state for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A), the governing body of a county or municipality, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency serving the county or municipality, shall certify to the Department of Public Safety that the law enforcement agency has installed video and audio equipment as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A) and is using the equipment as required by Article 2.135(a)(1).

Art. 2.138. RULES. The Department of Public Safety may adopt rules to implement Articles 2.131-2.137.

SECTION 2. Chapter 3, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 3.05 to read as follows:

Art. 3.05. RACIAL PROFILING. In this code, "racial profiling" means a law enforcement-initiated action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity.

SECTION 3. Section 96.641, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) As part of the initial training and continuing education for police chiefs required under this section, the institute shall establish a program on racial profiling. The program must include an examination of the best practices for:

(1) monitoring peace officers' compliance with laws and internal agency policies relating to racial profiling;

(2) implementing laws and internal agency policies relating to preventing racial profiling;  
and

(3) analyzing and reporting collected information.

SECTION 4. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall establish a statewide comprehensive education and training program on racial profiling for officers licensed under this chapter. An officer shall complete a program established under this subsection not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier.

SECTION 5. Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency certificate, an officer must complete an education and training program on racial profiling established by the commission under Section 1701.253(e).

SECTION 6. Section 543.202, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 543.202. FORM OF RECORD. (a) In this section, "race or ethnicity" means of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent.

(b) The record must be made on a form or by a data processing method acceptable to the department and must include:

(1) the name, address, physical description, including race or ethnicity, date of birth, and driver's license number of the person charged;

(2) the registration number of the vehicle involved;

(3) whether the vehicle was a commercial motor vehicle as defined by Chapter 522 or was involved in transporting hazardous materials;

(4) the person's social security number, if the person was operating a commercial motor vehicle or was the holder of a commercial driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit;

(5) the date and nature of the offense, including whether the offense was a serious traffic violation as defined by Chapter 522;

(6) whether a search of the vehicle was conducted and whether consent for the search was obtained;

(7) the plea, the judgment, and whether bail was forfeited;

(8) ~~[(7)]~~ the date of conviction; and

(9) ~~[(8)]~~ the amount of the fine or forfeiture.

SECTION 7. Not later than January 1, 2002, a law enforcement agency shall adopt and implement a policy and begin collecting information under the policy as required by Article 2.132, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act. A local law enforcement agency shall first submit information to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency as required by Article 2.132, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, on March 1, 2003. The first submission of information shall consist of information compiled by the agency during the period beginning January 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2002.

SECTION 8. A local law enforcement agency shall first submit information to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency as required by Article 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, on March 1, 2004. The first submission of information shall consist of information compiled by the agency during the period beginning January 1, 2003, and ending December 31, 2003.

SECTION 9. Not later than January 1, 2002:

(1) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall establish an education and training program on racial profiling as required by Subsection (e), Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, as added by this Act; and

(2) the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas shall establish a program on racial profiling as required by Subsection (j), Section 96.641, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 10. A person who on the effective date of this Act holds an intermediate proficiency certificate issued by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education or has held a peace officer license issued by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for at least two years shall complete an education and training program on racial profiling established under Subsection (e), Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2003.

SECTION 11. An individual appointed or elected as a police chief before the effective date of this Act shall complete a program on racial profiling established under Subsection (j), Section 96.641, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2003.

SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1074 passed the Senate on April 4, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2; May 21, 2001, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 22, 2001, House granted request of the Senate; May 24, 2001, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1074 passed the House, with amendments, on May 15, 2001, by a non-record vote; May 22, 2001, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 24, 2001, House adopted Conference Committee Report by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor

# Modifications to the Original Law

## (H.B. 3389)

Amend CSHB 3389 (Senate committee report) as follows:

(1) Strike the following SECTIONS of the bill:

- (A) SECTION 8, adding Section 1701.164, Occupations Code (page 4, lines 61-66);
- (B) SECTION 24, amending Article 2.132(b), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 8, lines 19-53);
- (C) SECTION 25, amending Article 2.134(b), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 8, lines 54-64);
- (D) SECTION 28, providing transition language for the amendments to Articles 2.132(b) and 2.134(b), Code of Criminal Procedure (page 9, lines 40-47).

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly: SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Article 2.132, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsections (a),(b), (d), and (e) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) In this article:

(1) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of the state, or of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state, that employs peace officers who make motor vehicle~~[traffic]~~ stops in the routine performance of the officers' official duties.

(2) "Motor vehicle stop" means an occasion in which a peace officer stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance.

(3) "Race or ethnicity" means of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, ~~[or]~~ Native American, or Middle Eastern descent.

(b) Each law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt a detailed written policy on racial profiling. The policy must:

- (1) clearly define acts constituting racial profiling;
- (2) strictly prohibit peace officers employed by the agency from engaging in racial profiling;
- (3) implement a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the agency if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;
- (4) provide public education relating to the agency's complaint process;
- (5) require appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the agency who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the agency's policy adopted under this article;
- (6) require collection of information relating to motor vehicle ~~[traffic]~~ stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests made as a result of ~~[resulting from]~~ those ~~[traffic]~~ stops, including information relating to:

(A) the race or ethnicity of the individual detained; and

(B) whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual ~~[person]~~ detained consented to the search; and

(C) whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual; and

(7) require the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit ~~[to the governing body of each county or~~

~~municipality served by the agency]~~ an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:

(A) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education; and

(B) the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.

(d) On adoption of a policy under Subsection (b), a law enforcement agency shall examine the feasibility of installing video camera and transmitter-activated equipment in each agency law enforcement motor vehicle regularly used to make motor vehicle ~~[traffic]~~ stops and transmitter activated equipment in each agency law enforcement motorcycle regularly used to make motor vehicle ~~[traffic]~~ stops. If a law enforcement agency installs video or audio equipment as provided by this subsection, the policy adopted by the agency under Subsection (b) must include standards for reviewing video and audio documentation.

(e) A report required under Subsection (b)(7) may not include identifying information about a peace officer who makes a motor vehicle ~~[traffic]~~ stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested by a peace officer. This subsection does not affect the collection of information as required by a policy under Subsection (b)(6).

(g) On a finding by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education that the chief administrator of a law enforcement agency intentionally failed to submit a report required under Subsection (b)(7), the commission shall begin disciplinary procedures against the chief administrator.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Article 2.133, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.133. REPORTS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ~~[TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN]~~ STOPS. (a) In this article, "race":

~~[(1) "Race]~~ or ethnicity" has the meaning assigned by Article 2.132(a).

~~[(2) "Pedestrian stop" means an interaction between a peace officer and an individual who is being detained for the purpose of a criminal investigation in which the individual is not under arrest.]~~

(b) A peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance ~~[regulating traffic or who stops a pedestrian for any suspected offense]~~ shall report to the law enforcement agency that employs the officer information relating to the stop, including:

(1) a physical description of any ~~[each]~~ person operating the motor vehicle who is detained as a result of the stop, including:

(A) the person's gender; and

(B) the person's race or ethnicity, as stated by the person or, if the person does not state the person's race or ethnicity, as determined by the officer to the best of the officer's ability;

(2) the initial reason for the stop ~~[traffic law or ordinance alleged to have been violated or the suspected offense];~~

(3) whether the officer conducted a search as a result of the stop and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search;

(4) whether any contraband or other evidence was discovered in the course of the search and a description ~~[the type]~~ of the contraband or evidence ~~[discovered];~~

(5) the reason for the search, including whether:

(A) any contraband or other evidence was in plain view;

(B) any probable cause or reasonable suspicion existed to perform the search; or



(C) the search was performed as a result of the towing of the motor vehicle or the arrest of any person in the motor vehicle ~~[existed and the facts supporting the existence of that probable cause];~~

(6) whether the officer made an arrest as a result of the stop or the search, including a statement of whether the arrest was based on a violation of the Penal Code, a violation of a traffic law or ordinance, or an outstanding warrant and a statement of the offense charged;

(7) the street address or approximate location of the stop; and

(8) whether the officer issued a written warning or a citation as a result of the stop~~[, including a description of the warning or a statement of the violation charged].~~

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Article 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsections (a) through (e) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) In this article:

(1) "Motor vehicle[, "pedestrian] stop" has the meaning assigned by Article 2.132(a) ~~[means an interaction between a peace officer and an individual who is being detained for the purpose of a criminal investigation in which the individual is not under arrest].~~

(2) "Race or ethnicity" has the meaning assigned by Article 2.132(a).

