

AN ACT

relating to incident-based reporting of information and statistics concerning offenses committed in this state and the establishment of the Texas crime information system by the Department of Public Safety.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.054, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.054. INCIDENT-BASED CRIME STATISTICS REPORTING BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES [~~GOAL~~]. (a) The department shall require [~~establish a goal that, not later than September 1, 2019,~~] all local law enforcement agencies to:

(1) implement [~~will have implemented~~] an incident-based reporting system that meets the reporting requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(2) [~~will~~] use the system described by Subdivision (1) to submit to the department information and statistics concerning criminal offenses committed in the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency.

(b) The department by rule shall prescribe the form and manner for submitting information and statistics under this section [~~Not later than January 1, 2017, the department shall submit a~~

1 ~~report to the legislature that identifies the number of local law~~
2 ~~enforcement agencies that have implemented the system described by~~
3 ~~Subsection (a)].~~

4 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this section and Section
5 411.0541, information and statistics submitted to the department
6 under this section are confidential and not subject to disclosure
7 under Chapter 552.

8 (d) The department shall submit the information and
9 statistics received by the department under this section to the
10 Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Federal Bureau of
11 Investigation, as required by that program.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 411.0541 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 411.0541. TEXAS CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM. (a) In this
15 section:

16 (1) "Criminal justice agency" means:

17 (A) a state agency that is engaged in the
18 administration of criminal justice under a statute or executive
19 order and allocates a substantial part of the agency's annual
20 budget to the administration of criminal justice; or

21 (B) a municipal or county agency, or school
22 district law enforcement agency, that is engaged in the
23 administration of criminal justice under a statute or executive
24 order.

25 (2) "System" means the computer-based Texas crime
26 information system established under Subsection (b).

27 (b) The department shall establish and maintain a

1 computer-based Texas crime information system that includes all of
2 the information and statistics submitted to the department under
3 Section [411.054](#).

4 (c) The department shall restrict access to the system to
5 authorized personnel of criminal justice agencies, as determined by
6 the department.

7 (d) The department shall use the information included in the
8 system to periodically publish reports regarding the nature and
9 extent of criminal activities in this state. The department shall
10 submit each report published under this subsection to the governor
11 and each member of the legislature and shall publish each report on
12 the department's Internet website.

13 SECTION 3. The Department of Public Safety of the State of
14 Texas shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section 411.0541,
15 Government Code, as added by this Act.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4879 was passed by the House on May 2, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 6, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4879 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor