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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 22-132—sSB 389
Transportation Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC MITIGATION

SUMMARY: By January 1, 2023, this act requires the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council, together with the Department of Transportation (DOT), to make 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 the TIM curriculum. This requirement applies to training done conducted or administered by the POST Council, 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 police department must keep records of when their officers completed the training.

The act also requires the DOT and DESPP commissioners to each develop plans, including recommended implementation 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 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage