BILL TOPIC: HATE CRIME REPORTING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Summary of Legislation

Every year beginning in 2018, this bill requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to include in its SMART Act presentation information about bias-motivated crimes reported to the department by law enforcement agencies.

Background

Current law requires every law enforcement agency in the state to submit information about crimes, arrests, and stolen and recovered property to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) within DPS. CBI receives this information through the National Incident-Based Reporting System, which allows law enforcement agencies to indicate whether or not a crime had a bias motivation.

State Expenditures

Beginning in FY 2017-18, the bill increases workload annually for DPS to include information about bias-motivated crimes in its SMART Act report to the General Assembly. This increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 18, 2017, and takes effect August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.
State and Local Government Contacts

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