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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 95

Short Title: COLLECTION OF DNA/USE OF FORCE

Summary:

- Allows a peace officer, correctional, probation or parole officer to use reasonable force to collect an oral sample for inclusion into the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) registration system from a person required to submit a sample under current state law.
- Prohibits a person from bringing a civil action against the state or municipality for actions arising out of DNA collection in conformity with law.
- Requires the collection of DNA from a person convicted of a municipal ordinance that is similar to a state law requiring collection of DNA.
- Provides an immediate effective date and an applicability clause.

Benefits:

- Adds misdemeanors for crimes against a person such as assault, kidnapping or reckless endangerment to the offenses for which the state can collect DNA samples.
- Gives the state a valuable tool for solving unsettled crimes.
- Allows the state to collect DNA from persons serving long prison sentences who otherwise have no incentive to submit DNA samples.

Background:

- Under current law, refusal to submit a DNA sample constitutes a Class C felony. For prisoners already serving long sentences, the punishment for a Class C felony is of such little consequence it provides no incentive to comply. Statistics show that many perpetrators of crimes against a person are repeat offenders. Giving the state the ability to collect DNA samples from people who are otherwise unwilling to submit them could greatly improve the chances of solving past crimes.