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By House Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Doglio, Lekanoff, and Pollet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the criminal justice training
2 commission to establish a work group and grant program related to
3 vehicular pursuits; adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW;
4 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) By June 30, 2023, the commission shall convene a work group
9 to develop legislative policy recommendations related to vehicular
10 pursuits by law enforcement.

11 (2) The work group must be comprised of stakeholders representing
12 the following:

13 (a) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

14 (b) The Washington state patrol;

15 (c) The Washington state fraternal order of police;

16 (d) The Washington council of police and sheriffs;

17 (e) The Washington state patrol troopers association;

18 (f) The international brotherhood of teamsters;

19 (g) The Washington traffic safety commission;

20 (h) The Washington federation of state employees;

- 1 (i) Families who have lost loved ones as a result of interactions
2 with law enforcement;
- 3 (j) An organization advocating for civil rights;
- 4 (k) The national association for the advancement of colored
5 people, Alaska Oregon Washington state-area conference;
- 6 (l) The Latino civic alliance;
- 7 (m) The Asian Pacific Islanders coalition of Washington;
- 8 (n) The Washington coalition for police accountability;
- 9 (o) The transportation choices coalition;
- 10 (p) The governor's office of Indian affairs;
- 11 (q) Whose streets? our streets!;
- 12 (r) Spokane community against racism;
- 13 (s) Next steps Washington; and
- 14 (t) The faith action network.

15 (3) The work group shall consider the following issues when
16 developing its legislative policy recommendations:

17 (a) The factors to be considered in initiating and terminating a
18 pursuit, and the standards for evaluating the need to initiate or
19 terminate a pursuit including, but not limited to:

20 (i) The potential for harm or potential danger to others if the
21 fleeing individual evades or escapes immediate custody;

22 (ii) The seriousness of the offense committed or believed to have
23 been committed by the individual or individuals that are fleeing;

24 (iii) Consideration of whether the identity of the individual
25 fleeing is known and whether the individual could be apprehended at a
26 later time;

27 (iv) Safety factors that pose a risk to officers, other
28 motorists, pedestrians, or other third parties;

29 (v) Vehicular or pedestrian traffic safety and volume;

30 (vi) Weather and vehicle conditions; and

31 (vii) Speeds of the pursuit;

32 (b) The procedures, tactics, and technologies used during
33 pursuits;

34 (c) The circumstances where officers should consider the use of
35 tactics other than engaging in a pursuit;

36 (d) The various responsibilities of the pursuing officers, the
37 officers supervising the pursuit, the dispatcher, and air support;

38 (e) The procedures governing interjurisdictional pursuits;

39 (f) The procedures governing care of any persons injured in the
40 course of a pursuit;

1 (g) The contents of law enforcement reports filed related to
2 pursuits; and

3 (h) The procedures used to evaluate each pursuit.

4 (4) By December 1, 2023, the commission shall submit a report
5 containing its legislative policy recommendations to the appropriate
6 committees of the legislature, and publish the report on its website.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) By October 31, 2023, the commission shall, subject to the
10 availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose,
11 develop and implement a vehicular pursuit technology grant program
12 for the purpose of providing modern vehicular pursuit management
13 technology to local law enforcement agencies including, but not
14 limited to, global positioning system tracking technology, automated
15 license plate reading technology, and nonarmed and nonarmored drone
16 technology.

17 (2) The commission shall establish policies for applications
18 under this section in addition to criteria for evaluating and
19 selecting grant recipients. Grants must be awarded to local law
20 enforcement agencies based on locally developed proposals. A proposal
21 must include a request for specific technology and a specific plan
22 for the implementation and use of that technology.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
25 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
26 effect June 30, 2023.

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