

HB 1297 -- Doctrine of Fresh Pursuit

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Currently, certain law enforcement officers and agents have the authority to follow in fresh pursuit a person the officer reasonably believes has committed a felony, has committed or attempted to commit any criminal offense or violation of a municipal or county ordinance in the presence of the officer or agent, or for whom the officer holds a warrant for a criminal offense. This bill limits the authority of fresh pursuit only to situations in which the officer believes the person has committed a violent felony, the person has committed or attempted to commit a violent felony in the presence of the officer, the officer holds a warrant or arrest for a violent felony for the person, or the pursuit of a person in connection with the investigation of an Amber alert or any situation involving a child being placed in danger. A violent felony is any felony offense which involves the threat or use of physical force.