

## **AB 953 Subcommittee – Technology**

This subcommittee will advise the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board (Board) regarding recommendations the Board may wish to make to the Office of the Attorney General on the standards, technical specifications and other issues related to how data will be collected by officers and reported to the California Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) within the Office of the Attorney General.

### **I. BACKGROUND**

AB 953 requires the Office of the Attorney General, in consultation with the Board and other stakeholders, to issue regulations for the collection and reporting of data required under Government Code section 12525.5, subdivision (b). These regulations must provide, among other things, “standards, definitions, and technical specifications to ensure uniform reporting practices across all reporting agencies.” This subcommittee will discuss the technical aspects of this data collection, as set forth below.

### **II. DATA COLLECTION**

The subcommittee will discuss and provide recommendations to the Office of the Attorney General regarding current and proposed methods of collecting stop data. Potential subjects the subcommittee may wish to consider include:

- How are peace officers currently collecting stop data? For those law enforcement agencies (LEAs) that collect such data, is the data collected at the scene, at the conclusion of or during the stop or at a later time?
- Given the data elements that must be collected under the statute, are there practical considerations that may affect any guidance the regulations provide regarding such data collection?

### **III. DATA TRANSMITTAL**

The subcommittee will provide advice and recommendations to the Board concerning how officers will transmit data to their LEA record management system, and how the LEAs will transmit data to CJIS. Potential issues to consider for discussion include:

- For jurisdictions that currently collect stop data, how are officers transmitting data to their LEA record management systems?
- Given the data elements that must be collected under the statute, are there practical considerations that may affect any guidance the regulations provide regarding such data collection?
- How will the LEA transmit this data to CJIS? Electronic rather than paper submission options include: secure file transfer, system-to-system interface and web-based system.

### **IV. SUBMISSION METHODS**

The subcommittee will provide advice and recommendations to the Board regarding how the data values for each data element should be recorded. The subcommittee will also develop a menu of submission methods for agencies to choose from. Potential issues you may wish to consider include:

- What would be the preferred method of collecting this information in order to get the most accurate and complete responses?
- What are the pros and cons of having open fields for data elements, in which the officer can/must provide a narrative response or manually input his/her response?
- Potential options for submission – secure file transfer, system-to-system interface and web-based system.
- Are there vendor systems that currently have the capability of collecting and submitting this data?

## **V. SUBMISSION INTERVALS**

The subcommittee will provide advice regarding recommendations the Board may wish to make to the Office of the Attorney General regarding the frequency of data submissions to CJIS, as well as the timing of such submissions. Specifically, AB 953 provides that applicable LEAs “shall annually report to the Attorney General data on all stops conducted by that agency’s peace officers for the preceding calendar year.” (Gov. Code, § 12525.5, subd. (a)(1).)

The statute further provides a time table for when LEAs must issue their first round of reports, based upon the size of the agency, with the largest agency reporting first (by April 1, 2019), and the smallest by April 1, 2023. Potential topics the subcommittee may wish to consider include the pros and cons of collecting information on a more frequent basis, e.g., monthly instead of annually.

## **VI. MOBILE DEVICE NEEDS**

The subcommittee may wish to discuss and make recommendations regarding the potential use of mobile devices to collect data at the scene of the stop, and the pros and cons of such use.

## **VII. DATA RETENTION**

The subcommittee may wish to consider issues concerning retention policies of the stop data collected pursuant to AB 953. Questions will include retention periods for both LEAs and the Office of the Attorney General.