

SB 915 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates a Deadly Force Prosecution Unit within the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of Justice specializing in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving law enforcement use of force that results in death. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund for the purposes of this unit.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A number of states' Departments of Justice, including California, investigate officer involved shootings resulting in death in their state, as opposed to the local district attorney. In September 2020, California Governor signed Assembly Bill 1506 into law; requiring the Attorney General to investigate incidents of an officer-involved shooting resulting in death of an unarmed civilian.

Senate Bill 915 creates a Deadly Force Prosecution Unit within the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute law enforcement use of force that result in death cases and appropriates moneys from the General Fund to fund that unit.