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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE PURSUITS OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES BEING OPERATED BY OR INVOLVING A PASSENGER WHO IS A JUVENILE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294ee of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council, established
4 under section 7-294b, and the Commissioner of Emergency Services
5 and Public Protection or the commissioner's designee, shall, within
6 available appropriations, jointly develop, adopt and revise, as
7 necessary, minimum standards and practices for the administration
8 and management of law enforcement units, as defined in section 7-
9 294a. Such minimum standards and practices shall be based upon
10 standards established by the International Association of Chiefs of
11 Police and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement
12 Agencies, Inc., and shall include, but need not be limited to, standards
13 and practices regarding bias-based policing, use of force, response to
14 crimes of family violence, use of body-worn recording equipment,

15 complaints that allege misconduct by police officers, use of electronic
16 defense weapons, eyewitness identification procedures, notifications in
17 death and related events and pursuits by police officers. Not later than
18 January 1, 2020, the minimum standards and practices for pursuits by
19 police officers shall be updated to include standards and practices that
20 govern the pursuit of a motor vehicle reported as stolen when it is
21 known to the officer or officers engaged in the pursuit that the
22 operator of or a passenger in the motor vehicle is a juvenile. The
23 council shall post such minimum standards and practices on the
24 council's Internet web site and disseminate such standards and
25 practices to law enforcement units. The council and commissioner or
26 the commissioner's designee shall jointly develop a process to review a
27 law enforcement unit's compliance with such minimum standards and
28 practices and issue a certificate of compliance with law enforcement
29 standards and practices to a law enforcement unit that meets or
30 exceeds such standards and practices.

31 (b) [On and after January 1, 2019, each] Each law enforcement unit
32 shall adopt, update and maintain (1) the minimum standards and
33 practices developed by the council pursuant to subsection (a) of this
34 section, or (2) a higher level of accreditation standards developed by
35 the council or the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement
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37 (c) No civil action may be brought against a law enforcement unit
38 for damages arising from the failure of the law enforcement unit to
39 adopt and maintain such minimum standards and practices or a higher
40 level of accreditation standards.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	7-294ee

Statement of Purpose:

To require standards that govern a police pursuit of a stolen motor vehicle being operated by or involving a passenger who is a juvenile.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]