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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Clements, Sheahan, Zellinsky, Wensman, McMorris, Honeyford, Lisk, Sterk, Lambert and Mulliken)

Brief Title: Establishing procedure for reporting felonies by state employees.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/98)

Requires each state agency and institution of higher education to develop and make available to all employees a policy that: (1) Provides that when the agency or institution of higher education has reasonable cause to believe, based on an internal agency reporting process or any investigation, that a crime against a person has been perpetrated by a state employee and that such crime involves conduct occurring in, or related to, the workplace, the agency or institution of higher education must report the incident to the office of crime victims advocacy within a reasonable time, not to exceed seven days;

(2) provides that when the agency or institution of higher education has reasonable cause to believe, based on an internal agency reporting process or any investigation, that a crime not constituting a crime against a person has been perpetrated by a state employee and that such crime involves conduct occurring in, or related to, the workplace, the agency or institution of higher education must report the incident to the attorney general within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten days;

(3) provides procedures for an agency or institution of higher education to, within its discretion, report directly to law enforcement or the local prosecutor when the agency or institution of higher education has reasonable cause to believe, based on an internal agency reporting process or any investigation, that a crime has been perpetrated by a state employee involving conduct occurring in, or related to, the workplace and that the crime poses a substantial risk to the public;

(4) provides that the agency or institution of higher education shall forward any information uncovered in the investigation to the agency it is reporting to; and

(5) informs employees of the services and resources available to victims from the office of crime victims advocacy.

Directs the office of crime victims advocacy to provide technical assistance to agencies in the development of their policies. The office shall provide any employees subject to the policies with referrals to needed crime victim services and resources.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.