
POLICING: STATE LAWS & RECENT LEGISLATION

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- ❑ Members are all 7,383 legislators and 30,000 legislative staff in 50 states, D.C. and U.S. territories.
- ❑ Offices in Denver and D.C.
- ❑ Among our goals - To provide legislatures with information and research about policy issues, both state and federal.
- ❑ NCSL tracks state policy developments in all public policy areas.

LEGISLATIVE RESPONSES FOR POLICING

TOPICS		STATES		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Oversight and Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas	<input type="checkbox"/> California
<input type="checkbox"/> Policing Alternatives and Collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware
<input type="checkbox"/> Training, Standards and Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of Force			

KEYWORD	STATUS	BILL NUMBER	YEAR	AUTHOR
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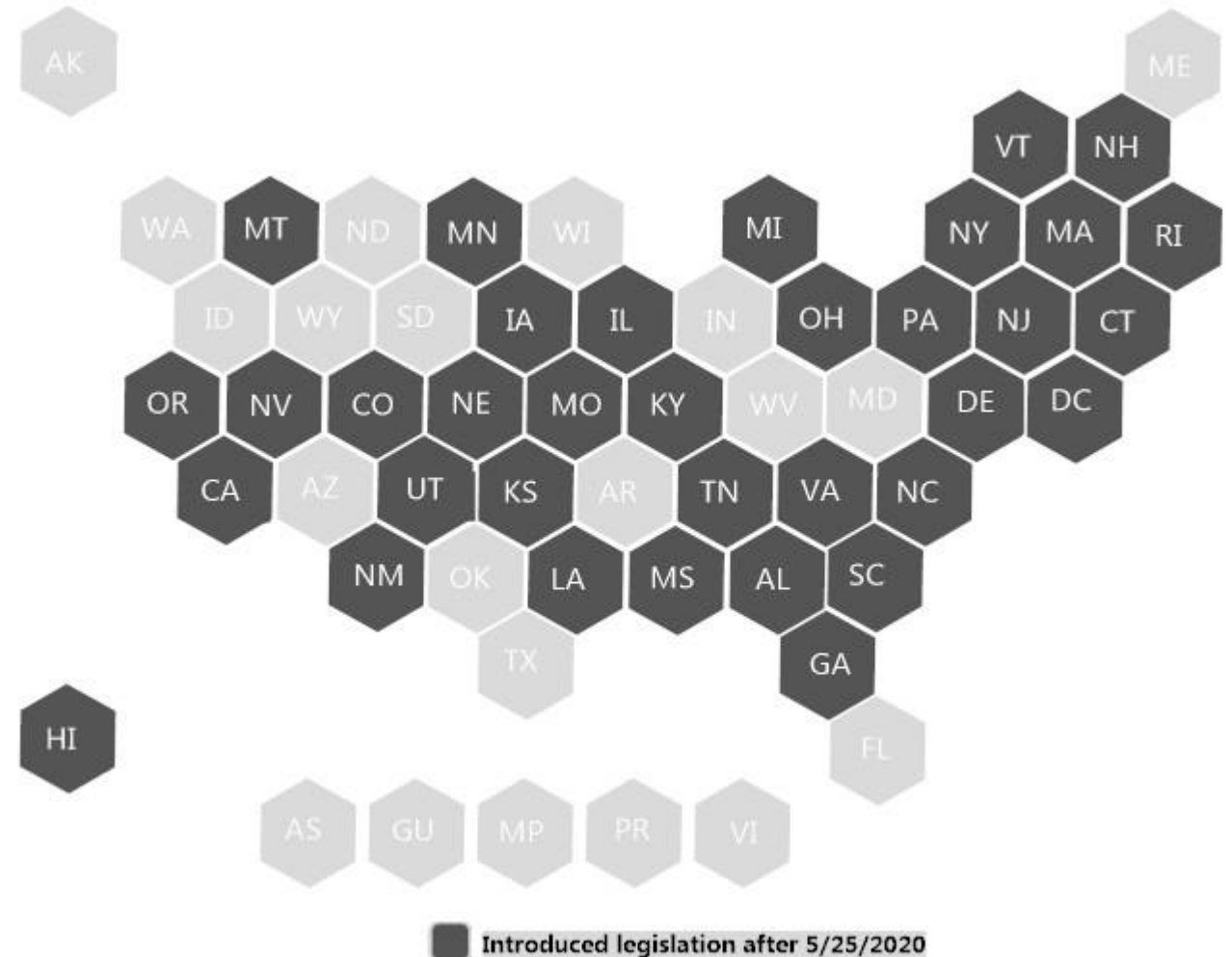
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LEGISLATION BY THE NUMBERS

