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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

This bill would also provide criminal penalties for violations.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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



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following terms have the following meanings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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