

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 76

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL STATISTICS TO
COLLECT AND MAINTAIN STATISTICS ON TRAFFIC LAW
ENFORCEMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 114-10 reads as rewritten:

"§ 114-10. Division of Criminal Statistics.

The Attorney General shall set up in the Department of Justice a division to be designated as the Division of Criminal Statistics. There shall be assigned to this Division by the Attorney General duties as follows:

- (1) To collect and correlate information in criminal law administration, including crimes committed, arrests made, dispositions on preliminary hearings, prosecutions, convictions, acquittals, punishment, appeals, together with the age, race, and sex of the offender, and such other information concerning crime and criminals as may appear significant or helpful. To correlate such information with the operations of agencies and institutions charged with the supervision of offenders on probation, in penal and correctional institutions, on parole and pardon, so as to show the volume, variety and tendencies of crime and criminals and the workings of successive links in the machinery set up for the administration of the criminal law in connection with the arrests, trial, punishment, probation, prison parole and pardon of all criminals in North Carolina.
- (2) To collect, correlate, and maintain access to information that will assist in the performance of duties required in the administration of criminal justice throughout the State. This information may include, but is not limited to, motor vehicle registration, drivers' licenses, wanted and missing persons, stolen property, warrants, stolen vehicles, firearms registration, sexual offender registration as provided under Article 27A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, drugs, drug users and parole and probation histories. In performing this function, the Division may arrange to use information available in other agencies and units of State, local and federal government, but shall provide security measures to insure that such information shall be made available only

to those whose duties, relating to the administration of justice, require such information.

(2a) To collect, correlate, and maintain the following information regarding traffic law enforcement by State law enforcement officers:

- a. The number of drivers stopped for routine traffic enforcement by State law enforcement officers and whether or not a citation or warning was issued;
- b. Identifying characteristics of the drivers stopped, including the race or ethnicity, approximate age, and gender;
- c. The alleged traffic violation that led to the stop;
- d. Whether a search was instituted as a result of the stop;
- e. Whether the vehicle, personal effects, driver, or passenger or passengers were searched, and the race or ethnicity, approximate age, and gender of each person searched;
- f. Whether the search was conducted pursuant to consent, probable cause, or reasonable suspicion to suspect a crime, including the basis for the request for consent, or the circumstances establishing probable cause or reasonable suspicion;
- g. Whether any contraband was found and the type and amount of any such contraband;
- h. Whether any written citation or any oral or written warning was issued as a result of the stop;
- i. Whether an arrest was made as a result of either the stop or the search;
- j. Whether any property was seized, with a description of that property;
- k. Whether the officers making the stop encountered any physical resistance from the driver or passenger or passengers;
- l. Whether the officers making the stop engaged in the use of force against the driver, passenger, or passengers for any reason;
- m. Whether any injuries resulted from the stop; and
- n. Whether the circumstances surrounding the stop were the subject of any investigation, and the results of that investigation.

The information required by this subdivision need not be collected in connection with impaired driving checks under G.S. 20-16.3A or other types of roadblocks, vehicle checks, or checkpoints that are consistent with the laws of this State and with the State and federal constitutions, except when those stops result in a warning, search, seizure, arrest, or any of the other activity described in sub-subdivisions d. through n. of this subdivision.

- (3) To make scientific study, analysis and comparison from the information so collected and correlated with similar information gathered by federal agencies, and to provide the Governor and the General Assembly with the information so collected biennially, or more often if required by the Governor.
- (4) To perform all the duties heretofore imposed by law upon the Attorney General with respect to criminal statistics.
- (5) To perform such other duties as may be from time to time prescribed by the Attorney General.
- (6) To promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this Article."

Section 2. This act shall not be construed to obligate the General Assembly to make any appropriation to implement the provisions of this act. Each department and agency to which this act applies shall implement the provisions of this act from funds otherwise appropriated to that department or agency.

Section 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 2000, and applies to law enforcement actions occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of April, 1999.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 9:35 a.m. this 22nd day of April, 1999