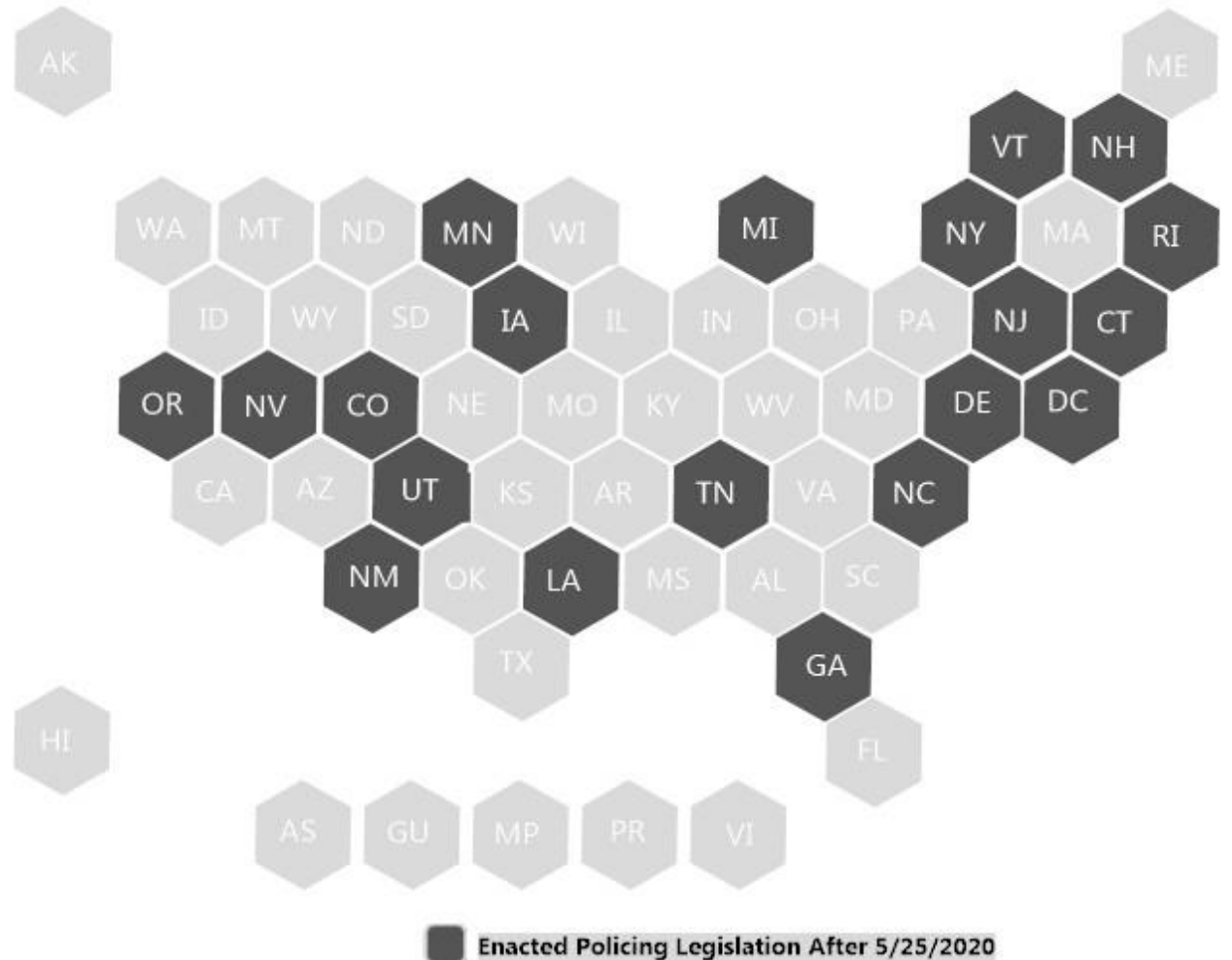
Since May 2020:

- 34 states and Washington D.C. have introduced or filed legislation.
- 594 bills introduced or prefiled.
- 50 enacted bills/adopted resolutions.
- 14 bills awaiting executive action or in concurrence process.
- 357 measures currently pending.

