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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Representative Baker offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 88-155 and insert:

based lethality assessment. Such policies, procedures, and training must establish how to determine whether a victim and aggressor are intimate partners and establish a statewide process for referring a victim to a certified domestic violence center. By January 1, 2025, the department must adopt a statewide lethality assessment form that includes all the information in paragraph (b). Training on how to administer a lethality assessment and the approved lethality assessment form must be accessible to a law enforcement officer in an online format.

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(a) By October 1, 2026, all law enforcement officers who
respond to or investigate crimes of domestic violence must be
trained on the policies and procedures for administering a
lethality assessment. A law enforcement officer may not
administer a lethality assessment to a victim if the officer has
not received training on administering a lethality assessment.
(b) To administer a lethality assessment, a law enforcement
officer shall ask the victim, in the same or similar wording and
in the same order, all of the following questions:
1. Did the aggressor ever use a weapon against you or
threaten you with a weapon?
2. Did the aggressor ever threaten to kill you or your
<pre>children?</pre>
3. Do you believe the aggressor will try to kill you?
4. Has the aggressor ever choked you or attempted to choke
you?
5. Does the aggressor have a gun or could the aggressor
easily obtain a gun?
6. Is the aggressor violently or constantly jealous, or
does the aggressor control most of your daily activities?
7. Did you leave or separate from the aggressor after you
were living together or married?
8. Is the aggressor unemployed?
9. To the best of your knowledge, has the aggressor ever
attempted suicide?

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10. Do you have a child whom the aggressor believes is not

43	the aggressor's biological child?
44	11. Has the aggressor ever followed, spied on, or left
45	threatening messages for you?
46	12. Is there anything else that worries you about your
47	safety and, if so, what worries you?
48	(c) A law enforcement officer shall advise a victim of the
49	results of the assessment and refer the victim to the nearest
50	locally certified domestic violence center if:
51	1. The victim answers affirmatively to any of the questions
52	provided in subparagraphs (a)14.;
53	2. The victim answers negatively to the questions provided
54	in subparagraphs (a) 14., but affirmatively to at least four of
55	the questions provided in subparagraphs (a) 511.; or
56	3. As a result of the victim's response to subparagraph
57	(a)12., the law enforcement officer believes the victim is in a
58	potentially lethal situation.
59	(d) If a victim does not, or is unable to, provide
60	information to a law enforcement officer sufficient to allow the
61	law enforcement officer to administer a lethality assessment,
62	the law enforcement officer must document the lack of a
63	lethality assessment in the written police report required in
64	subsection (3) and refer the victim to the nearest locally
65	certified domestic violence center.
66	(e) A law enforcement officer may not include in a probable

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cause statement, written police report, or incident report the

domestic violence center to which a victim was referred.

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$\underline{(3)}$ When a law enforcement officer investigates an
allegation that an incident of domestic violence has occurred,
the officer shall handle the incident pursuant to the arrest
policy provided in s. 901.15(7), and as developed in accordance
with subsections (4) (3) , (5) (4) , and (6) (5) . Regardless of
whether or not an arrest is made, the officer shall make a
written police report that is complete and clearly indicates the
alleged offense was an incident of domestic violence. Such
report $\underline{\text{must}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ be given to the officer's supervisor and filed
with the law enforcement agency in a manner that will permit
data on domestic violence cases to be compiled. Such report must
include all of the following:

- (a) A description of physical injuries observed, if any.
- (b) If a law enforcement officer decides not to make an arrest or decides to arrest two or more parties, the officer shall include in the report the grounds for not arresting anyone or for arresting two or more parties.
- (c) A statement which indicates that a copy of the legal rights and remedies notice was given to the victim.
- (d) A notation of the score of a lethality assessment, if one was administered pursuant to paragraph (1)(c).

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 9-13 and insert:

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assessment by a specified date; requiring policies, procedures,
and training to establish how to determine whether a victim and
aggressor are intimate partners and establish a statewide
process for referring a victim to a certified domestic violence
center; requiring that training on administering lethality
assessments be available to law enforcement officers in an
online format; requiring law enforcement officers administering
a lethality assessment to ask a victim specified questions;

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