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S.B. No. 1647

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of and training for incident-based reporting of
3 information and statistics concerning criminal offenses committed
4 in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 411.042, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

8 (k) The department shall publish and periodically update on
9 the department's Internet website incident-based information and
10 statistics concerning criminal offenses committed in this state.

11 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 411.054 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 411.054. INCIDENT-BASED CRIME STATISTICS REPORTING
14 PLAN. (a) The department shall develop a plan for implementing and
15 expanding the use of an incident-based reporting system by state
16 and local law enforcement agencies to report information and
17 statistics concerning criminal offenses committed in this state.

18 (b) The plan described by Subsection (a) must:

19 (1) build on available experience and infrastructure
20 for reporting information and statistics concerning criminal
21 offenses;

22 (2) identify additional resource needs for
23 implementing and expanding the use of an incident-based reporting
24 system;

1 (3) contain input from stakeholders, including other
2 law enforcement agencies and law enforcement associations,
3 advocacy groups, and academic institutions;

4 (4) contain outreach strategies to educate the public
5 on the differences between a summary reporting system and an
6 incident-based reporting system;

7 (5) contain measures to track the progress and success
8 in this state of any incident-based reporting by state and local law
9 enforcement agencies to the National Incident-Based Reporting
10 System of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bureau
11 of Investigation, the Texas Incident-Based Reporting System of the
12 department, or a successor program; and

13 (6) examine the feasibility and desirability of
14 purchasing or developing for state and local law enforcement
15 agencies a records management system that meets the reporting
16 requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System of the
17 Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bureau of
18 Investigation, the Texas Incident-Based Reporting System of the
19 department, or a successor program.

20 (c) Not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year,
21 the department shall submit the plan to the governor, lieutenant
22 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, appropriate
23 standing committees of the legislature, and Legislative Budget
24 Board.

25 SECTION 3. Section 1701.156, Occupations Code, is amended
26 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

27 (c) The Department of Public Safety may use money

1 appropriated to the department from the account to award grants to
2 local law enforcement agencies for training on incident-based
3 reporting systems to be used for reporting information and
4 statistics concerning criminal offenses committed in this state.
5 The department shall adopt rules governing the award of grants by
6 the department under this subsection.

7 SECTION 4. Section 1701.157, Occupations Code, is amended
8 by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

9 (a-1) Subsection (a) does not apply to money appropriated to
10 the Department of Public Safety from the account for the purpose of
11 awarding grants to local law enforcement agencies for training on
12 incident-based reporting systems under Section 1701.156(c).

13 SECTION 5. Not later than January 1, 2016, the Department of
14 Public Safety shall adopt rules as required by Section 1701.156(c),
15 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.