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HOUSE BILL DRH40169-ML-111 (03/01)

Short Title: Study/LEO Interaction With Disabled Drivers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative C. Graham.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY TO STUDY TRAINING THAT MAY BE PROVIDED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO IMPROVE THE OFFICER'S ABILITY DURING A TRAFFIC STOP TO IDENTIFY WHETHER A PERSON IS DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING OR HAS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, OR MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE CONDITION IS AFFECTING THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE OFFICER'S ORDERS AND TO IMPROVE THE OFFICER'S INTERACTION WITH THE PERSON UPON MAKING THAT IDENTIFICATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Study. – The Department of Justice and Public Safety, in collaboration with the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, shall study what training may be provided to a law enforcement officer to improve (i) the officer's ability during a traffic stop to identify whether a person is deaf or hard of hearing or has a developmental disability, traumatic brain injury, or mental illness and the condition is affecting the person's ability to comply with orders given by the officer and (ii) the officer's interaction during a traffic stop with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing or has a developmental disability, traumatic brain injury, or mental illness.

**SECTION 2.** Report. – The Department of Justice and Public Safety shall report its findings, including any legislative recommendations, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by December 1, 2017.

**SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