(b) A law enforcement agency shall compile and analyze the information contained in each report received by the agency under Article 2.133. Not later than March 1 of each year, each ~~[local]~~ law enforcement agency shall submit a report containing the incident-based data ~~[information]~~ compiled during the previous calendar year to the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and, if the law enforcement agency is a local law enforcement agency, to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency ~~[in a manner approved by the agency].~~

(c) A report required under Subsection (b) must be submitted by the chief administrator of the law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, and must include:

(1) a comparative analysis of the information compiled under Article 2.133 to:

(A) evaluate and compare the number of motor vehicle stops, within the applicable jurisdiction, of persons who are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities and persons who are not recognized as racial or ethnic minorities ~~[determine the prevalence of racial profiling by peace officers employed by the agency]; and~~

(B) examine the disposition of motor vehicle ~~[traffic and pedestrian]~~ stops made by officers employed by the agency, categorized according to the race or ethnicity of the affected persons, as appropriate, including any searches resulting from ~~[the]~~ stops within the applicable jurisdiction; and

(2) information relating to each complaint filed with the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling.

(d) A report required under Subsection (b) may not include identifying information about a peace officer who makes a motor vehicle ~~[traffic or pedestrian]~~ stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested by a peace officer. This subsection does not affect the reporting of information required under Article 2.133(b)(1).

(e) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, in accordance with Section 1701.162, Occupations Code, shall develop guidelines for compiling and reporting information as required by this article.

(g) On a finding by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education that the chief administrator of a law enforcement agency intentionally failed to submit a report required under Subsection (b), the commission shall begin disciplinary procedures against the chief administrator.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Article 2.135, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.135. PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR AGENCIES USING VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT. (a) A peace officer is exempt from the reporting requirement under Article 2.133 and the chief administrator of a law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, is exempt from the compilation, analysis, and reporting requirements under Article 2.134 if:

(1) during the calendar year preceding the date that a report under Article 2.134 is required to be submitted:

(A) each law enforcement motor vehicle regularly used by an officer employed by the agency to make motor vehicle ~~[traffic and pedestrian]~~ stops is equipped with video camera and transmitter-activated equipment and each law enforcement motorcycle regularly used to make motor vehicle ~~[traffic and pedestrian]~~ stops is equipped with transmitter-activated equipment; and

(B) each motor vehicle ~~[traffic and pedestrian]~~ stop made by an officer employed by the agency that is capable of being recorded by video and audio or audio equipment, as appropriate, is recorded by using the equipment; or

(2) the governing body of the county or municipality served by the law enforcement agency, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency, certifies to the Department of Public Safety, not later than the date specified by rule by the department, that the law enforcement agency needs funds or video and audio equipment for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as described by Subsection (a)(1)(A) and the agency does not receive from the state funds or video and audio equipment sufficient, as determined by the department, for the agency to accomplish that purpose.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a law enforcement agency that is exempt from the requirements under Article 2.134 shall retain the video and audio or audio documentation of each motor vehicle ~~[traffic and pedestrian]~~ stop for at least 90 days after the date of the stop. If a complaint is filed with the law enforcement agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling with respect to a motor vehicle ~~[traffic or pedestrian]~~ stop, the agency shall retain the video and audio or audio record of the stop until final disposition of the complaint.

(c) This article does not affect the collection or reporting requirements under Article 2.132.

(d) In this article, "motor vehicle stop" has the meaning assigned by Article 2.132(a).

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.1385 to read as follows:

Art. 2.1385. CIVIL PENALTY. (a) If the chief administrator of a local law enforcement agency intentionally fails to submit the incident-based data as required by Article 2.134, the agency is liable to the state for a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for each violation. The attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty under this subsection.

(b) From money appropriated to the agency for the administration of the agency, the executive director of a state law enforcement agency that intentionally fails to submit the incident-based

data as required by Article 2.134 shall remit to the comptroller the amount of \$1,000 for each violation.

(c) Money collected under this article shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter A, Chapter 102, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 102.022 to read as follows:

Art. 102.022. COSTS ON CONVICTION TO FUND STATEWIDE REPOSITORY FOR DATA RELATED TO CIVIL JUSTICE. (a) In this article, "moving violation" means an offense that:

(1) involves the operation of a motor vehicle; and

(2) is classified as a moving violation by the Department of Public Safety under Section 708.052, Transportation Code.

(b) A defendant convicted of a moving violation in a justice court, county court, county court at law, or municipal court shall pay a fee of 10 cents as a cost of court.

(c) In this article, a person is considered convicted if:

(1) a sentence is imposed on the person;

(2) the person receives community supervision, including deferred adjudication; or

(3) the court defers final disposition of the person's case.

(d) The clerks of the respective courts shall collect the costs described by this article. The clerk shall keep separate records of the funds collected as costs under this article and shall deposit the funds in the county or municipal treasury, as appropriate.

(e) The custodian of a county or municipal treasury shall:

(1) keep records of the amount of funds on deposit collected under this article; and

(2) send to the comptroller before the last day of the first month following each calendar quarter the funds collected under this article during the preceding quarter.

(f) A county or municipality may retain 10 percent of the funds collected under this article by an officer of the county or municipality as a collection fee if the custodian of the county or municipal treasury complies with Subsection (e).

(g) If no funds due as costs under this article are deposited in a county or municipal treasury in a calendar quarter, the custodian of the treasury shall file the report required for the quarter in the regular manner and must state that no funds were collected.

(h) The comptroller shall deposit the funds received under this article to the credit of the Civil Justice Data Repository fund in the general revenue fund, to be used only by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to implement duties under Section 1701.162, Occupations Code.

(i) Funds collected under this article are subject to audit by the comptroller.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 102.061, Government Code, as reenacted and amended by Chapter 921 (H.B. 3167), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is amended to conform to the amendments made to Section 102.061, Government Code, by Chapter 1053 (H.B. 2151), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, and is further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.061. ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION IN STATUTORY COUNTY COURT: CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. The clerk of a statutory county court shall collect fees and costs under the Code of Criminal Procedure on conviction of a defendant as follows:

(1) a jury fee (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$20;

(2) a fee for services of the clerk of the court (Art. 102.005, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$40;

- (3) a records management and preservation services fee (Art. 102.005, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;
- (4) a security fee on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (5) a juvenile delinquency prevention and graffiti eradication fee (Art. 102.0171, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$50 [~~\$5~~]; [~~and~~]
- (6) a juvenile case manager fee (Art. 102.0174, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5; and
- (7) a civil justice fee (Art. 102.022, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.10.

(b) Section 102.061, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 1053 (H.B. 2151), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is repealed. Section 102.061, Government Code, as reenacted and amended by Chapter 921 (H.B. 3167), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, to reorganize and renumber that section, continues in effect as further amended by this section.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 102.081, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 921 (H.B. 3167), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is amended to conform to the amendments made to Section 102.081, Government Code, by Chapter 1053 (H.B. 2151), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, and is further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.081. ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION IN COUNTY COURT: CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. The clerk of a county court shall collect fees and costs under the Code of Criminal Procedure on conviction of a defendant as follows:

- (1) a jury fee (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$20;
- (2) a fee for clerk of the court services (Art. 102.005, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$40;
- (3) a records management and preservation services fee (Art. 102.005, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$25;
- (4) a security fee on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (5) a juvenile delinquency prevention and graffiti eradication fee (Art. 102.0171, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$50 [~~\$5~~]; [~~and~~]
- (6) a juvenile case manager fee (Art. 102.0174, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5; and
- (7) a civil justice fee (Art. 102.022, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.10.

