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Substitute resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's support for Governor Tony Evers's policing accountability and transparency reforms.

This resolution expresses the City's support for Governor Tony Evers's policing accountability and transparency reforms.

Whereas, On June 19, 2020, Governor Tony Evers and Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes announced policing accountability and transparency reforms, calling for bipartisan support in taking a step toward dismantling racism in a state consistently ranked among the worst in racial disparities; and

Whereas, Social and economic inequities reach every community in the state, and eliminating them will require action at every level of government; and

Whereas, People across the state are demanding local, state, and federal governments to take action in addressing racism and increasing law enforcement accountability; and

Whereas, The legislative package includes:

1. Establishing statewide use of force standards for all law enforcement agencies.

2. Prohibiting discipline of a law enforcement officer for reporting a violation of a law enforcement agency's use of force policy.

3. Requiring the Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop a model use of force policy for law enforcement agencies.

4. Requiring each law enforcement officer to annually complete at least 8 hours of training on use of force options and de-escalation techniques.

5. Creating a \$1,000,000 grant program, administered by the Department of Justice, to fund community organizations that are using evidence-based outreach and violence interruption strategies to mediate conflicts, prevent retaliation and other potentially violent situations, and connect individuals to community support.

6. Requiring law enforcement agencies to develop policies prohibiting the use of chokeholds.

7. Requiring each law enforcement agency to prepare a policy regarding the use of force by its law enforcement officers and to make the policy publicly available online.

8. Creating a civil cause of action for unnecessarily summoning a law enforcement officer with intent to infringe upon a right of the person under the Wisconsin Constitution or the U.S. Constitution; unlawfully discriminating against the person; causing the person to feel harassed, humiliated, or embarrassed; causing the person to be expelled from a place in which the person is lawfully located; damaging the person's reputation or standing within the community; or damaging the person's financial, economic, consumer, or business prospects or interests.

9. Requiring that the Department of Justice publish an annual report on use of force incidents, including incidents where there was a shooting, where a firearm was discharged in the direction of a person (even if there was no injury), and where other serious bodily harm resulted from the incident.

10. Requiring certain demographic information to be collected about each incident and reported annually by the Department of Justice on its website.

11. Prohibiting no-knock search warrants.

12. Making certain changes to the responsibilities of the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB), including requiring the LESB to also regulate jail and juvenile detention officer training standards and regulate recruitment standards for the recruiting of new law enforcement, jail, and juvenile detention officers.

13. Requiring each law enforcement agency to maintain an employment file for each employee.

14. Requiring each potential candidate for a position in an agency, jail, or facility that is or has been employed by a different agency, jail, or facility to authorize their previous employer to disclose his or her employment files to the hiring entity.

; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City supports Governor Tony Evers and Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes's policing accountability and transparency reforms; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to the City's delegation in the State Legislature; and, be it

Further Resolved, That File Number 180898 is amended by inserting the following item in the document attached to the file and identified as "AMENDED 2019-2020 State Legislative Detailed Proposals and Key Issues":

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Judiciary & Legislation	Common Council	Support Governor Tony Evers and Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes's policing accountability and transparency reforms in LRB nos. 6273, 6274, 6275, 6276, 6277
		6281,6283, 6289, and 6292.

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