

## HB415 INTRODUCED



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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5           This bill would require the Attorney General to  
6           establish, maintain, and publish the Police Abuse  
7           Registry. The purpose of the registry is to publish the  
8           names and related information of individuals who have  
9           been convicted of offenses against law enforcement  
10          officers.

11          This bill would allow an individual registered  
12          on the Policy Abuse Registry to have his or her name  
13          removed from the registry by paying a fee to be  
14          deposited in the Law Enforcement Injury Fund.

15          This bill would provide for the use of  
16          information included in the registry and would provide  
17          penalties for misuse of the information.

18          This bill would establish the Law Enforcement  
19          Injury Fund and provide for the use of monies in the  
20          fund.

21          This bill would also authorize civil actions  
22          related to misuse of information from the registry.

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25                   A BILL  
26                   TO BE ENTITLED  
27                   AN ACT  
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29 Relating to law enforcement; to provide for the  
30 creation of the Police Abuse Registry; to provide for the  
31 inclusion and use of information on the registry; to provide  
32 for the creation of the Law Enforcement Injury Fund and the  
33 use of monies in the fund; to provide penalties for  
34 violations; and to authorize civil actions.

35 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

36 Section 1. This act shall be known as the Back the Blue  
37 Act.

38 Section 2. For the purposes of this act, the following  
39 terms have the following meanings:

40 (1) CLEMENCY. The reduction or mitigation of a criminal  
41 sentence or other repercussions of a criminal conviction,  
42 including, but not limited to, pardons, commutations, or  
43 reprieves.

44 (2) FUND. The Law Enforcement Injury Fund established  
45 pursuant to this act.

46 (3) QUALIFYING OFFENSE. Any offense involving the use  
47 or threatened use of force against an individual known to be  
48 or identified as a law enforcement officer.

49 (4) REGISTRY. The Police Abuse Registry maintained by  
50 the Attorney General pursuant to this act.

51 Section 3. (a) The Attorney General shall establish and  
52 maintain the Policy Abuse Registry. The purpose of the  
53 registry is to publish the names and related information of  
54 individuals who have been convicted of offenses against law  
55 enforcement officers.

56 (b) An entry created or maintained pursuant to Section



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4 shall include all of the following information:

(1) The individual's full name and any known aliases.

(2) The individual's date of birth.

(3) Each of the individual's convictions for a qualifying offense.

(4) The date of the offense leading to each of the individual's convictions for a qualifying offense.

(5) The date of each of the individual's convictions for a qualifying offense.

(6) The date of any clemency granted for any qualifying offense.

(7) The individual's last known address.

Section 4. (a) The Attorney General, within 30 days of receipt of applicable information, shall enter any individual convicted of a qualifying offense into the registry.

(b) Clemency from the Governor or the President of the United States shall not abrogate the requirements of subsection (a).

Section 5. (a) An individual included in the registry may request removal from the registry through the removal process established by the Attorney General pursuant to subsection (b).

(b) The Attorney General, before January 1, 2026, shall establish a procedure for individuals to request removal from the registry. The procedure shall include the requirement that an individual must pay five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each conviction for a qualifying offense that the individual is seeking to have removed from the registry.



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(c) All monies collected pursuant to subsection (b) shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) The Attorney General, within 30 days of an individual's complete and satisfactory compliance with the removal process, shall remove the individual's information from the registry.

Section 6. (a) The Attorney General shall only grant access to the registry to law enforcement agencies for any of the following purposes:

(1) Background checks for employment or certification.

(2) Assisting investigations related to law enforcement safety.

(3) Monitoring individuals residing in the agency's jurisdiction.

(b) Unauthorized use or disclosure of registry information is a Class A misdemeanor.

Section 7. (a) The Attorney General, within 30 days of adding an individual to the registry, shall notify each local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the individual's last known address.

(b) Each notification made pursuant to subsection (a) shall include all information included in the individual's registry entry.

Section 8. (a) The Law Enforcement Injury Fund is established in the State Treasury and shall be maintained by the Attorney General.

(b) Monies collected pursuant to this act shall be deposited to the State Treasury to the credit of the Law



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Enforcement Injury Fund of the Attorney General. Amounts deposited into the fund shall be budgeted and allotted in accordance with Sections 41-4-80 through 41-4-96 and Sections 41-19-1 through 41-19-12, Code of Alabama 1975.

(c) Monies in the fund, at the discretion of the Attorney General, shall be used exclusively for financial assistance for law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty or to support rehabilitation or medical costs for law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty.

(d) The Attorney General, before the fifteenth legislative day of each regular session of the Legislature, shall submit a report to the Legislature detailing the disbursements and uses of monies from the fund in the previous calendar year.

Section 9. An individual harmed by a violation of Section 6 may pursue a civil action against the party that committed the violation.

Section 10. The Attorney General shall implement safeguards to assure the confidentiality and security of the registry.

Section 11. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.