(b) Section 102.081, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 1053 (H.B. 2151), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is repealed. Section 102.081, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 921 (H.B. 3167), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, to reorganize and renumber that section, continues in effect as further amended by this section.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 102.101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.101. ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION IN JUSTICE COURT: CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. A clerk of a justice court shall collect fees and costs under the Code of Criminal Procedure on conviction of a defendant as follows:

- (1) a jury fee (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (2) a fee for withdrawing request for jury less than 24 hours before time of trial (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (3) a jury fee for two or more defendants tried jointly (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . one jury fee of \$3;

- (4) a security fee on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$4;
- (5) a fee for technology fund on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.0173, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$4;
- (6) a juvenile case manager fee (Art. 102.0174, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5;
- (7) a fee on conviction of certain offenses involving issuing or passing a subsequently dishonored check (Art. 102.0071, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$30; ~~and~~
- (8) a court cost on conviction of a Class C misdemeanor in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more, if authorized by the county commissioners court (Art. 102.009, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$7; and
- (9) a civil justice fee (Art. 102.022, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.10.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 102.121, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.121. ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS ON CONVICTION IN MUNICIPAL COURT: CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. The clerk of a municipal court shall collect fees and costs on conviction of a defendant as follows:

- (1) a jury fee (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (2) a fee for withdrawing request for jury less than 24 hours before time of trial (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (3) a jury fee for two or more defendants tried jointly (Art. 102.004, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . one jury fee of \$3;
- (4) a security fee on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$3;
- (5) a fee for technology fund on a misdemeanor offense (Art. 102.0172, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$4; ~~and~~
- (6) a juvenile case manager fee (Art. 102.0174, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . not to exceed \$5; and
- (7) a civil justice fee (Art. 102.022, Code of Criminal Procedure) . . . \$0.10.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.164 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.164. COLLECTION OF CERTAIN INCIDENT-BASED DATA SUBMITTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. The commission shall collect and maintain incident-based data submitted to the commission under Article 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure, including incident-based data compiled by a law enforcement agency from reports received by the law enforcement agency under Article 2.133 of that code. The commission in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, the W. W. Caruth, Jr., Police Institute at Dallas, and the Texas Police Chiefs Association shall develop guidelines for submitting in a standard format the report containing incident-based data as required by Article 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subsection (a), Section 1701.501, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the commission shall revoke or suspend a license, place on probation a person whose license has been suspended, or reprimand a license holder for a violation of:

- (1) this chapter;

(2) the reporting requirements provided by Articles 2.132 and 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure;  
or

(3) a commission rule.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) The requirements of Articles 2.132, 2.133, and 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by this Act, relating to the compilation, analysis, and submission of incident-based data apply only to information based on a motor vehicle stop occurring on or after January 1, 2010.

(b) The imposition of a cost of court under Article 102.022, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.



# Racial and Ethnic Designations (H.B. 3051)

H.B. No. 3051 - An Act relating to the categories used to record the race or ethnicity of persons stopped for or convicted of traffic offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 2.132(a)(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Race or ethnicity" means the following categories:

(A) Alaska native or American Indian;

(B) [of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic,] Asian or Pacific Islander;

(C) black;

(D) white; and

(E) Hispanic or Latino [~~Native American, or Middle Eastern descent~~].

SECTION 2. Section 543.202(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "race or ethnicity" means the following categories:

(1) Alaska native or American Indian;

(2) [of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic,] Asian or Pacific Islander;

(3) black;

(4) white; and

(5) Hispanic or Latino [~~or Native American descent~~].

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3051 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3051 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor

# **The Sandra Bland Act**

## **(S.B. 1849)**

S.B. No. 1849

An Act relating to interactions between law enforcement and individuals detained or arrested on suspicion of the commission of criminal offenses, to the confinement, conviction, or release of those individuals, and to grants supporting populations that are more likely to interact frequently with law enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

### **ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE**

SECTION 1.01. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known as the Sandra Bland Act, in memory of Sandra Bland.

### **ARTICLE 2. IDENTIFICATION AND DIVERSION OF AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS SUSPECTED OF HAVING A MENTAL ILLNESS, AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, OR A SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE**

SECTION 2.01. Article 16.22, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 16.22. EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT SUSPECTED OF HAVING MENTAL ILLNESS OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY [MENTAL RETARDATION]. (a)(1) Not later than 12 [72] hours after receiving credible information that may establish reasonable cause to believe that a defendant committed to the sheriff's custody has a mental illness or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation], including observation of the defendant's behavior immediately before, during, and after the defendant's arrest and the results of any previous assessment of the defendant, the sheriff shall provide written or electronic notice of the information to the magistrate. On a determination that there is reasonable cause to believe that the defendant has a mental illness or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation], the magistrate, except as provided by Subdivision

(2), shall order the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority or another qualified mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] expert to:

(A) collect information regarding whether the defendant has a mental illness as defined by Section 571.003,

Health and Safety Code, or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation] as defined by Section 591.003, Health and Safety Code, including information obtained from any previous assessment of the defendant; and

(B) provide to the magistrate a written assessment of the information collected under Paragraph (A).

(2) The magistrate is not required to order the collection of information under Subdivision

(1) if the defendant in the year preceding the defendant's applicable date of arrest has been determined to have a mental illness or to be a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation] by the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority or another mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] expert described by Subdivision

(1). A court that elects to use the results of that previous determination may proceed under Subsection (c).

(3) If the defendant fails or refuses to submit to the collection of information regarding the defendant as required under Subdivision (1), the magistrate may order the defendant to submit to an examination in a mental health facility determined to be appropriate by the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority for a reasonable period not to exceed 21 days. The magistrate may order a defendant to a facility operated by the Department of State Health Services or the Health and Human Services Commission [Department of Aging and Disability Services] for examination only on request of the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority and with the consent of the head of the facility. If a defendant who has been ordered to a facility operated by the Department of State Health Services or the Health and Human Services Commission [Department of Aging and Disability Services] for examination remains in the facility for a period exceeding 21 days, the head of that facility shall cause the defendant to be immediately transported to the committing court and placed in the custody of the sheriff of the county in which the committing court is located. That county shall reimburse the facility for the mileage and per diem expenses of the personnel required to transport the defendant calculated in accordance with the state travel regulations in effect at the time.

(b) A written assessment of the information collected under Subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be provided to the magistrate not later than the 30th day after the date of any order issued under Subsection (a) in a felony case and not later than the 10th day after the date of any order issued under that subsection in a misdemeanor case, and the magistrate shall provide copies of the written assessment to the defense counsel, the prosecuting attorney, and the trial court. The written assessment must include a description of the procedures used in the collection of information under Subsection (a)(1)(A) and the applicable expert's observations and findings pertaining to:

(1) whether the defendant is a person who has a mental illness or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation];

(2) whether there is clinical evidence to support a belief that the defendant may be incompetent to stand trial and should undergo a complete competency examination under Subchapter B, Chapter 46B; and

(3) recommended treatment.

(c) After the trial court receives the applicable expert's written assessment relating to the defendant under Subsection (b) or elects to use the results of a previous determination as described by Subsection (a)(2), the trial court may, as applicable:

(1) resume criminal proceedings against the defendant, including any appropriate proceedings related to the defendant's release on personal bond under Article 17.032;

(2) resume or initiate competency proceedings, if required, as provided by Chapter 46B

or other proceedings affecting the defendant's receipt of appropriate court-ordered mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] services, including proceedings related to the defendant's receipt of outpatient mental health services under Section 574.034, Health and Safety Code; or

(3) consider the written assessment during the punishment phase after a conviction of the offense for which the defendant was arrested, as part of a presentence investigation report, or in connection with the impositions of conditions following placement on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision.

(d) This article does not prevent the applicable court from, before, during, or after the collection of information regarding the defendant as described by this article: (1) releasing a defendant who has a mental illness [mentally ill] or is a person with an intellectual disability [mentally retarded defendant] from custody on personal or surety bond; or

(2) ordering an examination regarding the defendant's competency to stand trial.

