

SB 421 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers existing database of suspensions and revocations of police officers from Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to Department of Justice (DOJ). Expands database to include instances of investigations and verified misconduct of a police officer, termination of an officer, or complaint against a police officer involving death or serious injury in custody, excessive use of force, discrimination based on protected class, commission of crime while officer was on duty, or dishonesty in any police proceeding, investigation, or court case. Provides authority to transfer records from DPSST to DOJ. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4207 of the first Special Session of 2020 required the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to publish information in an accessible online database as to suspension or revocation of an officer's certification and required law enforcement agencies to request the personnel file of any officer it might hire before extending an offer of employment to that officer.

Senate Bill 421 transfers the database from DPSST to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and expands the contents of the database to include verified misconduct, termination, and complaints involving death or serious injury while in custody, excessive use of force, discrimination based on a protected class, commission of a crime while an officer was on duty, or dishonesty in a proceeding, investigation, or court case.