

Legislators,

I have four concerns with the police accountability bill.

1) A Trooper or Police Officer makes the traffic stop, finds the operator to be intoxicated, and subsequently arrest the operator for DUI. A few weeks later, the A Trooper or Police Officer gets sued and accused of violating the arrested person's civil rights, as the arrested person believes they were racially profiled. With no qualified immunity, the Trooper or Police Officer would have to pay a lawyer out of his own pocket to defend themselves against this frivolous lawsuit, even though they were enforcing a state law that takes drunk motorists off the road in efforts to protect the public.

2) Having work a volunteer EMS for 32 years, I have come across mentally challenged and suicidal people. We can calm them and establish a rapport. The, without notice, they may be come immediately violent. To put a social worker in the streets would subject them to possible harm at a moments notice.

3) It would be prohibitively expensive and certainly a waste of a social workers time waiting for a call. They certainly could not be effective with a late response of on call from home or another facility.

4) Police departments would have difficult time finding qualified candidates as they would be open to personal liability.

Thank you.

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