

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sponsor Statement for CSSB 23 (SCRA)

Law Enforcement: Registry; Use of Force

Committee Substitute Senate Bill 23 will ensure that instances when use of force was used will be sent to the Department of Public Safety to be entered into a central registry and sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for data collection. The use-of-force database under AS 44.41.055 will be utilized by a municipal police officer, municipal correctional facility employee, pretrial services officer, probation officer, parole officer, correctional officer, state trooper, village public safety officer, or regional officers. This report will be submitted by the Department of Public Safety under AS 44.41.020(h) from the preceding fiscal year to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Senate Secretary.

Additional training will be included in AS 18.65.676(a) which will be disabilities training described under AS 18.65.220(a)(3).

Currently, there is no central database that tracks instances of use-of-force within the State of Alaska, but there are agencies within the state that report uses of force and send those reports to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. While this central database will not be open to the public, it will be shared for employment purposes amongst departments and agencies who is hiring as well as, the Alaska State Legislature. This will allow for transparency among agencies and will close loopholes that allow officers to be hired with another agency after having a certificate denied or revoked under AS 18.65.240(c) as proven by the Police Standards Council.