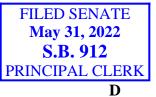
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021



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SENATE BILL DRS15419-LM-177

Short Title:	Greensboro Civilian Traffic Investigators/SBE.	(Local)
Sponsors:	Senators Garrett and Robinson (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT TO A	LLOW THE CITY OF GREENSBORO TO USE CIVILIAN TRAFFIC			
3	INVESTIGA	TORS TO INVESTIGATE PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASHES AND TO			
4	ESTABLISH	A SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE			
5	DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE CITY.				
6	The General Asse	embly of North Carolina enacts:			
7	SECT	TON 1.(a) Subchapter F of Chapter V of the Charter of the City of Greensboro,			
8	being Chapter 1137 of the Session Laws of 1959, as amended, is amended by adding a new				
9	Article to read as follows:				
10		"ARTICLE 3. CIVILIAN TRAFFIC INVESTIGATORS.			
11	"Sec. 580. Civilian Traffic Investigators.				
12		thstanding any other provision of law, the City may employ and allow civilian			
13	personnel to investigate traffic crashes and issue citations for infractions under Chapter 20 of the				
14	General Statutes related to the traffic crashes investigated. The civilian personnel shall be known				
15	<u>as "Civilian Traff</u>				
16		f the following shall apply to Civilian Traffic Investigators (hereinafter			
17		"Investigators") employed by the City:			
18	<u>(1)</u>	The City shall establish the minimum standards for employment as an			
19		Investigator.			
20	<u>(2)</u>	Each Investigator shall attend a training program designed by the City of			
21		Greensboro Police Department in consultation with the North Carolina Justice			
22		Academy. Upon completion of the training program, each Investigator shall			
23		spend not less than four weeks of field training with a law enforcement officer			
24		who has experience conducting traffic crash investigations.			
25	<u>(3)</u>	Each Investigator shall be issued credentials by the City identifying the			
26		individual as a Civilian Traffic Investigator. The Investigator shall produce			
27		official credentials at any time when requested by a member of the public			
28	(A)	involved in or a witness to a crash.			
29	<u>(4)</u>	Investigators shall be issued a uniform that is substantially different in color			
30 31		and style from that of a law enforcement officer for the City. The uniform			
31 32		shall have patches that clearly identify the individual as an Investigator, and			
32 33		the individual's name shall be clearly displayed on the uniform. Investigators shall not be issued badges.			
33 34	(5)	<u>Any vehicles issued to, or used by, an Investigator shall not bear markings or</u>			
34 35	<u>(3)</u>	symbols that identify the vehicle as a police vehicle. The vehicle may have			
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	emergency equipment and lights installed but shall not	use blue lights in any
	manner or form. Red and amber lights are permissible.	
<u>(6)</u>	Investigators shall not be issued a weapon of any type.	
<u>(7)</u>	Investigators shall have no authority to arrest or issue c	riminal process.
<u>(8)</u>	Investigators shall investigate crashes involving on	
	Investigators shall comply with all provisions of G.	_
	completed by an Investigator shall be treated the same a	-
	by a law enforcement officer for purposes of G.S.	
	enforcement officer shall investigate any crash involvin	ng personal injury or a
	<u>fatality.</u>	
<u>(9)</u>	Investigators shall have the same authority as a law enfo	
	or remove a vehicle that is obstructing a public street of	
	TION 1.(b) Not later than December 31, 2023, the Cit	
	ouse of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Jus	•
	committee on Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety	1
	of Civilian Traffic Investigators, as authorized in this s	
U U	the effective date of this act and concluding November 1,	
	TION 2. Chapter VII of the Charter of the City of Green	
	ion Laws of 1959, as amended, is amended by adding a n	ew Subchapter to read
as follows:		
	"SUBCHAPTER D. SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE	<u>, PROGRAM.</u>
	mall Business Enterprise Program.	
	City may establish a race- and gender-neutral small busine	
	evelopment of small businesses in the Greensboro Metrop	
	pportunities for small businesses to participate in City co	
	"small business enterprise" as appropriate and consi trices. The City may establish bid and proposal speci	
	goals and good-faith effort requirements to enhance p	
	ises in City contracts. Notwithstanding the provisions	
· · · · ·	, the City may consider a bidder's efforts to comply	
	am requirements in its award of City contracts and, if a b	
	mply with the requirements, the City may, within its discu	
a contract to the		
	small business enterprise program authorized by this s	section is intended to
	not replace the requirements of G.S. 143-128.2, 143-131	
	established to achieve veteran, minority, and women's	
	the requirements of G.S. 143-128.2, 143-131(b), or	
	goals for small business enterprise participation establish	
authorized by th	nis section. A small business enterprise program establi	shed pursuant to this
	deemed consistent with the public policy of the State	of North Carolina to
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