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HOUSE BILL NO. 1174

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to law enforcement agency policies regarding interactions with minors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 590.515, to read as follows:

590.515. 1. Before January 1, 2020, every law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt a written policy regarding interactions with minors. Policies adopted shall ensure that all minors are treated equally regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, or familial status. Policies adopted shall outline a process for:

(1) Field interrogations and preliminary investigations involving offenders who are minors;

(2) The consent of minors when in contact, searching, questioning, or otherwise interacting; and

(3) The arresting of offenders who are minors, which shall include post-arrest medical screening and requirements that parents or guardians be contacted after officer contact with minors.

2. Policies adopted shall require a report to be made after each incident involving a minor.

3. Law enforcement agencies shall take the following into account when crafting each aspect of the policy required under this section:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 17 **(1) The nature of the complaint or contact, including probability of the minor**
- 18 **possessing a weapon;**
- 19 **(2) The age, intelligence, mental capacity, and physical condition of the minor;**
- 20 **(3) The minor's prior contacts or history with officers;**
- 21 **(4) The cooperation and attitude of all parties and the likelihood of the offense**
- 22 **being repeated; and**
- 23 **(5) The likelihood that the minor can be successfully referred to a supporting social**
- 24 **service agency.**

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