

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to racial profiling; prescribing responses
 3 that the Attorney General may take upon the filing of a
 4 complaint alleging racial profiling against a law
 5 enforcement officer or agency; providing an effective
 6 date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. If an individual files a complaint against a
 11 law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency, or both,
 12 alleging racial profiling, which is defined by the Department of
 13 Law Enforcement as "unequal treatment of any person, including
 14 stopping, questioning, searching, detention, or arrest, solely
 15 or primarily on the basis of their racial or ethnic
 16 characteristics, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or
 17 socioeconomic status," the Attorney General may respond to the
 18 complaint by taking one or more of the following steps:

19 (1) Sending a written inquiry to the appropriate law
 20 enforcement agency regarding the allegation and requesting a
 21 written response or internal investigation, or both, of the
 22 alleged incident of racial profiling.

23 (2) Initiating an investigation or policy review of the
 24 named law enforcement agency by the Office of the Attorney
 25 General.

26 (3) Referring the complaint to the Criminal Justice
 27 Standards and Training Commission for a policy review of the law
 28 enforcement agency or to a local prosecutor to conduct a

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29 | criminal investigation.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.