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INDEPENDENCE NEEDED IN OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

Current framework for investigations leads to even more questions

(MILWAUKEE) - State Representative Frederick P. Kessler (D-Milwaukee), a former judge, said today he would be introducing legislation modeled after legislation currently in use in Ontario, Canada, where an independent review committee investigates *every* officer-involved shooting.

“The independent review committee would be selected using the former GAB model where three randomly selected Court of Appeals judges would select the members of the committee who would then select the prosecutor and the chief investigator who would be a former federal law enforcement official. Additionally, the committee will have some funds sufficient to investigate *every* officer-involved shooting,” explained Kessler.

“At any time when there is an officer-involved shooting, regardless of who the person was that was shot by the officer, an independent review committee should be used to determine whether or not the officer’s actions were warranted and proper,” continued Kessler. “I believe an independent review committee provides the public with the confidence that an officer’s actions will be impartially reviewed and creates the transparency that reassures all involved.”

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