SECTION 2.02. Chapter 16, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 16.23 to read as follows:

Art. 16.23. DIVERSION OF PERSONS SUFFERING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE. (a) Each law enforcement agency shall make a good faith effort to divert a person suffering a mental health crisis or suffering from the effects of substance abuse to a proper treatment center in the agency's jurisdiction if:

(1) there is an available and appropriate treatment center in the agency's jurisdiction to which the agency may divert the person;

(2) it is reasonable to divert the person;

(3) the offense that the person is accused of is a misdemeanor, other than a misdemeanor involving violence; and

(4) the mental health crisis or substance abuse issue is suspected to be the reason the person committed the alleged offense.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a person who is accused of an offense under Section 49.04, 49.045, 49.05, 49.06, 49.065, 49.07, or 49.08, Penal Code.

SECTION 2.03. Section 539.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 539.002. GRANTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES. (a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department shall make grants to entities, including local governmental entities, nonprofit community organizations, and faith-based community organizations, to establish or expand community collaboratives that bring the public and private sectors together to provide services to persons experiencing homelessness, substance abuse issues, or [and] mental illness. [The department may make a maximum of five grants, which must be made in the most populous municipalities in this state that are located in counties with a population of more than one million.] In awarding grants, the department shall give special consideration to entities:

(1) establishing [a] new collaboratives; or

(2) establishing or expanding collaboratives that serve two or more counties, each with a population of less than 100,000 [collaborative].

(b) The department shall require each entity awarded a grant under this section to:

(1) leverage additional funding from private sources in an amount that is at least equal to the amount of the grant awarded under this section; [and]

(2) provide evidence of significant coordination and collaboration between the entity, local mental health authorities, municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other community stakeholders in establishing or expanding a community collaborative funded by a grant awarded under this section; and

(3) provide evidence of a local law enforcement policy to divert appropriate persons from jails or other detention facilities to an entity affiliated with a community collaborative for the purpose of providing services to those persons.

SECTION 2.04. Chapter 539, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 539.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 539.0051. PLAN REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES. (a) The governing body of a county shall develop and make public a plan detailing:

(1) how local mental health authorities, municipalities, local law enforcement agencies, and other community stakeholders in the county could coordinate to establish or expand a community collaborative to accomplish the goals of Section 539.002;

(2) how entities in the county may leverage funding from private sources to accomplish the goals of Section 539.002 through the formation or expansion of a community collaborative; and

(3) how the formation or expansion of a community collaborative could establish or support resources or services to help local law enforcement agencies to divert persons who have been arrested to appropriate mental health care or substance abuse treatment.

(b) The governing body of a county in which an entity that received a grant under Section 539.002 before September 1, 2017, is located is not required to develop a plan under Subsection (a).

(c) Two or more counties, each with a population of less than 100,000, may form a joint plan under Subsection (a).

### ARTICLE 3. BAIL, PRETRIAL RELEASE, AND COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS

SECTION 3.01. The heading to Article 17.032, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 17.032. RELEASE ON PERSONAL BOND OF CERTAIN [MENTALLY ILL] DEFENDANTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

SECTION 3.02. Articles 17.032(b) and (c), Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A magistrate shall release a defendant on personal bond unless good cause is shown

otherwise if the:

(1) defendant is not charged with and has not been previously convicted of a violent offense;

(2) defendant is examined by the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority or another mental health expert under Article 16.22 [of this code];

(3) applicable expert, in a written assessment submitted to the magistrate under Article 16.22:

(A) concludes that the defendant has a mental illness or is a person with an intellectual disability [mental retardation] and is nonetheless competent to stand trial; and

(B) recommends mental health treatment or intellectual disability treatment for the defendant, as applicable; and

(4) magistrate determines, in consultation with the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority, that appropriate community-based mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] services for the defendant are available through the [Texas] Department of State [Mental] Health Services [and Mental Retardation] under Section 534.053, Health and Safety Code, or through another mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] services provider.

(c) The magistrate, unless good cause is shown for not requiring treatment, shall require as a condition of release on personal bond under this article that the defendant submit to outpatient or inpatient mental health or intellectual disability [mental retardation] treatment as recommended by the local mental health or intellectual and developmental disability [mental retardation] authority if the defendant's:

(1) mental illness or intellectual disability [mental retardation] is chronic in nature; or

(2) ability to function independently will continue to deteriorate if the defendant is not treated.

SECTION 3.03. Article 25.03, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 25.03. IF ON BAIL IN FELONY. When the accused, in case of felony, is on bail at the time the indictment is presented, [it is not necessary to serve him with a copy, but] the clerk shall [on request] deliver a copy of the indictment [same] to the accused or the accused's [his] counsel[,], at the earliest possible time.

SECTION 3.04. Article 25.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 25.04. IN MISDEMEANOR. In misdemeanors, the clerk shall deliver a copy of the indictment or information to the accused or the accused's counsel at the earliest possible time before trial [it shall not be necessary before trial to furnish the accused with a copy of the indictment or information; but he or his counsel may demand a copy, which shall be given as early as possible

SECTION 3.05. Section 511.009(a), Government Code, as amended by Chapters 281 (H.B. 875), 648 (H.B. 549), and 688 (H.B. 634), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:



- (a) The commission shall:
- (1) adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum standards for the construction, equipment, maintenance, and operation of county jails;
  - (2) adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum standards for the custody, care, and treatment of prisoners;
  - (3) adopt reasonable rules establishing minimum standards for the number of jail supervisory personnel and for programs and services to meet the needs of prisoners;
  - (4) adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum requirements for programs of rehabilitation, education, and recreation in county jails;
  - (5) revise, amend, or change rules and procedures if necessary;
  - (6) provide to local government officials consultation on and technical assistance for county jails;
  - (7) review and comment on plans for the construction and major modification or renovation of county jails;
  - (8) require that the sheriff and commissioners of each county submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the commission, an annual report on the conditions in each county jail within their jurisdiction, including all information necessary to determine compliance with state law, commission orders, and the rules adopted under this chapter;
  - (9) review the reports submitted under Subdivision (8) and require commission employees to inspect county jails regularly to ensure compliance with state law, commission orders, and rules and procedures adopted under this chapter;
  - (10) adopt a classification system to assist sheriffs and judges in determining which defendants are low-risk and consequently suitable participants in a county jail work release program under Article 42.034, Code of Criminal Procedure;
  - (11) adopt rules relating to requirements for segregation of classes of inmates and to capacities for county jails;
  - (12) require that the chief jailer of each municipal lockup submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the commission, an annual report of persons under 17 years of age securely detained in the lockup, including all information necessary to determine compliance with state law concerning secure confinement of children in municipal lockups;
  - (13) at least annually determine whether each county jail is in compliance with the rules and procedures adopted under this chapter;
  - (14) require that the sheriff and commissioners court of each county submit to the commission, on a form prescribed by the commission, an annual report of persons under 17 years of age securely detained in the county jail, including all information necessary to determine compliance with state law concerning secure confinement of children in county jails;
  - (15) schedule announced and unannounced inspections of jails under the commission's jurisdiction using the risk assessment plan established under Section 511.0085 to guide the inspections process;
  - (16) adopt a policy for gathering and distributing to jails under the commission's jurisdiction information regarding:
    - (A) common issues concerning jail administration;
    - (B) examples of successful strategies for maintaining compliance with state law and the rules,

standards, and procedures of the commission; and

(C) solutions to operational challenges for jails;

(17) report to the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments on a jail's compliance with Article 16.22, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(18) adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum requirements for jails to:

(A) determine if a prisoner is pregnant; and

(B) ensure that the jail's health services plan addresses medical and mental health care, including nutritional requirements, and any special housing or work assignment needs for persons who are confined in the jail and are known or determined to be pregnant;

(19) provide guidelines to sheriffs regarding contracts between a sheriff and another entity for the provision of food services to or the operation of a commissary in a jail under the commission's jurisdiction, including specific provisions regarding conflicts of interest and avoiding the appearance of impropriety; [and]

