

# Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6599

AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE REPORTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE

**Title:** ACCIDENTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/24/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/9/2021

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Public Safety and Security Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Working together the Department of Transportation, Division of State Police and Police Officer Standards and Training Council will revise the uniform investigation of accident form. This will be completed by September 30,2021.

## **Substitute Language**

Language changes bill to working group, some of the changes noted below

Sec. 1: from Passage New section: No later than 9/1/21 a working group shall convene to discuss and examine the Uniform Investigative Accident Form.

No later than 1/1/23 the working group will report on their findings to joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and security. Group will terminate 1/1/23.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

### **Joseph Giuletti, Commissioner, Department of Transportation**

Commissioner Giuletti wrote in opposition of this bill. A revision requires every police department in the state, all associated databases, retraining officers and rebuilding associated safety applications that use crash data. There would be substantial cost to DOT and other state agencies and municipalities in order to comply with this bill. A 6<sup>th</sup> addition of the Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) which is published by Governors Highway Safety Administration, will be released in 2023. The MMUCC is a national guideline that represents a minimum set of data elements that are required to describe a motor vehicle

accident. Without adopting the MMUCC, the DOT could be in jeopardy of losing federal funding for transportation safety programs.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Expressed

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

**Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk**

**Date: 3/31/2021**