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Introduced by M. of A. MEEKS, CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to direct the division of criminal justice services to study, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning instances of police brutality in the city of Rochester

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Police brutality" means the use of unwarranted or excessive force or abuse committed by a police officer.

(b) "Police officer" means an individual defined as a police officer pursuant to section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law.

(c) "Covered agency" means an agency of any political subdivision maintaining a police force of police officers having jurisdiction within the city of Rochester.

§ 2. Study. The division of criminal justice services is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study of police brutality in the city of Rochester. Such study shall examine, at a minimum, the following:

(a) All reported instances of police brutality in the city of Rochester occurring in the five years prior to the effective date of this act, and the nature of such instances of police brutality;

(b) Trainings and other education being provided by covered agencies to police officers employed by such covered agencies on avoiding instances of police brutality; and

(c) Any other steps that may be taken to decrease the number of instances of police brutality committed by police officers employed by covered agencies.

§ 3. Powers. The division of criminal justice services may consult with the law enforcement misconduct investigative office established

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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pursuant to section 75 of the executive law and any other state or local office, agency, or department, and request information from any such entity that is relevant and material to the completion of this study and report.

§ 4. Report. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the division of criminal justice services shall deliver a report of the findings of the study conducted pursuant to section two of this act to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.