

By Senator Thompson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to investigation of lethal force by
3 law enforcement officers; creating s. 943.69, F.S.;
4 defining the term "law enforcement agency"; requiring
5 the head of a law enforcement agency to report to the
6 Department of Law Enforcement within a specified time
7 if the use of force by a law enforcement officer
8 results in the death of another person; requiring the
9 head of a law enforcement agency to provide the
10 department within a specified time the results of the
11 agency's investigation; requiring the department to
12 conduct an independent investigation into such use of
13 force; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 943.69, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

19 943.69 Investigation of lethal force by officers.-

20 (1) As used in this section, the term "law enforcement
21 agency" means an agency or a unit of government that has
22 authority to employ or appoint a law enforcement officer as
23 defined in s. 943.10.

24 (2) The head of a law enforcement agency must report to the
25 department within 24 hours if a law enforcement officer uses
26 force that results in the death of another person. If the law
27 enforcement agency conducts an investigation into the use of
28 force by the officer, the head of the law enforcement agency
29 must provide the results of the investigation to the department

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30 within 7 days after completion of the investigation.

31 (3) The department shall conduct an independent
32 investigation into the use of force by a law enforcement officer
33 which results in the death of another person.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.