

PUBLIC SAFETY “PACT” LEGISLATION

Accountability

- LRB 0074 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling*) – Creation of an Independent Use of Force Review Advisory Board
 - This bill creates an Independent Use of Force Review Board, to investigate and learn from certain police use of force incidents. The board would be tasked with reviewing the causes of individual use of force incidents and in an annual report, make any recommendations as to how to prevent similar incidents in the future. The Board is modeled after the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

- LRB 0075 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling*) - Mandatory Reporting of Use of Force and Whistleblower Protections
 - This bill requires every law enforcement agency to have a policy as to when and how a use of force incident is to be reported, and requires officers who engage in or observe use of force incidents to report it. The bill also provides whistleblower protections for officers who report use of force incidents.
 - This bill is modified from a recommendation by Governor Evers and the Legislative Black Caucus

Community Involvement

- LRB 0158 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling & Rep. Janel Brandtjen*) - Increasing Community Involvement in Police & Fire Commissions
 - Affecting Milwaukee and Madison only, this bill increases the independence and community involvement and partnership in Police & Fire Commissions. Public hearings, comments and confirmation would be required for all commissioners. Mayors must add representatives from law enforcement and fire-fighting to the Commission. The Commissions, rather than the Mayor, would appoint its own director.

- LRB 0184 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling*) - Community Oriented Policing (COP) Grant Program
 - This bill creates a \$600,000 grant program to create Community Oriented Police Houses (COP Houses) in cities with a population in excess of 60,000 people. Modeled after a successful program in Racine, COP Houses provide a way to long-term stabilization of neighborhoods by building relationships with members of the community, improving the quality of life in the neighborhood, reducing crime, and empowering citizens to take back their neighborhoods

- COP Houses have often led to an improvement with property maintenance, reduced crime rates, better community relationships between neighbors, and the police. In some cases, crime has been reduced by up to 70 percent in areas where a COP House is located.

Transparency

- LRB 0076 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling*) – Publication of Use of Force Policies
 - This bill requires law enforcement entities to have a link on their website to request a department’s Use-of-Force Policy. The policy must be provided to the requestor free of charge within 3 days.
 - This bill is modified from a recommendation by Governor Evers and the Legislative Black Caucus
- LRB 0160 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling*) – Use-of-Force Annual Reporting
 - This bill requires the Wisconsin Department of Justice to publish an annual report on law enforcement use of force incidents.
 - This bill was recommended by Governor Evers and the Legislative Black Caucus
- LRB 0074 – Creation of an Independent Use of Force Review Board.
 - *See above*

Public Safety

- LRB 0183 (*Co-Sponsored by Senators Lena Taylor & Alberta Darling*) – Prohibits Training the Use of Choke Holds
 - This bill is modified from a recommendation by Governor Evers and the Legislative Black Caucus
- LRB 0157 (*Co-Sponsored by Senator Alberta Darling*) – Maintenance of Effort for Police Budgets
 - This bill requires a municipality to maintain its law enforcement budget, unless the municipality merges with another department, or outsources its law enforcement to another entity.
 - If the municipality decreases the amount of its budget for hiring, training and retaining law enforcement officers, their Shared Revenue payment is reduced by the same amount. For example, if a city decreases its police force budget by \$100,000, it would receive \$100,000 less in Shared Revenue.