

HB 1537 -- QUALITY POLICING ACT

SPONSOR: Butler

This bill establishes the "Quality Policing Act," which requires every law enforcement agency to annually report certain law enforcement officer data to the Department of Public Safety to be compiled within a database to be used by agencies to determine the need for increased monitoring, supervision, and counseling of any officer.

In addition, the bill requires every law enforcement officer to submit written reports within 48 hours of any incident involving use of force or a warrantless search or seizure.

An employee participating in an internal affairs investigation shall not be discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or otherwise discriminated against. Any such employee must be permitted to transfer to another unit or agency and must be considered for any promotion that he or she is eligible to receive. This shall not apply to any employee who files a frivolous claim or is criminally convicted of conduct alleged in the complaint.

Law enforcement agencies are required to retain records of any disciplinary complaint for three years. Such records must be made available to the public.

This bill is the same as HB 198 (2017).