

HB 982 -- USE OF FORCE DATABASE

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This bill specifies that the Attorney General must maintain a law enforcement officers' use of force database, available to the public, with data reported from the State Highway Patrol and law enforcement agencies within the state. The bill specifies the information required to be provided in the database.

The State Highway Patrol and law enforcement agencies shall not report the name, address, Social Security number, or any other identifying information of the subject of the use of force by a peace officer.

The database maintained by the Attorney General will be published on the Attorney General's website and must be in a searchable format. The database must be made available to the public by January 1, 2022. The database must include a law enforcement officer identification system to track peace officer complaints from one agency to another.

The State Highway Patrol and any law enforcement agency that fails to report such data as provided in the bill shall be subject to suspension of its funding by its appropriating authority.

This bill is similar to SB 297 (2021).