

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5165**

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VEHICULAR PURSUITS

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BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

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YEAS 95 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 17, 2003.

GARY F. LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,  
Secretary of the Senate of the  
State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5165** as  
passed by the Senate and the House  
of Representatives on the dates  
hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

**Secretary**

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, McCaslin and Franklin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to vehicular pursuit by law enforcement officers;  
2 adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to improve the  
5 safety of law enforcement officers and the public by providing  
6 consistent education and training for officers in the matter of vehicle  
7 pursuit. The legislature recognizes there are a multitude of factors  
8 which enter into the determination of pursuit and intends that the  
9 criminal justice training commission be given the responsibility of  
10 identifying those factors and developing appropriate standards for  
11 training of law enforcement officers in this area.

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

14            (1) By December 1, 2003, the Washington state criminal justice  
15 training commission, the Washington state patrol, the Washington  
16 association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and organizations  
17 representing state and local law enforcement officers shall develop a  
18 written model policy on vehicular pursuits.

1 (2) The model policy must meet all of the following minimum  
2 standards:

3 (a) Provide for supervisory control, if available, of the pursuit;

4 (b) Provide procedures for designating the primary pursuit vehicle  
5 and for determining the total number of vehicles to be permitted to  
6 participate at one time in the pursuit;

7 (c) Provide procedures for coordinating operations with other  
8 jurisdictions; and

9 (d) Provide guidelines for determining when the interests of public  
10 safety and effective law enforcement justify a vehicular pursuit and  
11 when a vehicular pursuit should not be initiated or should be  
12 terminated.

13 (3) By June 1, 2004, every state, county, and municipal law  
14 enforcement agency shall adopt and implement a written vehicular  
15 pursuit policy. The policy adopted may, but need not, be the model  
16 policy developed under subsections (1) and (2) of this section.  
17 However, any policy adopted must address the minimum requirements  
18 specified in subsection (2) of this section.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) By June 30, 2006, every new full-time law enforcement officer  
22 employed, after the effective date of this act, by a state, county, or  
23 municipal law enforcement agency shall be trained on vehicular  
24 pursuits.

25 (2) Beginning July 1, 2006, every new full-time law enforcement  
26 officer employed by a state, county, or municipal law enforcement  
27 agency shall be trained on vehicular pursuits, within six months of  
28 employment.

29 (3) Nothing in this act requires training on vehicular pursuit of  
30 any law enforcement officer who is employed in a state, county, or city  
31 law enforcement agency on the effective date of this act beyond that  
32 which he or she has received prior to the effective date of this act.

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