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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would prohibit law enforcement
6 officers from using a four-point restraint, also known
7 as the hog-tie position, to restrain an individual.

8 This bill would prohibit law enforcement
9 officers from placing an individual in a face-down
10 position that restricts oxygen or blood flow to the
11 individual's head or neck

12 This bill would require law enforcement agencies
13 to adopt policies and procedures prohibiting the use of
14 the four-point restraint.

15 This bill would also provide criminal penalties
16 for violations.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to law enforcement; to prohibit the use of
24 certain techniques by law enforcement officers; to require law
25 enforcement agencies to adopt related policies and procedures;
26 and to provide criminal penalties for violations.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

28 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the



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29 following terms have the following meanings:

30 (1) FOUR-POINT RESTRAINT. To restrain or confine an
31 individual face-down on the ground by connecting or fastening
32 the individual's hands and legs behind the individual's back.

33 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. As defined in Section
34 36-21-40, Code of Alabama 1975.

35 (3) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. As defined in Section
36 36-21-40, Code of Alabama 1975.

37 (b) A law enforcement officer shall not do either of
38 the following:

39 (1) Use a four-point restraint to detain, restrain, or
40 transport any individual.

41 (2) Place any individual in a face-down position that
42 restricts oxygen or blood flow to the individual's head or
43 neck.

44 (c) Each law enforcement agency shall include a
45 prohibition against the use of a four-point restraint in the
46 agency's existing policies and procedures.

47 (d) The use of four-point restraint in violation of
48 this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

49 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
50 1, 2026.