
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 389 (File 385, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC MITIGATION.

SUMMARY

By January 1, 2023, this bill requires the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation (DOT), to develop a traffic incident management (TIM) training curriculum for police officers. The curriculum must (1) align with the Federal Highway Administration's training and (2) provide for a systematic, planned, and coordinated approach to detect, respond, and clear traffic incidents to restore traffic capacity safely and efficiently.

Beginning October 1, 2023, police basic or review training programs must include this TIM curriculum. This requirement applies to training conducted or administered by POST, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), and municipal police departments. The state police and each municipal department must maintain records indicating when their employed police officers completed the training.

The bill also requires the DOT and DESPP commissioners to each develop plans, including recommended funding, to expand the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (i.e., drones) for specified purposes. Specifically, by October 1, 2022, the DOT commissioner must submit his plan for inspecting existing transportation facilities with drones to the Appropriations and Transportation committees. By this same date, the DESPP commissioner must submit his plan for investigating vehicle accidents and other traffic incidents with drones to the Appropriations, Public Safety and Security, and Transportation committees.

*Senate Amendment "A" eliminates a provision expanding to all public roads the requirement for drivers who are knowingly involved in an accident that caused only property damage to move to an

untraveled area adjacent to the accident site.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/24/2022)