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DIGEST

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SB 128 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T. council) to adopt a policy no later than Jan. 1, 2026, regarding mandatory reporting when a peace officer uses physical force that results in serious bodily injury on a member of the public whether or not the interaction results in an arrest.

Proposed law requires the P.O.S.T. council to adopt policies regarding, but not limited to the following:

- (1) When the use of force report is required.
- (2) Who is required to complete the report.

Proposed law provides that the policy apply to all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Proposed law authorizes a law enforcement agency to adopt a more strenuous policy.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 40:2554)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Remove provision requiring a report when a peace officer uses force on a member of the public whether or not the interaction results in an injury.
2. Add provision requiring a use of force report when the force used is reasonably expected to cause physical injury greater than transitory pain.
3. Add provision requiring the report to be completed by the officer or his immediate supervisor.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove provision requiring when a report is required.
3. Remove provision requiring who must complete the report.
4. Add provision that physical force includes but is not limited to use of a weapon.
5. Add certain policy requirements that the P.O.S.T. council adopt.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the reengrossed bill:

1. Add that physical force includes force sufficient to cause or reasonably known to cause serious bodily injury.
2. Remove authorization to cite proposed law as "Shantel Arnold's Law".

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill:

1. Clarify that mandatory reporting applies only when the use of force results in serious bodily injury.
2. Remove provision that physical force includes but is not limited to use of a weapon.
3. Remove provision requiring a penalty for failure to complete the report.
4. Remove the requirement that all reports be considered a public record and subject to the Public Records Law.