

*Excerpt regarding 2012 statutory changes to the Alvin Penn Act as passed in the June 2012 Special Session:*¹

§ 144 — TRAFFIC STOP DATA

[PA 12-74](#) suspends on July 1, 2012, the duty of municipal police departments and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) (which includes the State Police) to record and report traffic stop data. It requires them to resume (1) recording the data starting on July 1, 2013 and (2) annually reporting data summaries to OPM starting on October 1, 2013, if new standardized methods are developed.

Until standardized methods are developed, this act requires the departments and DESPP, using the form developed and promulgated in effect on January 1, 2012, to record and retain the following information:

1. the number of people stopped for traffic violations;
2. the race, color, ethnicity, gender, and age, provided these characteristics are based on the officer's observation and perception of the officer and not required to be provided by the person stopped;
3. the alleged violation resulting in the stop;
4. whether a warning or citation was issued, an arrest made or search conducted; and
5. any additional information the departments or DESPP deem appropriate, except any other identifying information about the person, such as his or her operator's license number, name, or address.

The act advances to October 1, 2013, from October 1, 2012, the first annual report DESPP and local police departments must provide OPM on traffic stop data summaries. It also makes technical and conforming changes.

¹ SUMMARY OF 2012 PUBLIC ACTS; Connecticut General Assembly, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING, HARTFORD, CT