

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO ASSEMBLY BILL 134

May 12, 2021 - Offered by Representatives Steineke and Stubbs.

AN ACT to renumber and amend 66.0511 (1); to amend 66.0511 (2); and to create 66.0511 (1) (a) of the statutes; relating to: prohibiting use of choke holds by law enforcement officers in use of force policies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires law enforcement agencies to develop policies on the use of force by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. This bill provides that a law enforcement agency may not authorize in its use of force policy the use of choke holds by law enforcement officers, except in life-threatening situations or in self-defense.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. 66.0511 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 66.0511 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:
- 6 66.0511 (1) Definition Definitions. (intro.) In this section, "law:

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1	(b) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning given under s. 165.83 (1) (b).
2	Section 2. 66.0511 (1) (a) of the statutes is created to read:
3	66.0511 (1) (a) "Choke hold" means the intentional and prolonged application
4	of force to the throat, windpipe, or carotid arteries that prevents or hinders breathing
5	or blood flow, reduces the intake of air, or reduces blood flow to the head.
6	SECTION 3. 66.0511 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	66.0511 (2) Use of force policy. Each person in charge of a law enforcement
8	agency shall prepare in writing and make available for public scrutiny a policy or
9	standard regulating the use of force by law enforcement officers in the performance
10	of their duties. A law enforcement agency may not authorize the use of choke holds
11	by law enforcement officers in a policy or standard under this subsection, except in
12	life-threatening situations or in self-defense.
13	Section 4. Effective date.
14	(1) Use of choke holds. The renumbering and amendment of s. 66.0511 (1),
15	the amendment of s. 66.0511 (2), and the creation of s. 66.0511 (1) (a) take effect on
16	the 30th day after publication.

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