

HB 1523 -- EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

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This bill requires any criminal justice entity conducting eyewitness identifications to adopt specific procedures for conducting photo and live lineups that meet specified requirements.

The bill specifies that when the prosecution intends to offer eyewitness identification evidence at trial, the defendant is entitled to a pretrial evidentiary hearing as to the reliability of the evidence.

The Department of Public Safety must create, administer, and conduct training programs for law enforcement officers and recruits regarding the method, technical aspects, and scientific findings regarding the basis of the eyewitness identification practices and procedures in the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 967 (2015).