

By Representative Roberts

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to traffic stop statistics;
3 directing the Florida Department of Law
4 Enforcement to conduct a study of routine
5 traffic stops by law enforcement officers;
6 providing for factors to be included in the
7 study; providing for an annual report;
8 providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Traffic stop statistics.--The Florida
13 Department of Law Enforcement shall conduct a study of stops
14 made by law enforcement officers for routine traffic
15 violations. Such study shall include collection and analysis
16 of appropriate available data, which shall include, but not be
17 limited to, the following:

18 (1) The number of individuals stopped for routine
19 traffic violations.

20 (2) Identifying characteristics of the individuals
21 stopped, including race and/or ethnicity, as well as the
22 approximate age of the individuals stopped.

23 (3) The traffic infraction alleged to have been
24 committed that led to the stop.

25 (4) Whether a search was instituted as a result of the
26 stop.

27 (5) How the search was instituted, if the traffic stop
28 resulted in a search.

29 (6) The rationale for a search.

30 (7) Whether any contraband was discovered in the
31 course of a search.

1 (8) The nature of any contraband discovered in the
2 course of a search.

3 (9) Whether any warning or citation was issued as a
4 result of the stop.

5 (10) Whether an arrest was made as a result of either
6 the stop or the search.

7 (11) The benefit of traffic stops with regard to the
8 interdiction of drugs and the proceeds of drug trafficking,
9 including the approximate quantity of drugs and value of drug
10 proceeds seized on an annual basis as a result of routine
11 traffic stops.

12 (12) Whether any items were seized for forfeiture.

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14 The information gathered as a result of this study shall be
15 compiled as a report on an annual basis, a copy of which shall
16 be provided to the Governor and Cabinet, the President of the
17 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
18 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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24 HOUSE SUMMARY

25 Directs the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to
26 conduct a study of traffic stops by law enforcement
27 officers for routine traffic violations. Provides
28 factors to be included in the study and requires an
29 annual report. See bill for details.