

HB 334 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT

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This bill requires each law enforcement agency to have a written policy regarding the investigation of officer-involved deaths. The policy must designate in advance the outside law enforcement agency that will conduct the investigation.

Each prosecutor must have a written policy designating an outside prosecutor to determine if charges will be brought against the officer.

The designated investigator must provide a complete report to the outside prosecutor. If the outside prosecutor determines that there is no basis to prosecute the law enforcement officer involved in the death, the outside prosecutor may release the report to the general public.

An officer-involved death is a death of an individual that results directly from an action or an omission of a law enforcement officer while the law enforcement officer is on duty or while the law enforcement officer is off duty but performing activities that are within the scope of his or her law enforcement duties.

The provisions of the bill apply to officer-involved deaths that occur after August 28, 2015.