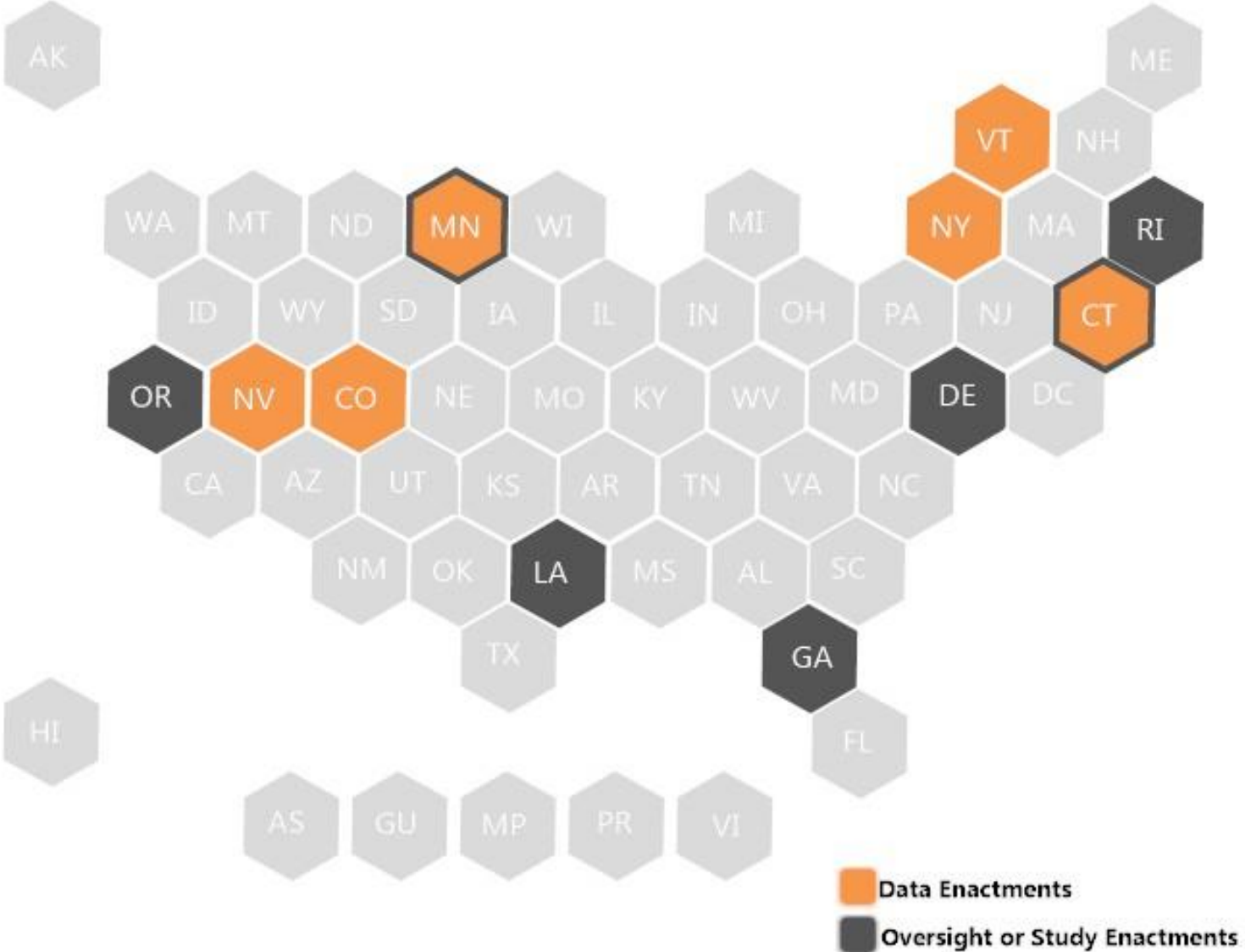


ENACTED LEGISLATION

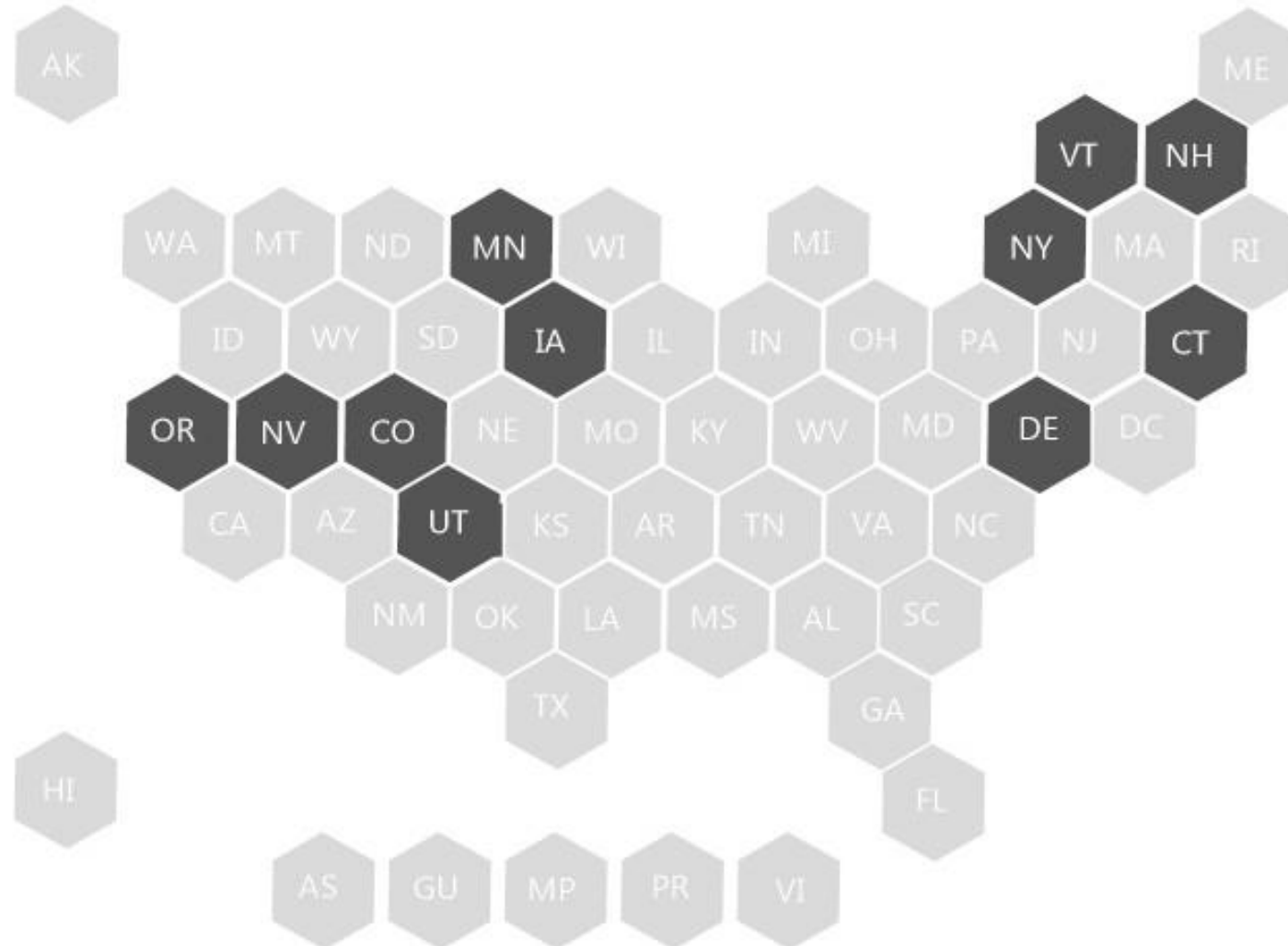
- 20 states and Washington D.C. have enacted legislation. Topics include:
 - Oversight & Data
 - Use of Force, including Chokeholds
 - Duty to Intervene/Report/Provide Aid
 - Independent Investigation/Prosecution
 - Training
 - Officer Certification/Decertification
 - Body Cameras
 - Alternative Responses & Officer Wellness




