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**S.F. No. 104 – LAW ENFORCEMENT USE OF FORCE POLICIES**

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**Section 1** requires the POST Board to adopt an updated comprehensive written model policy regarding the use of force, including deadly force, by peace officers. The policy must recognize the sanctity of life and the need to treat others with dignity and without prejudice, and include a duty for peace officers to intercede under certain circumstances when observing another officer using illegal force and a duty to report the use of illegal force by other peace officers. The policy must also ban the use by peace officers of carotid control and neck restraints or chokeholds that restrict airways except in situations where the officer or another faces an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm (and even in those cases to consider the use of less lethal measures). Requires each law enforcement agency in the state to adopt a use of force policy by its members that is identical or substantively similar to the POST Board model policy. The model policy must be completed by September 1, 2020, and the individual policies must be completed by November 1, 2020. The POST Board is authorized to inspect law enforcement agency policies to ensure compliance.

**Sections 2 and 3** make conforming changes related to section 1.