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(LC 80)
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Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF 2020 (at the request of
People of Color Caucus)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4205**

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas Black Lives Matter; and

3 “Whereas the three other police officers present at George Floyd’s arrest
4 had 8 minutes and 46 seconds to save his life; and

5 “Whereas the history of racial violence in America, including public
6 lynchings, deeply implicates police officers that did not intervene to stop
7 extrajudicial murders of Black Americans, creating a culture of distrust be-
8 tween law enforcement and the Black community that persists to this day;
9 and

10 “Whereas police officers swear an oath to serve the public; and

11 “Whereas police officers need to be trusted to step in when lives are en-
12 dangered; and

13 “Whereas two-thirds of Black Americans do not trust that they will be
14 treated equally by the police; and

15 “Whereas Black youth experience hypervigilance, a symptom of post-
16 traumatic stress disorder, in the presence of police officers; and

17 “Whereas Black children deserve to feel safe around the police; and

18 “Whereas we all deserve to feel safe around the police; and

19 “Whereas restoring trust in the police is not possible without real ac-
20 countability measures; and

21 “Whereas the United States Department of Justice’s October 2018 Special

1 Report found that Black people and Latinx people are twice as likely to ex-
2 perience the threat or use of force compared to white people; and

3 “Whereas intervening and reporting misconduct protects the reputation
4 of police officers who are acting in good faith and within the bounds of the
5 law; now, therefore,”.

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