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Bill Analysis

SB 1788 requires every law enforcement agency to record the offender's race during the booking process. The measure also directs the agency to implement a double-verification procedure to confirm the accuracy of the first officer's classification. The measure directs each agency to conduct an annual audit to verify the classification of each offender. The measure directs the Department of Public Safety to establish uniform guidelines for racial classification and to provide training resources to law enforcement agencies on accurate racial determination and verification procedures. Any law enforcement agency found to be in consistent violation shall be subject to a \$1,000.00 penalty for each uncorrected misidentification; provided, the total amount shall not exceed \$50,000.00 per audit cycle. Such agencies shall also be subject to withholding of state-appropriated funds. Willful violations involving falsification of records may be referred to the Attorney General for further action under applicable laws.

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