(20) adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum standards for prisoner visitation that provide each prisoner at a county jail with a minimum of two in-person, noncontact visitation periods per week of at least 20 minutes duration each;

(21) [(20)] require the sheriff of each county to:

(A) investigate and verify the veteran status of each prisoner by using data made available from the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or a similar service; and

(B) use the data described by Paragraph (A) to assist prisoners who are veterans in applying for federal benefits or compensation for which the prisoners may be eligible under a program administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(22) [(20)] adopt reasonable rules and procedures regarding visitation of a prisoner at a county jail by a guardian, as defined by Section 1002.012, Estates Code, that:

(A) allow visitation by a guardian to the same extent as the prisoner's next of kin, including placing the guardian on the prisoner's approved visitors list on the guardian's request and providing the guardian access to the prisoner during a facility's standard visitation hours if the prisoner is otherwise eligible to receive visitors; and

(B) require the guardian to provide the sheriff with letters of guardianship issued as provided by Section 1106.001, Estates Code, before being allowed to visit the prisoner; and

(23) adopt reasonable rules and procedures to ensure the safety of prisoners, including rules and procedures that require a county jail to:

(A) give prisoners the ability to access a mental health professional at the jail through a telemental health service 24 hours a day;

(B) give prisoners the ability to access a health professional at the jail or through a telehealth service 24 hours a day or, if a health professional is unavailable at the jail or through a telehealth service, provide for a prisoner to be transported to access a health professional; and

(C) if funding is available under Section 511.019, install automated electronic sensors or cameras to ensure accurate and timely in-person checks of cells or groups of cells confining at-risk individuals.

SECTION 3.06. Section 511.009, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read

as follows:

(d) The commission shall adopt reasonable rules and procedures establishing minimum standards regarding the continuity of prescription medications for the care and treatment of prisoners. The rules and procedures shall require that a qualified medical professional shall review as soon as possible any prescription medication a prisoner is taking when the prisoner is taken into custody.

SECTION 3.07. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 511.019, 511.020, and 511.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.019. PRISONER SAFETY FUND. (a) The prisoner safety fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

(b) The prisoner safety fund consists of:

(1) appropriations of money to the fund by the legislature; and  
(2) gifts, grants, including grants from the federal government, and other donations received for the fund.

(c) Money in the fund may be appropriated only to the commission to pay for capital improvements that are required under Section 511.009(a)(23).

(d) The commission by rule may establish a grant program to provide grants to counties to fund capital improvements described by Subsection (c). The commission may only provide a grant to a county for capital improvements to a county jail with a capacity of not more than 96 prisoners.

Sec. 511.020. SERIOUS INCIDENTS REPORT. (a) On or before the fifth day of each month, the sheriff of each county shall report to the commission regarding the occurrence during the preceding month of any of the following incidents involving a prisoner in the county jail:

(1) a suicide;  
(2) an attempted suicide;  
(3) a death;  
(4) a serious bodily injury, as that term is defined by  
Section 1.07, Penal Code;  
(5) an assault;  
(6) an escape;  
(7) a sexual assault; and  
(8) any use of force resulting in bodily injury, as that term is defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

(b) The commission shall prescribe a form for the report required by Subsection (a).

(c) The information required to be reported under Subsection (a)(8) may not include the name or other identifying information of a county jailer or jail employee.

(d) The information reported under Subsection (a) is public information subject to an open records request under Chapter 552.

Sec. 511.021. INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF DEATH OCCURRING IN COUNTY JAIL. (a) On the death of a prisoner in a county jail, the commission shall appoint a law enforcement agency, other

than the local law enforcement agency that operates the county jail, to investigate the death as soon as possible.

(b) The commission shall adopt any rules necessary relating to the appointment of a law enforcement agency under Subsection

(a), including rules relating to cooperation between law enforcement agencies and to procedures for handling evidence.

SECTION 3.08. The changes in law made by this article to Article 17.032, Code of Criminal Procedure, apply only to a personal bond that is executed on or after the effective date of this Act. A personal bond executed before the effective date of executed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.09. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Commission on Jail Standards shall:

(1) adopt the rules and procedures required by Section 511.009(d), Government Code, as added by this article, and the rules required by Section 511.021(b), Government Code, as added by this article; and

(2) prescribe the form required by Section 511.020(b), Government Code, as added by this article.

SECTION 3.10. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Commission on Jail Standards shall adopt the rules and procedures required by Section 511.009(a)(23), Government Code, as added by this article. On and after September 1, 2020, a county jail shall comply with any rule or procedure adopted by the Commission on Jail Standards under that subdivision.

SECTION 3.11. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, relating to non-substantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

#### ARTICLE 4. PEACE OFFICER AND COUNTY JAILER TRAINING

SECTION 4.01. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.00905 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.00905. JAIL ADMINISTRATOR POSITION; EXAMINATION REQUIRED. (a) The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall develop and the commission shall approve an examination for a person assigned to the jail administrator position overseeing a county jail.

(b) The commission shall adopt rules requiring a person, other than a sheriff, assigned to the jail administrator position overseeing a county jail to pass the examination not later than the 180th day after the date the person is assigned to that position. The rules must provide that a person who fails the examination may be immediately removed from the position and may not be reinstated until the person passes the examination.

(c) The sheriff of a county shall perform the duties of the jail administrator position at any time there is not a person available who satisfies the examination requirements of this

section.

(d) A person other than a sheriff may not serve in the jail administrator position of a county jail unless the person satisfies the examination requirement of this section.

SECTION 4.02. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (j) and adding Subsection (n) to read as follows: commission shall require an officer to complete a 40-hour statewide education and training program on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments. An officer shall complete the program not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier. An officer may not satisfy the requirements of this subsection [section] or Section 1701.402(g) by taking an online course on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments.

(n) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete a statewide education and training program on de-escalation techniques to facilitate interaction with members of the public, including techniques for limiting the use of force resulting in bodily injury.

SECTION 4.03. Section 1701.310(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a person may not be appointed as a county jailer, except on a temporary basis, unless the person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory training program, as required by the commission, in the operation of a county jail at a school operated or licensed by the commission. The training program must consist of at least eight hours of mental health training approved by the commission and the Commission on Jail Standards.

SECTION 4.04. Section 1701.352(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission shall require a state, county, special district, or municipal agency that appoints or employs peace officers to provide each peace officer with a training program at least once every 48 months that is approved by the commission and consists of:

(1) topics selected by the agency; and

(2) for an officer holding only a basic proficiency certificate, not more than 20 hours of education and training that contain curricula incorporating the learning objectives developed by the commission regarding:

(A) civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity;

(B) de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments; [and]

(C) de-escalation techniques to facilitate interaction with members of the public, including techniques for limiting the use of force resulting in bodily injury; and

(D) unless determined by the agency head to be inconsistent with the officer's assigned duties:

(i) the recognition and documentation of cases that involve child abuse or neglect, family violence, and sexual assault; and

(ii) issues concerning sex offender characteristics.

SECTION 4.05. Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (n) to read

as follows:

(n) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency certificate or an advanced proficiency certificate, an officer must complete the education and training program regarding de-escalation techniques to facilitate interaction with members of the public established by the commission under Section 1701.253(n).

SECTION 4.06. Not later than March 1, 2018, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall develop and the Commission on Jail Standards shall approve the examination required by Section 511.00905, Government Code, as added by this article.

SECTION 4.07. (a) Not later than March 1, 2018, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish or modify training programs as necessary to comply with Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, as amended by this article.

(b) The minimum curriculum requirements under Section 1701.253(j), Occupations Code, as amended by this article, apply only to a peace officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on or after April 1, 2018.

SECTION 4.08. (a) Section 1701.310, Occupations Code, as amended by this article, takes effect January 1, 2018.

(b) A person in the position of county jailer on September 1, 2017, must comply with Section 1701.310(a), Occupations Code, as amended by this article, not later than August 31, 2021.

