HOUSE BILL 1011
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Short Title:	Greenville Traffic Investigators.	(Local)
Sponsors:		
Referred to:		

May 23, 2022

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO EMPLOY TRAFFIC CRASH
3   INVESTIGATORS FOR WRECKS INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.
4   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5   **SECTION 1.(a)** This section applies to the City of Greenville only.
6   **SECTION 1.(b)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the City of Greenville
7   is hereby authorized to employ and allow nonsworn personnel to investigate traffic crashes. The
8   nonsworn personnel shall be known as "Traffic Crash Investigators."
9   **SECTION 1.(c)** The City of Greenville shall establish the minimum standards for
10 employment as a Traffic Crash Investigator.
11   **SECTION 1.(d)** Each Traffic Crash Investigator shall attend a training program
12 designed by the Greenville Police Department, in consultation with the North Carolina Justice
13 Academy. Upon completion of the training program, a Traffic Crash Investigator shall spend not
14 less than four weeks of field training with a law enforcement officer who has experience
15 conducting traffic crash investigations.
16   **SECTION 1.(e)** Each Traffic Crash Investigator shall be issued credentials by the
17 City of Greenville identifying the individual as a Traffic Crash Investigator. The Traffic Crash
18 Investigator shall produce official credentials at any time when requested by a member of the
19 public involved in or as a witness to a crash. A Traffic Crash Investigator shall be issued a
20 uniform that is substantially different in color and style from that of a law enforcement officer
21 for the City of Greenville. The uniform shall have patches that clearly identify the individual as
22 a Traffic Crash Investigator. The individual's name shall be clearly displayed on the uniform.
23 Traffic Crash Investigators shall not be issued badges.
24   **SECTION 1.(f)** Vehicles issued to, or used by, a Traffic Crash Investigator shall not
25 bear markings or symbols that identify the vehicle as a police vehicle. The vehicle may have
26 emergency equipment and lights installed but shall not use blue lights in any manner or form.
27 Red and amber lights are permissible.
28   **SECTION 1.(g)** Traffic Crash Investigators shall investigate crashes involving only
29 property damage. A Traffic Crash Investigator shall comply with all provisions of G.S. 20-166.1.
30 A report completed by a Traffic Crash Investigator shall be treated the same as if it were
31 completed by a law enforcement officer for the purposes of G.S. 20-166.1(i). A law enforcement
32 officer shall investigate any crash involving personal injury or a fatality.
33   **SECTION 1.(h)** A Traffic Crash Investigator shall have no authority to arrest or
34 issue criminal process. A Traffic Crash Investigator shall not be issued a weapon of any type.

1   **SECTION 1.(i)** A Traffic Crash Investigator shall have the same authority as a law
2   enforcement officer to tow or remove a vehicle that is obstructing a public street or highway.
3   **SECTION 1.(j)**   Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Traffic Crash
4   Investigator shall have the same authority as a law enforcement officer to direct all traffic in
5   conformance with law and, in the event of a fire or other emergency or to expedite traffic or to
6   ensure safety, to direct traffic as conditions may require.
7   **SECTION 1.(k)** Not later than December 31, 2023, the City of Greenville shall
8   deliver to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety
9   and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety a written report on the
10   training and use of Traffic Crash Investigators for the period commencing on the effective date
11   of this act and concluding November 1, 2023.
12   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.