HB 620-FN-LOCAL - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***620-FN-LOCAL***

AN ACT requiring law enforcement agencies to gather and analyze certain demographic information.

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COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill requires law enforcement agencies to gather and analyze certain demographic information.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Section; Demographic Data Collection and Analysis. Amend RSA 105 by inserting after section 19 the following new section:

105:20 Demographic Data Collection and Analysis. All police departments shall gather, analyze, and make available to the public, at least annually, data on demographics (including gender and race) for arrests, citations, motor vehicle and subject stops and searches (including frisk, container search, car and residence), regardless of the disposition of the case, as well as the rationale given by the participating law enforcement personnel or such stops and searches.

2 New Section; Demographic Data Collection and Analysis. Amend RSA 106-B by inserting after section 18-a the following new section:

106-B:18-b Demographic Data Collection and Analysis. Law enforcement shall gather, analyze, and make available to the public, at least annually, data on demographics (including gender and race) for arrests, citations, motor vehicle and subject stops and searches (including frisk, container search, car and residence), regardless of the disposition of the case, as well as the rationale given by the participating law enforcement personnel or such stops and searches.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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HB 620-FN-LOCAL- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [X] County [X] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
Funding Source:	[X] General [ ] Education [X] Highway [X] Other - Various Other State Funds Relative to Law Enforcement			

COUNTY:

Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

LOCAL:

Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires law enforcement agencies to gather and make available, at least annually, demographic data for police contacts (e.g., arrests, motor vehicle stops, etc.), which appears would likely result in increased expenditures at the state, county, and local levels in order to comply. At this time, agencies are unclear as to the application of this proposed law in certain circumstances and is therefore unable to estimate the extent of the impact on expenditures. It is assumed since the effective date of this bill is 60 days after passage, impacts would first be realized in FY 2022.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety, Department of Justice, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association