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Today, August 19, 2019 after years of discussions and negotiations to ensure the law enforcement community's voice has been heard, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 392 (Weber) into law. AB 392 provides an update to California's legal standard for when force can be used, bringing it in line with the current Supreme Court standard. Cal Chiefs was a leader in these discussions and the work of our lobbyist, Jonathan Feldman, was instrumental to the successful negotiations that led to the key amendments to this bill. Jonathan and I, along with the lobbyists and presidents of PORAC and CAHP, were the key stakeholders involved in countless hours of discussions on this bill, and the positive outcome we receive was the result.

The new AB 392 standard limits the use of deadly force to *"only when the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary..."*

Cal Chiefs and the rest of the law enforcement coalition worked closely with the Governor's office and President of the Senate, Toni Atkins, to craft AB 392 in a way that helps to protect California's families and communities as well as the officers who have sworn to serve them.

Numerous amendments were made to the bill to prevent any language from being adopted that would criminalize officers for the split-second life-or-death decisions officers face on a daily basis. AB 392 is also tied to the success of SB 230, which Cal Chiefs sponsored with Senator Anna Caballero. Together, these bills offer an effective legislative package to reduce the use of force in the country.

SB 230 sets policy and training standards and will provide the resources necessary to implement the new AB 392 standard. The SB 230/AB 392 legislative package will result in better outcomes for everyone by:

- Requiring that every California law enforcement officer receive the most robust training in the nation strictly designed to minimize the use of force.



- Setting specific policy requirements on de-escalation, rendering medical aid, proportional use of force and more.
- Setting forth detailed, standardized requirements for reporting all instances when force is used in our communities.
- Specifying that use of force policies and training are considered in legal proceedings.

Our coalition of law enforcement members, leaders and stakeholders who have been working on this issue for the better part of two years, are satisfied with the version of AB 392 signed into law today and are proud of the hard work that has gone into making the legislative package with SB 230. We will continue to work with our law makers to ensure these bills are implemented effectively to achieve positive public safety outcomes throughout the state.

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