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HOUSE BILL 250: Public Safety/Other Changes, Sec. 3: Automatic License Plate Reader System Pilot Modifications

Committee:
Introduced by:
Analysis of: Sec. 3 of S.L. 2024-43

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OVERVIEW: Section 3 of S.L. 2024-43 amends Section 5 of S.L. 2023-151 to make various modifications to the automatic license plate reader system pilot program administered by the State Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with the Department of Transportation.

This section became effective July 8, 2024.

CURRENT LAW: In 2023, Section 5 of S.L. 2023-151: (i) established a pilot program to authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into agreements with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) for the placement and use of automatic license plate reader systems on DOT land or rights-of-way, and specified requirements for automatic license plate reader systems for this purpose; and (ii) required the SBI to submit an initial report no later than April 15, 2025, and a final report no later than October 1, 2025, to various General Assembly committees.

That section also: (i) repealed statutes to clarify laws that relate to placement of automatic license plate reader systems; (ii) amended and clarified definitions and provisions applicable to automatic license plate reader systems; and (iii) created a Class 1 misdemeanor for unlawfully obtaining, accessing, preserving, or disclosing data obtained in accordance with automatic license plate reader systems laws.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 3 of S.L. 2024-43 clarifies that the SBI can enter into agreements on its own behalf or as an agent of federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies and that any law enforcement agency participating in the program must provide the SBI information, as required, detailing that agency's use of automatic license plate reader systems as part of the program.

This section also modifies reporting deadlines and reporting requirements as part of the pilot program. The SBI must submit an initial report no later than April 15, 2026, and a final report no later than October 1, 2026, to various General Assembly committees.

This section also extends the expiration date of this pilot program from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, to account for these deadline extensions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 8, 2024.

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