

HB 2061 -- CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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This bill creates "Noelle's Law", which requires law enforcement agencies that use confidential informants to adopt certain policies and procedures that would address how to work with informants and that would provide certain protective measures to the informants. Law enforcement agencies that use confidential informants will also be required to establish policies and procedures, as specified in the bill, to assess the suitability of using a person as an informant. A state or local law enforcement agency that uses confidential informants must perform periodic review of actual agency practices with respect to confidential informants to ensure conformity with agency policies. A law enforcement officer who willfully fails to comply with this section commits a class C felony. Law enforcement agencies that use confidential informants must collect and report certain data, specified in the bill, to the Department of Public Safety by March first of each year with information for the preceding year, and the Department must issue a publicly available report consisting of a compilation of the data received from the various agencies, and the report must be publicly available by June first of the same year.

This bill is similar to HB 1214 (2021).