OVERSIGHT & DATA

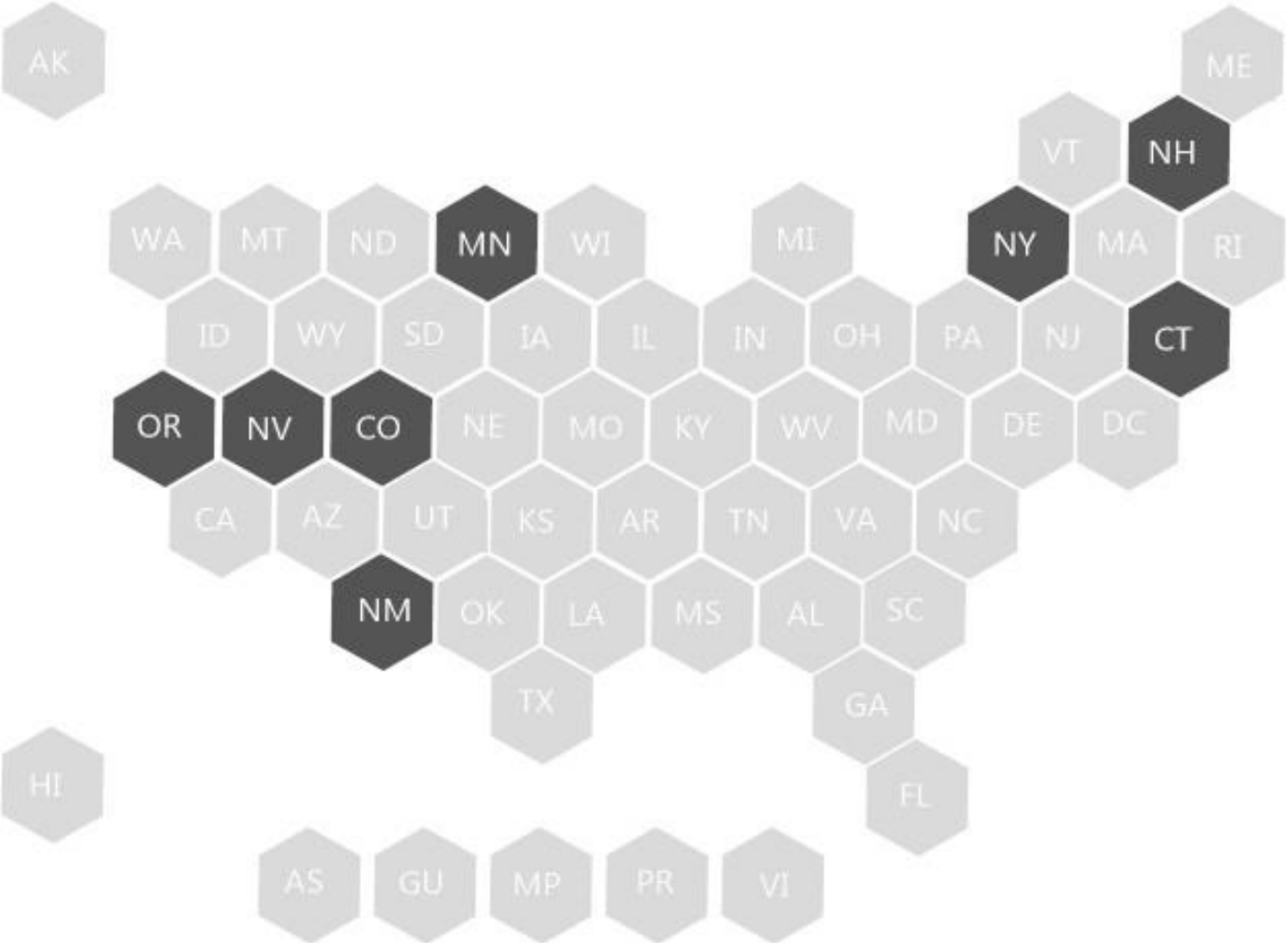


USE OF FORCE RESTRICTIONS & STANDARDS



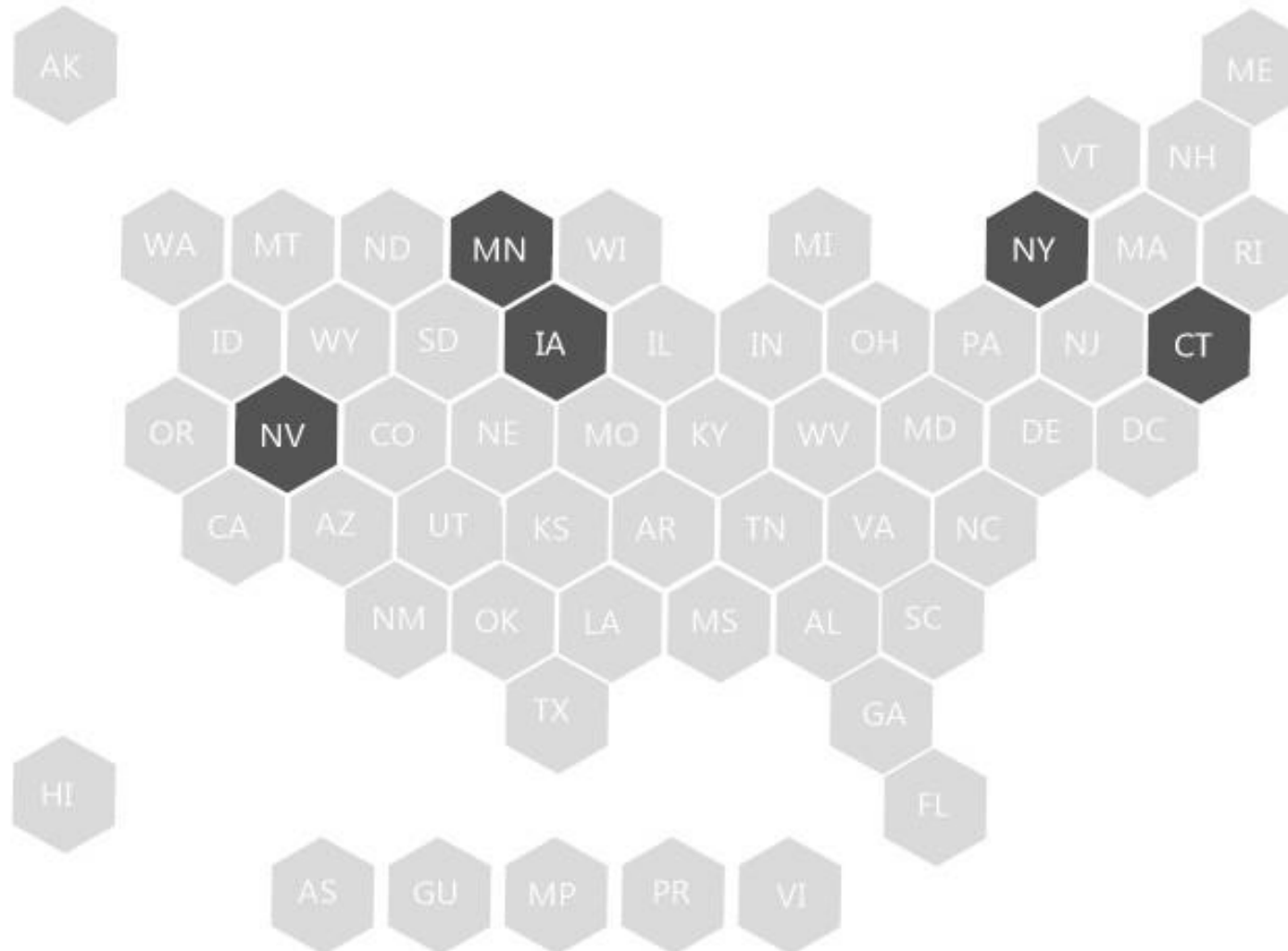
 Use of Force Restrictions & Standards Enactments

