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**Tallahassee, FL** - The Florida Legislative Black Caucus's police reform bill, [House Bill 7051](#), Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices, which was carried by **Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)**, was signed into law by the Governor late Tuesday night.

This bill is a bipartisan legislative solution that establishes statewide standards for police misconduct and updated training. **Representative Driskell** spearheaded months of negotiations between the Florida Legislative Black Caucus, House Democrats, and House Leadership to get this bill passed by both legislative chambers for signature by the Governor. It included elements from many other bills proposed by a variety of legislators.

“Police reform is long overdue in this state and this country. The police reform law is a good start to restructure training and policies regarding use of force, which has too often been manipulated by police officers in escalating circumstances. As a result, people of color are disproportionately affected and in some horrifying cases have cost someone their life. We will continue having conversations with our communities and law enforcement agencies to propose new legislation at the State and Federal levels to ensure there is fair and just policing for all,” said House Democratic **Co-Leader Bobby DuBose (D- Fort Lauderdale)**.

“HB 7051 is a win for the entire membership of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus, who worked together to put forth a strong policy platform to improve policing. Even more important, HB 7051 is a win for communities all across our state. As House Minority Leader Designate, I plan to build on this foundational legislation to continue conversations to propose additional policy reforms that would lead our Democratic Caucus forward and continue to foster better relations between the people and law enforcement. This bill is just the beginning and we will continue fighting for fair and just policing in Florida,” said **Representative Fentrice Driskell**.

“The passage of HB 7051 Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices is an acknowledgement from the Governor and Florida Legislature that they have heard our petition for meaningful criminal justice reform. HB 7051 acknowledges there is a systemic issue in the hiring, training and accountability of law enforcement and correctional officers. I am hopeful that this is the first step of many towards substantial change,” said **Senator Bobby Powell, Jr. (D - West Palm Beach)** and Chairman of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus.

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