## ARTICLE 5. MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS, RACIAL PROFILING, AND ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS

SECTION 5.01. Article 2.132, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (d) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(b) Each law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt a detailed written policy on racial profiling. The policy must:

(1) clearly define acts constituting racial profiling;

(2) strictly prohibit peace officers employed by the agency from engaging in racial profiling;

(3) implement a process by which an individual may file a complaint with the agency if the individual believes that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling with respect to the individual;

(4) provide public education relating to the agency's compliment and complaint process, including providing the telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address to make a compliment or complaint with respect to each ticket, citation, or warning issued by a peace officer;

(5) require appropriate corrective action to be taken against a peace officer employed by the agency who, after an investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in violation of the agency's policy adopted under this article;

(6) require collection of information relating to motor vehicle stops in which a ticket, citation, or warning is issued and to arrests made as a result of those stops, including information

relating to:

- (A) the race or ethnicity of the individual detained;
- (B) whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the individual detained consented to the search; [and]
- (C) whether the peace officer knew the race or ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that individual;
- (D) whether the peace officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury, as that term is defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, during the stop;
- (E) the location of the stop; and
- (F) the reason for the stop; and

(7) require the chief administrator of the agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected under Subdivision (6) to:

- (A) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; and
- (B) the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.

(d) On adoption of a policy under Subsection (b), a law enforcement agency shall examine the feasibility of installing video camera and transmitter-activated equipment in each agency law enforcement motor vehicle regularly used to make motor vehicle stops and transmitter-activated equipment in each agency law enforcement motorcycle regularly used to make motor vehicle stops. The agency also shall examine the feasibility of equipping each peace officer who regularly detains or stops motor vehicles with a body worn camera, as that term is defined by Section 1701.651, Occupations Code. If a law enforcement agency installs video or audio equipment or equips peace officers with body worn cameras as provided by this subsection, the policy adopted by the agency under Subsection (b) must include standards for reviewing video and audio documentation.

(h) A law enforcement agency shall review the data collected under Subsection (b)(6) to identify any improvements the agency could make in its practices and policies regarding motor vehicle stops.

SECTION 5.02. Article 2.133, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) A peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance shall report to the law enforcement agency that employs the officer information relating to the stop, including:

(1) a physical description of any person operating the motor vehicle who is detained as a result of the stop, including:

- (A) the person's gender; and
- (B) the person's race or ethnicity, as stated by the person or, if the person does not state the person's race or ethnicity, as determined by the officer to the best of the officer's ability;

(2) the initial reason for the stop;

(3) whether the officer conducted a search as a result of the stop and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search;

(4) whether any contraband or other evidence was discovered in the course of the search



and a description of the contraband or evidence;

(5) the reason for the search, including whether:

(A) any contraband or other evidence was in plain view;

(B) any probable cause or reasonable suspicion existed to perform the search; or

(C) the search was performed as a result of the towing of the motor vehicle or the arrest of any person in the motor vehicle;

(6) whether the officer made an arrest as a result of the stop or the search, including a statement of whether the arrest was based on a violation of the Penal Code, a violation of a traffic law or ordinance, or an outstanding warrant and a statement of the offense charged;

(7) the street address or approximate location of the stop; [and]

(8) whether the officer issued a verbal or written warning or a ticket or citation as a result of the stop; and

(9) whether the officer used physical force that resulted in bodily injury, as that term is defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, during the stop.

(c) The chief administrator of a law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, is responsible for auditing reports under Subsection (b)

to ensure that the race or ethnicity of the person operating the motor vehicle is being reported.

SECTION 5.03. Article 2.134(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A report required under Subsection (b) must be submitted by the chief administrator of the law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or appointed, and must include:

(1) a comparative analysis of the information compiled under Article 2.133 to:

(A) evaluate and compare the number of motor vehicle stops, within the applicable jurisdiction, of persons who are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities and persons who are not recognized as racial or ethnic minorities; [and]

(B) examine the disposition of motor vehicle stops made by officers employed by the agency, categorized according to the race or ethnicity of the affected persons, as appropriate, including any searches resulting from stops within the applicable jurisdiction; and

(C) evaluate and compare the number of searches resulting from motor vehicle stops within the applicable jurisdiction and whether contraband or other evidence was discovered in the course of those searches; and

(2) information relating to each complaint filed with the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial profiling.

SECTION 5.04. Article 2.137, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.137. PROVISION OF FUNDING OR EQUIPMENT. (a) The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules for providing funds or video and audio equipment to law enforcement agencies for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment in law enforcement motor vehicles and motorcycles or equipping peace officers with body worn cameras [as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)], including specifying criteria to prioritize funding or equipment provided to law enforcement agencies. The criteria may include consideration of tax effort, financial hardship,

available revenue, and budget surpluses. The criteria must give priority to:

(1) law enforcement agencies that employ peace officers whose primary duty is traffic enforcement;

(2) smaller jurisdictions; and

(3) municipal and county law enforcement agencies.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall collaborate with an institution of higher education to identify law enforcement agencies that need funds or video and audio equipment for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment in law enforcement motor vehicles and motorcycles or equipping peace officers with body worn cameras [as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)]. The collaboration may include the use of a survey to assist in developing criteria to prioritize funding or equipment provided to law enforcement agencies.

(c) To receive funds or video and audio equipment from the state for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment in law enforcement motor vehicles and motorcycles or equipping peace officers with body worn cameras [as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)], the governing body of a county or municipality, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency serving the county or municipality, shall certify to the Department of Public Safety that the law enforcement agency needs funds or video and audio equipment for that purpose.

(d) On receipt of funds or video and audio equipment from the state for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment in law enforcement motor vehicles and motorcycles or equipping peace officers with body worn cameras [as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)], the governing body of a county or municipality, in conjunction with the law enforcement agency serving the county or municipality, shall certify to the Department of Public Safety that the law enforcement agency has taken the necessary actions to use and is using [installed] video and audio equipment and body worn cameras for those purposes [as described by Article 2.135(a)(1)(A) and is using the equipment as required by Article 2.135(a)(1)].

SECTION 5.05. Article 2.1385(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If the chief administrator of a local law enforcement agency intentionally fails to submit the incident-based data as required by Article 2.134, the agency is liable to the state for a civil penalty in an [the] amount not to exceed \$5,000 [of \$1,000] for each violation. The attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty under this subsection.

SECTION 5.06. Article 2.135, Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.

SECTION 5.07. Articles 2.132 and 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by this article, apply only to a report covering a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

SECTION 5.08. Not later than September 1, 2018, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall:

(1) evaluate and change the guidelines for compiling and reporting information required under Article 2.134, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by this article, to enable the guidelines to better withstand academic scrutiny; and

(2) make accessible online:

(A) a downloadable format of any information submitted under Article 2.134(b), Code of Criminal

Procedure, that is not exempt from public disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code; and  
(B) a glossary of terms relating to the information to make the information readily understandable to the public. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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Senate Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1849 passed the Senate on May 11, 2017, by the following vote:  
Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1849 passed the House on May 20, 2017, by the following vote:  
Yeas 137, Nays 0, one present not voting.

ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 6.01. Except as otherwise provided by this Act,

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

**ARLINGTON  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
RACIAL PROFILING POLICY**

## 414.00 RACIAL/BIAS-BASED PROFILING

### 414.01 POLICY, PURPOSE, AND DEFINITIONS

(Effective 12-31-01) (Revised 08-21-08) (Revised 09-01-17) (Revised 05-28-21) (A 1.2.9)

- A. **Philosophy.** Racial/Bias-Based Profiling continues to be a challenge in the United States despite constitutional guarantees of equal treatment under the law. Such profiling undermines the public safety by straining police-community trust, which results in a lack of confidence in the police by the communities they serve. The installation of strong, unambiguous laws which prohibit unfair treatment by law enforcement can improve police-community relations, instill confidence, and re-build trust between officers and the public.
- B. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Racial/Bias-Based Profiling policy is to reaffirm Arlington Police Department's commitment to unbiased policing in all encounters between officers and members of the public. These policies and procedures serve to ensure public confidence and mutual trust through service provided in a fair and equitable manner.
- C. **Policy**
1. It is the policy of the Arlington Police Department to police proactively; and rigorously enforce state and federal laws in a responsible and professional manner, without regard for race, gender or any other identifying characteristic.
  2. This Racial/Bias-Based Profiling Policy is adopted in compliance with the requirements of existing Texas Racial Profiling laws, which prohibit peace officers from engaging in racial/bias-based profiling.
  3. It is the policy of the Arlington Police Department to ensure full compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related non-discrimination authorities, including those identified in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Title VI Program Assurance. (See Traffic SOP for additional information.)
- D. **Definitions:**

*Racial/Bias-Based Profiling:* Is defined as a law enforcement-initiated action based on, but not limited to, an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, or any other identifiable group; rather than on the individual's behavior or on information identifying the individual as having engaged in criminal activity. Racial/bias-based profiling pertains to persons who are viewed as suspects or potential suspects of criminal behavior. The term is not relevant as it pertains to witnesses, complainants, persons needing assistance, or other contacts.

