

HB 415 -- USE OF FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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Currently, a law enforcement officer in effecting an arrest or in preventing an escape from custody is justified in using deadly force when the officer believes that the use of deadly force is immediately necessary to effect the arrest and also reasonably believes that the person to be arrested has committed or attempted to commit a felony, is attempting to escape by use of a deadly weapon, or may otherwise endanger life or inflict serious physical injury unless arrested without delay. This bill requires the officer to reasonably believe that the use of deadly force is immediately necessary to effect the arrest and also reasonably believe that the person to be arrested has committed or attempted to commit a violent felony and may otherwise endanger life or inflict serious physical injury unless arrested without delay or is attempting to escape by use of a deadly weapon.