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Act No. 126 (S.254). Law enforcement; case disposition records; qualified immunity; report

An act relating to maintaining records of judgments and settlements paid by law enforcement agencies and a legal analysis of qualified immunity

This act mandates each law enforcement agency to maintain a record of all final judgments and settlements paid for claims related to violations of Vermont constitutional rights. The records are subject to disclosure pursuant to the Vermont Public Records Act, and any disclosed record must include the name of the law enforcement agency and the amount paid.

The act also requires that, on or before November 15, 2022, the Office of Legislative Counsel submit a written legal analysis on qualified immunity to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee. The submission will analyze various topics concerning the impact of the doctrine of qualified immunity on access to civil justice remedies in Vermont and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

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