(A 1.2.9)

*Race or Ethnicity:* For purposes of this policy: Alaska or American Indian; Asian; Black; Latino or Hispanic; Middle Eastern; Pacific Islander or Hawaiian; and White.

*An Act Constituting Racial/Bias-Based Profiling:* Acts initiating law enforcement action, such as a motor vehicle stop, a subject stop, a search, issuance of a citation, asset forfeiture or an arrest based solely upon an individual's race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, economic status, age, cultural group, or any other identifiable groups; or on the basis of racial or ethnic stereotypes, rather than upon the

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individual's behavior, information identifying the individual as having possibly engaged in criminal activity, or other lawful reasons for the law enforcement action.

*Subject Stop:* An interaction between a peace officer and an individual who is being stopped for the purposes of an investigation, in which the individual is not under arrest.

*Motor Vehicle Stop:* An occasion in which a peace officer stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of a law or ordinance.

*Asset Forfeiture or Asset Seizure:* A form of confiscation of assets authorized by the state. It typically applies to the alleged proceeds or instruments of crime. This applies, but is not limited, to terrorist activities, drug related crimes, and other criminal and even civil offenses.

E. **Prohibition** (Renumbered 07-27-17) (A 1.2.9a)

1. Officers are strictly prohibited from engaging in racial/bias-based profiling in driver contacts, field/pedestrian contacts, and in asset seizure and forfeiture efforts.
2. The prohibition against racial/bias-based profiling does not preclude the use of race, ethnicity, or other factors in a detention decision by a peace officer.
3. Race, ethnicity, and other factors may be legitimate indicators in such a decision when used as part of a description of a suspect or witness for whom a peace officer is searching.

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### **414.02 COMPLIMENT/COMPLAINT PROCESS, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION**

(Renumbered 07-27-17) (Revised 09-01-17) (Revised 05-28-21)

#### **A. Compliment and Complaint Process.**

1. Any person who wishes to file a complaint on an officer's behavior regarding possible racial/bias based profiling shall be referred to the Internal Affairs Unit.
2. No person shall be discouraged, intimidated, or coerced from filing a Racial/Bias-Based Profiling complaint, or be discriminated or retaliated against due to filing such a complaint.
3. The Police Department shall accept all complaints regarding possible racial/bias-based profiling behavior, including complaints that violate the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI (Title VI) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related non-discrimination authorities as identified in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Title VI Program Assurance.
4. The Department shall investigate each complaint alleging racial/bias-based profiling by an Arlington officer. Such complaints shall be in writing or shall be reduced to writing.
5. The complaint should include the time, place, and details of the profiling behavior the identity or description of the officer or officers involved, the identity of the complainant and the complainant's contact information.
6. Any peace officer or city employee who receives a complaint alleging racial profiling behavior shall forward the complaint to the Internal Affairs Unit within 12 hours of receipt.
7. Receipt of each complaint shall be acknowledged by contacting the complainant in writing, all such complaints shall be reviewed and investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit within guidelines set forth in General Orders and Internal Affairs SOP; the results of the review and investigation shall be provided to the Police Chief and the complainant in addition to being submitted to the chain of command in accordance with policy.
8. Internal Affairs shall seek to determine if the officer who is subject of the complaint has engaged in a pattern of racial/bias-based profiling, including multiple acts of profiling behavior for which there is no reasonable, credible explanation based on established police and law enforcement procedures. A single act constituting racial/bias-based profiling may not be considered a pattern of racial/bias-based profiling.
9. Compliments received regarding motor vehicle and subject stops and asset forfeiture activities related to racial/bias-based profiling shall be routed through the officer's chain of command.

#### **B. Public Notice and Education.** The police department shall provide public notice and education to the public concerning the racial/bias-based profiling and the motor vehicle and subject stop compliment and complaint process.

- The public notice, shall both inform the public of the Police Department's racial/bias based profiling compliment/complaint process and also notify the public that the Police Department is in full compliance with federal and state non-discrimination requirements, including the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Title VI Program. (<https://www.arlingtontx.gov/internalaffairs>)

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- The educational material shall include the information shown below so that members of the public may easily compliment an officer or file a complaint with respect to motor vehicle and subject stop activity. A summary of the public education efforts made during the preceding year shall be included with the annual report filed with the Mayor and City Council.
  - telephone number,
  - mailing address, and
  - email address
- C. **Corrective Action.** Any peace officer who is found, after investigation, to have engaged in racial/bias-based profiling in violation of this policy shall be subject to corrective action. Corrective action may include issuing discipline, mandating training; reprimand; diversity, sensitivity or other appropriate training; counseling; paid or unpaid suspension; termination of employment; or taking other appropriate action as determined by the Assistant Police Chief or Police Chief as appropriate. (A 1.2.9c)



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### 414.03 DATA COLLECTION, COMPILATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(Revised 04-09-10) (Revised 12-08-14) (Revised 03-01-16) (Renumbered 07-27-17) (Revised 09-01-17) (Revised 08-09-21)  
(A 1.2.9)

#### A. Collection and Reporting Guidelines

1. For each motor vehicle and subject stop not related to a dispatched call for service, the primary officer involved in the stop shall collect information in compliance with the State of Texas Racial Profiling laws and this policy.
2. For each asset forfeiture event, information on the person in control of the property shall be collected in compliance with this policy.
3. The motor vehicle stop information collected shall be compiled into an annual report covering the period January 1 through December 31 of each year, and shall be submitted to the Mayor and City Council no later than March 1 of the following year.
4. The subject stop information collected shall be compiled into an annual report covering the period of January 1 through December 31 of each year, and shall be submitted to the Police Chief no later than March 1 of the following year.
5. The Crime Analysis Unit is responsible for ensuring the motor vehicle and subject stop information is reviewed and analyzed on an annual basis, pursuant to this policy. The review shall include a review of the data collected and citizen concerns to determine if the policies and practices regarding motor vehicle or subject stops can be improved. (A 1.2.9d)
6. The annual reports shall not include identifying information about any individual stopped or arrested, and shall not include identifying information about any peace officer involved in a stop, arrest or asset forfeiture.

#### B. Motor Vehicle and Subject Stop Collection, Compilation, and Reporting Requirements

1. Each officer shall make the following report for each motor vehicle stop and for every subject stop to which an officer is not dispatched:
  - a physical description of the driver involved in a motor vehicle stop and a physical description of each person involved in a subject stop, including gender and race; and whether the officer did or did not know the person's race prior to contact;
  - reason for the stop;
  - final outcome of the stop – citation, arrest, or warning; resident status;
  - if a search was conducted, what type of search;
  - if contraband was seized, what type of contraband; and
  - if force was used, was there resulting injury to the subject.
2. **Motor Vehicle and Subject Stop Procedure**
  - a. Officers must checkout on every motor vehicle and subject stop, via radio communication with dispatch, unless authorized to mark out via MDC as specified in G.O. 302.05 C.
  - b. A call for service shall be initiated in CAD for each motor vehicle and subject stop. Initiating the call requires no additional action by the officer. However, the call must be cleared with the appropriate disposition code at the conclusion of the stop.

