

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/SB 890 — Use of Electronic Databases

by Rules Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Hooper

The bill amends s. 119.0712, F.S., providing that any person who uses or releases information contained in the Driver and Vehicle Information Database for a purpose not specifically authorized by law commits a noncriminal infraction, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

The bill amends s. 943.125, F.S., providing that the law enforcement accreditation program must address access to and use of personal identification information, as defined in s. 817.568(1)(f), F.S., contained in electronic databases.

The bill creates ss. 943.1719 and 943.17191, F.S., requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to provide training on the authorized access to and use of personal identification information contained in electronic databases used by a law enforcement officer (LEO) in his or her official capacity. This training must be part of the curriculum required for initial certification of a LEO and as part of the 40 hours of required instruction for continued employment or appointment as an officer. The training under ss. 943.1719 and 943.17191, F.S., must at minimum include:

- The proper use and limitations on use of electronic databases in a LEO's official capacity.
- The penalties associated with the misuse of such electronic databases.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0