House File 2231 - Introduced

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BY MEGGERS

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the review of an officer-involved shooting
- 2 case by a county attorney.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

H.F. 2231

- 1 Section 1. Section 331.756, Code 2024, is amended by adding 2 the following new subsection:
- 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 76. a. In the case of an officer-involved
- 4 shooting resulting in the death or serious bodily injury of a
- 5 person, review the evidence and render a written opinion and
- 6 charging decision, convene a grand jury, or refer the case to
- 7 the attorney general for independent review and a charging
- 8 decision.
- 9 b. The results of the review shall be provided promptly to
- 10 the officer involved or the officer's legal counsel and the
- 11 officer's employing agency.
- 12 c. If the case presents a conflict of interest, the review
- 13 shall be referred to an independent county attorney, the
- 14 attorney general, or a special prosecutor.
- 15 d. For the purposes of this subsection, "officer" means the
- 16 same as defined in section 801.4, subsection 11.
- 17 EXPLANATION
- 18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 20 This bill relates to the review of an officer-involved
- 21 shooting case by a county attorney.
- 22 The bill provides that in the case of an officer-involved
- 23 shooting resulting in the death or serious bodily injury of
- 24 a person, the county attorney shall review the evidence and
- 25 render a written opinion and charging decision, convene a grand
- 26 jury, or refer the case to the attorney general for independent
- 27 review and a charging decision. The results of the review
- 28 shall promptly be provided to the officer involved or the
- 29 officer's legal counsel and the officer's employing agency.
- 30 If the case presents a conflict of interest, the review shall
- 31 be referred to an independent county attorney, the attorney
- 32 general, or a special prosecutor.