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- c. Officers must clear the call on the MDC; not through dispatch. Only officers working without a properly operating MDC may clear motor vehicle and subject stops through dispatch over the radio.
- d. Every motor vehicle or subject stop must be cleared with an appropriate disposition sequence. The clearance code sequence captures data in the following categories of information:
  - race
  - gender;
  - reason for stop;
  - final outcome;
  - resident status;
  - whether a search was conducted;
  - search type, if applicable;
  - contraband description, if applicable; and
  - use of force.
  - vehicle tow status
- e. For motor vehicle stops, the officer is required to collect the information only on the driver; passenger information is not required.
- f. For subject stops, the officer must collect the information on each subject stopped. For example, if 3 individuals are questioned on a subject stop, then there should be three calls opened and closed using the clearance code sequence.
- g. Officers shall use their observations skills, training and experience to identify the characteristics of race and gender. Officers are prohibited from asking subjects to identify their own race and gender.
- h. The codes are listed in G.O. 414.00 Appendix A.
- i. If a motor vehicle or subject stop is opened in error, the officer shall close the call with Disposition 7 or use the “Cancel Call” button. The officer is not authorized to change a traffic stop/subject stop to another call type. The officer is not authorized to change any other call type to a traffic stop/subject stop.
- j. The appropriate disposition code must be entered into the CAD clearance tab. Officers working without an MDC shall notify dispatch of the disposition by radio in the exact sequence as listed in G.O. 414.00 Appendix A. .
- k. It is important that the clearance of the call be recorded separately from any other police activity:
  - 1) If the motor vehicle or subject stop results in any additional police action (such as an arrest), an additional separate call must be initiated and cleared independent of the motor vehicle or subject stop call. No separate call will be initiated for vehicle tows related to uninsured motorists (INSTOW). The tow status for such incidents shall be captured as indicated in GO 414.00 Appendix A. (Revised 08-09-21)
  - 2) Whenever a second call is initiated, the officer must connect the two incidents by either listing the motor vehicle or subject stop call number in the “MI” comment area of the second call, or asking dispatch to cross-reference the calls.
  - 3) The officer should clear the motor vehicle or subject stop call as soon as reasonably possible in order for all new information to be connected to the correct new call.

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### 1. **Special Circumstances**

- 1) A vehicle overtaking or pursuit in which the vehicle is not ultimately stopped does not qualify as a “motor vehicle stop” for the purposes of this policy.
- 2) An officer who attempts to stop a motor vehicle for a traffic violation and the vehicle evades, call-type TSTOP should not be used. The officer shall cut a call-type that best describes the offense related to the fleeing vehicle. If a TSTOP call is cut, the officer may cancel that call and open the correct call as described above.
- 3) An officer stopping a suspect vehicle or individual related to an open (dispatched) call shall carry that stop as part of the open call, and not as a motor vehicle or subject stop.
- 4) An officer who stops a subject who is a witness or is related to an offense shall open a call based on that offense; this policy shall not apply.

### 3. **Annual Report in Compliance with State Law** (A 1.2.9c)

- a. The annual report shall include a comparative analysis of the information compiled by each officer under 414.03 B.1 to:
  - evaluate and compare the number of motor vehicle stops of drivers who are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities and persons who are not recognized as racial or ethnic minorities;
  - examine the disposition of motor vehicle stops; and
  - evaluate and compare the number of searches resulting from motor vehicle stops and whether contraband or other evidence was discovered in the course of those searches.
- b. The annual report shall include information relating to each complaint filed with the City alleging that a peace officer employed by the City had engaged in racial / bias-based profiling.

### 4. **Subject Stop Annual Report**

- a. The subject stop annual report shall include a comparative analysis of the information compiled by each officer under 414.03 B.1.
- b. The purpose of the subject stop analysis is identical to the purpose of motor vehicle stop analysis described in 414.03 B.4.

### C. **Asset Forfeiture**

1. The Covert Operations Lieutenant shall evaluate the asset forfeitures on an annual basis and determine if the department’s practices are unfairly targeting persons who are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities.
2. The Covert Operations Lieutenant shall submit an annual administrative review of the department’s practices, including citizen concerns, by March 1 of the following year.

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### **414.04 POLICE CHIEF AND PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (Renumbered 07-27-17) (Revised 05-28-21) (A 1.2.9b)

- A. Each peace officer employed by the City and each Reserve peace officer shall complete the comprehensive education and training program on racial / bias-based profiling established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), including legal aspects, not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer was licensed, or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier. A person who on September 1, 2001, held a TCOLE intermediate proficiency certificate, or who had held a peace officer license issued by TCOLE for at least two years, shall complete a TCOLE training and education program on racial / bias-based profiling not later than September 1, 2003.
- Specially designated officers tasked with implementing commercial vehicle enforcement activities shall also receive training related to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) activities as appropriate. (See Traffic SOP for additional information.)
- B. The Police Chief shall, in completing the training required by Section 96.641, Texas Education Code, complete the program on racial / bias-based profiling established by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.

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### 414.00 APPENDIX A – VEHICLE/SUBJECT STOP CLEARANCES

(Revised 09-01-17) (Revised 08-09-21)

#### 1st Digit = Race

##### Knew Prior

A Asian  
T Pacific Islander or Hawaiian  
C Black  
I Latino or Hispanic  
F Alaska Native or Amer Indian  
X White  
L Middle Eastern

##### Did Not Know Prior

D Asian  
P Pacific Islander or Hawaiian  
B Black  
H Latino or Hispanic  
E Alaska Native or Amer Indian  
W White  
K Middle Eastern

#### 2nd Digit = Gender

M Male  
F Female

#### 3rd Digit = Reason for Stop

X Hazardous Stop  
N Non-Hazardous Stop  
I Investigative Stop

#### 4th Digit = Final Outcome

W Warning  
C Citation  
R Released

|   |   |                              |  |
|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | N | Arrest - Non-Traffic Offense | <b><i>If multiple charges are charged, enter highest charge according to the Hierarchy Order shown left of the Letter Code</i></b> |
| 2 | A | Arrest - Warrant             |  |
| 3 | T | Arrest - Traffic Offense     |  |
| 4 | O | Arrest - City Ordinance      |  |

#### 5th Digit = Resident Status

A Arlington Resident  
V Visitor (not Arlington resident)

#### 6th Digit = Search Type

Z No Search Conducted  
R Consent Search - Refused

\* F Frisk Conducted  
\* P Probable Cause Search  
\* A Search Incident to Arrest  
\* C Consent Search - Agreed  
\* I Inventory Search-Impound Vehicle

***\* =Will Require 7<sup>th</sup> Digit Entry & Search Result Comment***

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### 7th Digit = Contraband Description (Contingent Upon \* from 6th Digit)

|   |   |                            |  |
|---|---|----------------------------|--|
|   | N | Nothing Found              |  |
| 1 | F | Firearm                    |  |
| 2 | W | Weapon, other than firearm |  |
| 3 | D | Drug                       |  |
| 4 | P | Drug Paraphernalia         |  |
| 5 | E | Evidence of a crime        |  |
| 6 | R | Recovered Stolen Property  |  |
| 7 | C | Currency                   |  |
| 8 | A | Alcohol                    |  |

*If multiple contraband categories are found, enter findings according to the Hierarchy Order shown left of Letter Code*

### 8th Digit = Use of Force

- N No Use of Force
- B Use of Force - Bodily Injury
- U Use of Force - No Bodily Injury

### 9th Digit = Tow Status

- Z No Tow (vehicle not towed unrelated to FMFR)
- S Tow-FMFR (towed due to FMFR)
- D No Tow-FMFR (could be FMFR tow, but officer used discretion)
- A All Other Tows (towed for any other reason other than FMFR)

**\*All traffic stop clearance codes must document tow status whether the vehicle was towed or not**

### Search Result Comment – Only if 7<sup>th</sup> Digit Resulted in Finding

Only list items found (e.g. Handgun, Rifle, Marijuana, Cocaine, Stolen Clothing, Fraudulent ID, Illegal Knife)



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