



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 770

*Senate, April 2, 2015*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. LARSON of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR POLICE BODY CAMERAS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Emergency Services and Public Protection shall conduct a pilot  
3 program regarding the use of body-worn video recording equipment  
4 by police officers in three selected municipal police departments. The  
5 commissioner shall establish an application procedure for the program  
6 and criteria for the selection of municipalities. The commissioner shall  
7 select one municipal police department that serves a population of less  
8 than thirty thousand, one municipal police department that serves a  
9 population of thirty thousand or more, but not more than one hundred  
10 twenty-four thousand, and one municipal police department that  
11 serves a population of more than one hundred twenty-four thousand  
12 to participate in the pilot program. The commissioner may select a  
13 municipal police department that previously purchased body-worn  
14 video recording equipment. The Department of Emergency Services

15 and Public Protection shall purchase any body-worn video recording  
16 equipment and electronic storage for recorded videos deemed  
17 necessary for the pilot program and allow the selected municipal  
18 police departments to test different types of body-worn video  
19 recording equipment.

20 (b) After the selection of the three municipal police departments, the  
21 commissioner shall determine the number of police officers from the  
22 municipal police departments who will use the body-worn video  
23 recording equipment. On or before September 15, 2015, the municipal  
24 police departments shall adopt policies regarding the use of body-  
25 worn video recording equipment and the storage, review, retention,  
26 destruction and disclosure of videos.

27 (c) Between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2016, each selected  
28 municipal police department shall require the selected police officers  
29 to use body-worn video recording equipment in a manner consistent  
30 with the policies adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

31 (d) On or before November 30, 2016, each selected municipal police  
32 department shall submit a report to the Department of Emergency  
33 Services and Public Protection regarding the pilot program established  
34 by this section. Such report shall include, but is not limited to, (1) a  
35 description of the different types of body-worn video recording  
36 equipment used by the municipal police department, (2) the policies  
37 adopted by the municipal police department pursuant to subsection  
38 (b) of this section, (3) the number of complaints alleging  
39 unprofessional conduct by a police officer made during the pilot  
40 program compared to the number of complaints made during the  
41 twelve months before the pilot program, (4) the number of incidents  
42 when a police officer used force during the pilot program compared to  
43 the number of incidents when a police officer used force during the  
44 twelve months before the pilot program, and (5) general observations  
45 by the municipal police department, police officers and the public  
46 concerning the pilot program.

47 (e) On or before January 31, 2017, the Commissioner of Emergency

48 Services and Public Protection shall submit a report in accordance with  
 49 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint  
 50 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 51 matters relating to public safety and security. Such report shall  
 52 include, but is not limited to, (1) a summary of the information  
 53 obtained from the municipal police departments pursuant to  
 54 subsection (d) of this section, (2) model policies regarding the use of  
 55 body-worn video recording equipment by police officers and the  
 56 storage, review, retention, destruction and disclosure of videos, and (3)  
 57 recommendations regarding the continuation, termination or  
 58 expansion of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	GF - Cost	Less than \$2,000 per participating officer	Less than \$500 per participating officer

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal

### **Explanation**

The bill establishes a pilot program for body-worn video recording equipment in three municipalities of varying sizes. The program, to be developed and conducted by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), will provide such equipment to participant municipalities if the selected police departments do not already own the necessary video recording and storage equipment. Upon completion of the pilot program in September 2016, DESPP must report to the General Assembly on the program using data provided by participant municipalities.

Body-worn video recording equipment suitable for law enforcement uses typically ranges in price from \$300 - \$1,000 per officer. Related video storage services typically range from \$10 - \$35 per officer per month. Depending upon the equipment and storage configurations tested, DESPP is expected to incur costs per participant of less than

\$2,000 in FY 16 and less than \$500 in FY 17. These costs may be less if the selected participant municipalities already possess suitable equipment.

The bill also requires municipal police departments to develop policies regarding video recording and retention. To the extent that municipal police departments do not already have such policies, they may incur minimal costs to develop them. Municipalities may also incur costs in the gathering and dissemination of program data.

***The Out Years***

As the concluding report on the pilot program is due in January 2017, there are no costs anticipated beyond FY 17.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 3 (03/19/2015)