
HOUSE BILL 2629

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By Representative Hope

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing the adoption by any state or local
2 law enforcement agency of any federal recommendations regarding use of
3 force other than those clearly and expressly required or authorized by
4 an act of congress; adding a new chapter to Title 7 RCW; and creating
5 a new section.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that use of force
8 issues are criminal justice and law enforcement matters left to the
9 states under the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and
10 any use of force policies or practices recommended or imposed by the
11 federal government, other than those clearly and expressly required or
12 authorized by an act of congress, are not binding on state and local
13 government agencies.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** State or local law enforcement agencies are
15 prohibited from adopting any federal recommendations or mandates
16 regarding use of force other than those clearly and expressly required
17 or authorized by an act of congress.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The attorney general shall provide legal
2 assistance to any state or local law enforcement agency sued by the
3 federal government for the failure to adopt any use of force policies
4 or practices recommended or mandated by the federal government, other
5 than those clearly and expressly required or authorized by an act of
6 congress.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act constitute a
8 new chapter in Title 7 RCW.

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