

Assembly Bill No. 71

CHAPTER 462

An act to add Section 12525.2 to the Government Code, relating to criminal justice.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law requires each sheriff and police chief to annually furnish a report to the Department of Justice on justifiable homicides.

This bill would require each law enforcement agency to annually furnish to the Department of Justice a report of specified incidents when a peace officer is involved in the use of force. The bill would require that for each of these incidents, the report also include specified information about that incident. The bill would require the department to include a summary of the annual reports in its annual crime report. By imposing new duties on local agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12525.2 is added to the Government Code, to read:
12525.2. (a) Beginning January 1, 2017, each law enforcement agency shall annually furnish to the Department of Justice, in a manner defined and prescribed by the Attorney General, a report of all instances when a peace officer employed by that agency is involved in any of the following:

- (1) An incident involving the shooting of a civilian by a peace officer.
- (2) An incident involving the shooting of a peace officer by a civilian.
- (3) An incident in which the use of force by a peace officer against a civilian results in serious bodily injury or death.
- (4) An incident in which use of force by a civilian against a peace officer results in serious bodily injury or death.

(b) For each incident reported under subdivision (a), the information reported to the Department of Justice shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) The gender, race, and age of each individual who was shot, injured, or killed.

(2) The date, time, and location of the incident.

(3) Whether the civilian was armed, and, if so, the type of weapon.

(4) The type of force used against the officer, the civilian, or both, including the types of weapons used.

(5) The number of officers involved in the incident.

(6) The number of civilians involved in the incident.

(7) A brief description regarding the circumstances surrounding the incident, which may include the nature of injuries to officers and civilians and perceptions on behavior or mental disorders.

(c) Each year, the Department of Justice shall include a summary of information contained in the reports received pursuant to subdivision (a) in its annual crime report issued by the department pursuant to Section 13010 of the Penal Code. This information shall be classified according to the reporting law enforcement jurisdiction. In cases involving a peace officer who is injured or killed, the report shall list the officer's employing jurisdiction and the jurisdiction where the injury or death occurred, if they are not the same. This subdivision does not authorize the release to the public of the badge number or other unique identifying information of the peace officer involved.

(d) For purposes of this section, "serious bodily injury" means a bodily injury that involves a substantial risk of death, unconsciousness, protracted and obvious disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or organ.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.