USE OF FORCE LEGAL DUTIES & LIABILITY

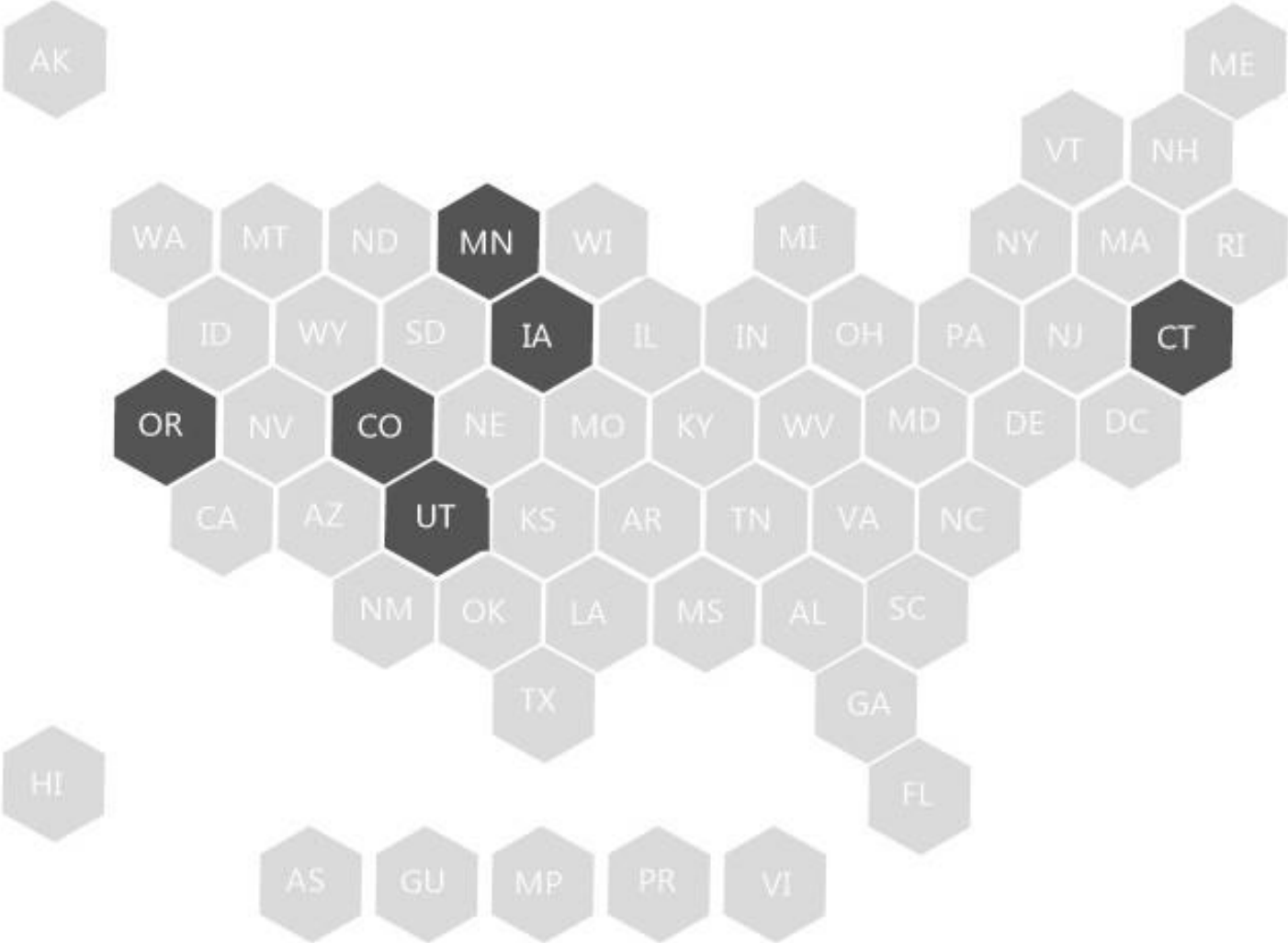



Legal Duties & Liability Enactments

USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS & PROSECUTION

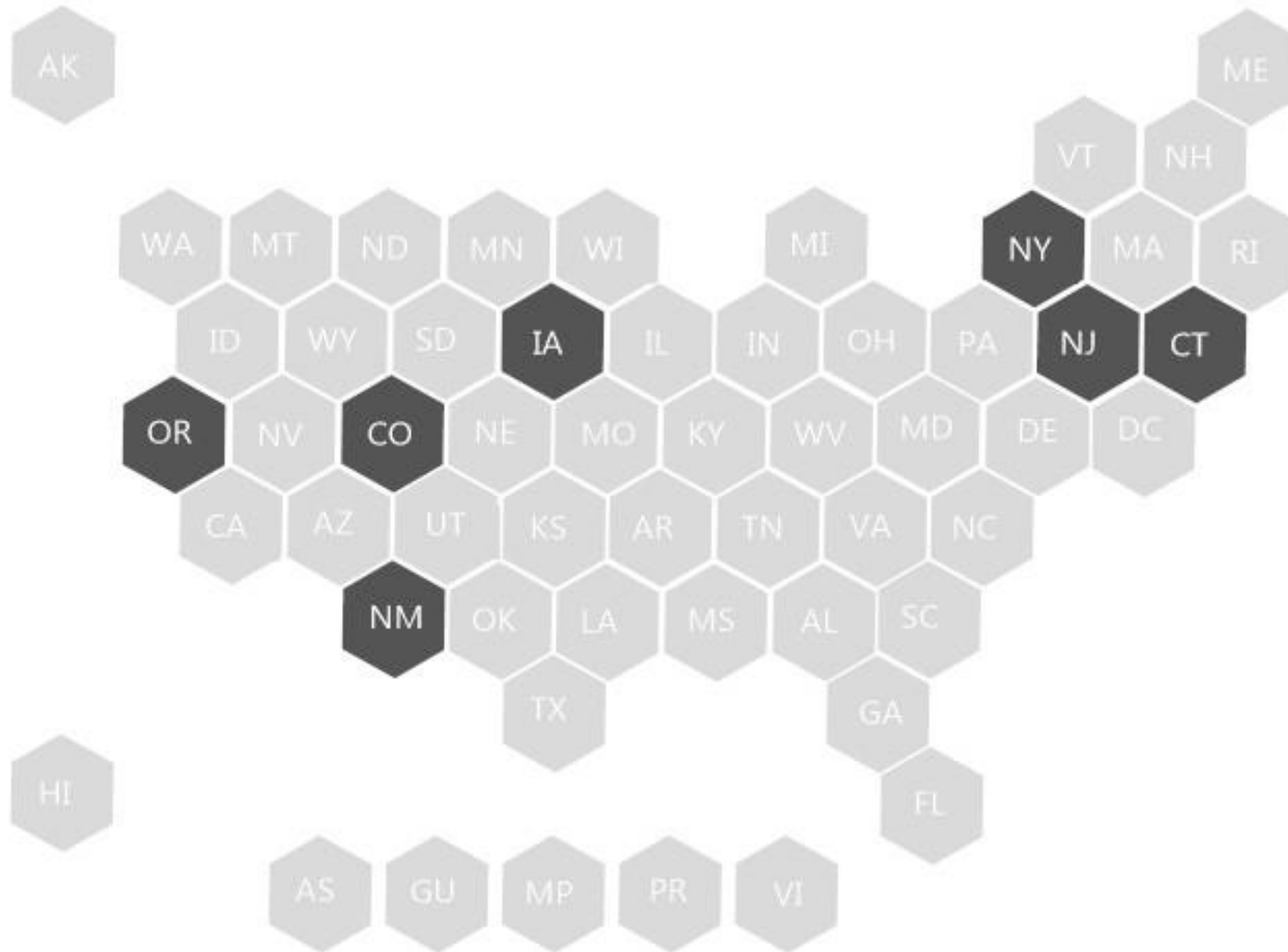


TRAINING

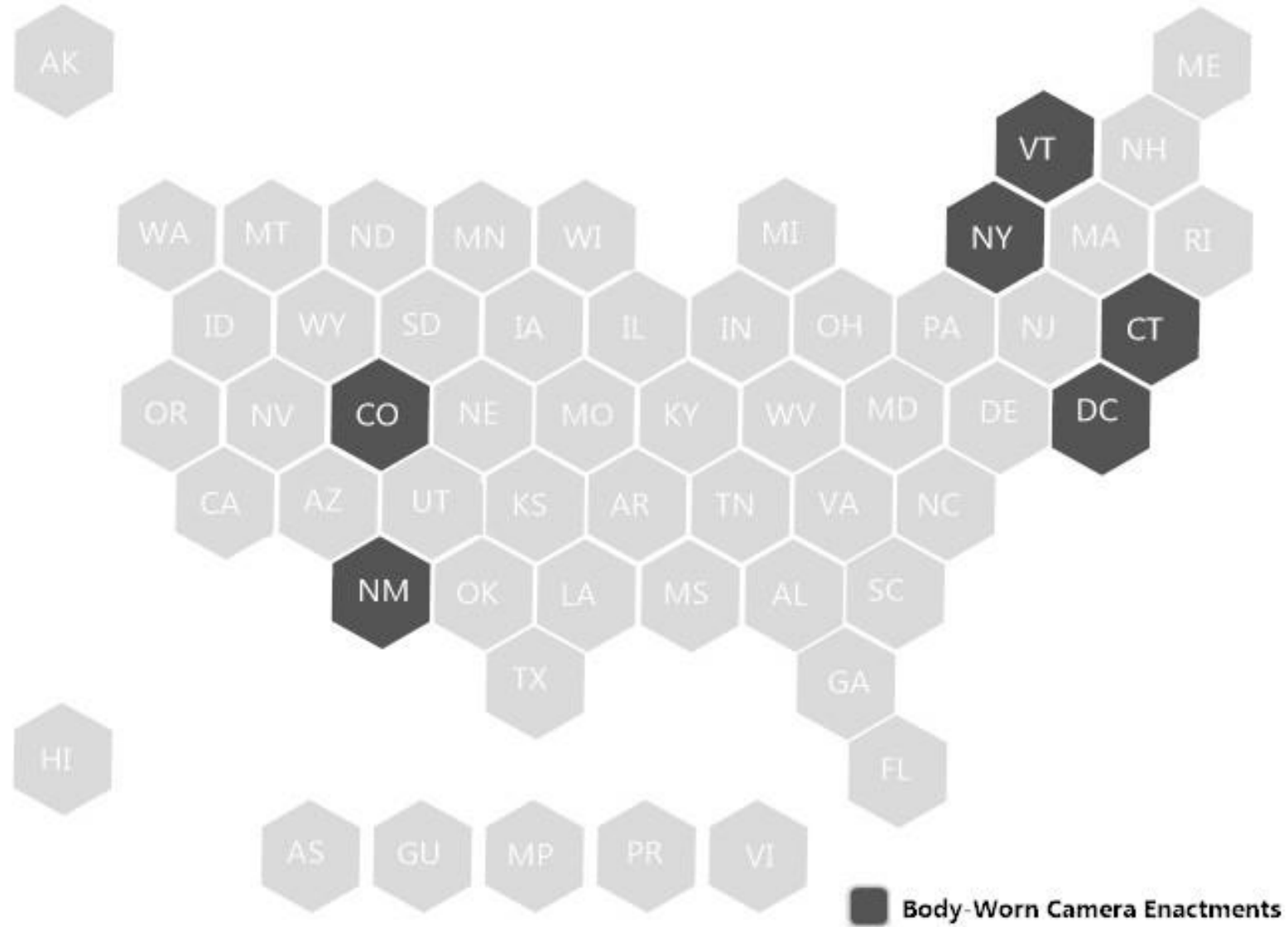


 Training Enactments

CERTIFICATION & DISCIPLINE



BODY-WORN CAMERAS

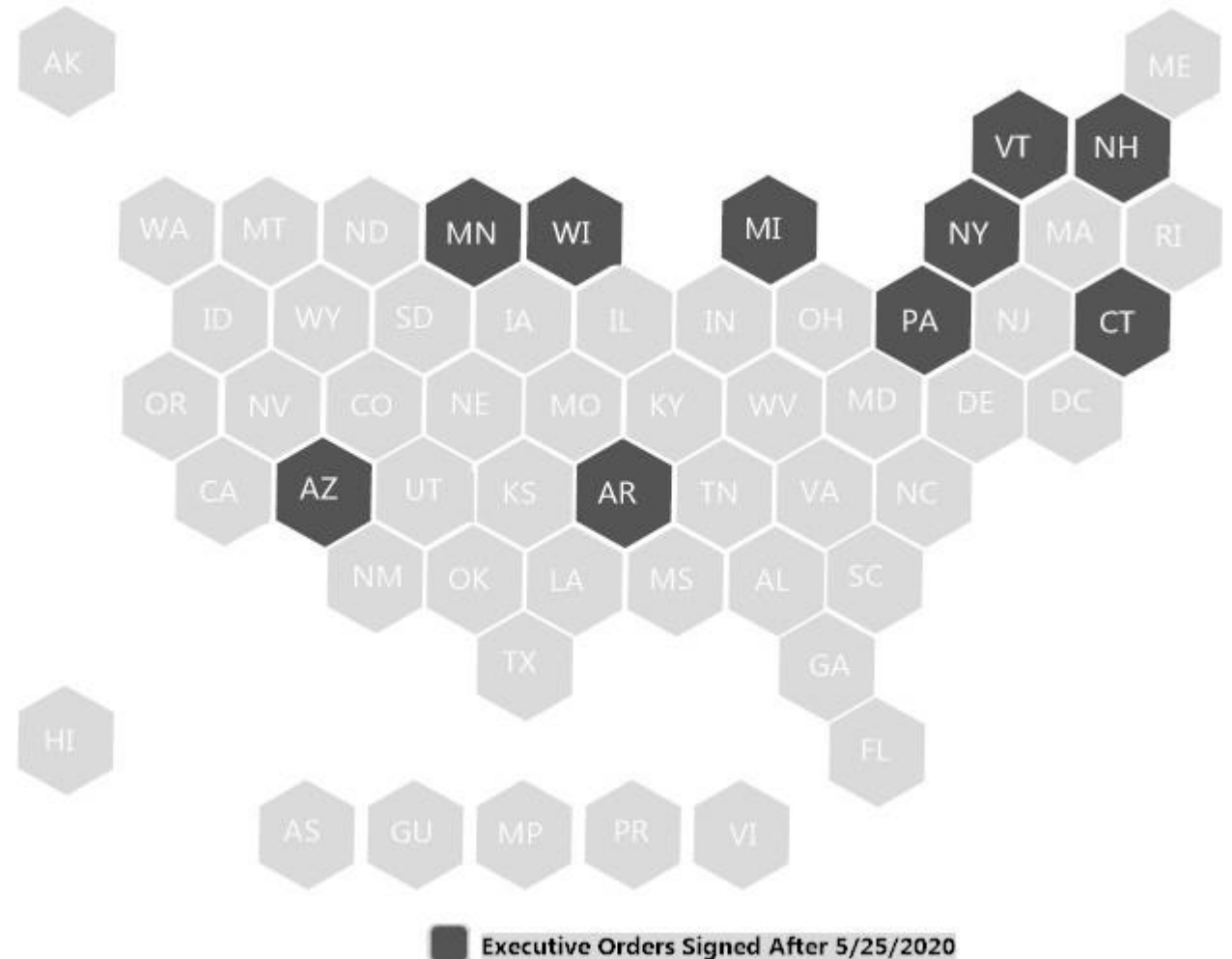


ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES & OFFICER WELLNESS

- CT HB 6004 – Requires each municipal department to evaluate the benefits of using social workers during emergency response situations and report back to POST.
- MN HF 1 – Authorizes and regulates the use of peer counseling for officers and critical incident stress management teams. Specifies that officers should exercise special care when interacting with individuals with known physical, mental, developmental or intellectual disabilities. Creates new training requirements on crisis intervention and interactions with individuals with autism.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- 10 states have signed executive orders.
- Orders in AR, NH and NY create new task forces.
- The CT order is substantive and addresses use of force, community engagement, demilitarization and body cameras.
- The PA order creates a citizens' commission.
- The MI order expands the membership of the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.
- AZ & MN are emergency orders addressing immediate situation.
- The WI order called the legislature into special session.
- The VT order implements an initiative covering community participation, hiring practices, data, body-worn cameras, use of force policy, training, and investigations.



Questions?

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