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**Committee Bill No. 770**

LCO No. 5062



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***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 selected municipal police departments. On or  
5 before August 1, 2015, the commissioner shall select one municipal  
6 police department that serves a population of less than thirty  
7 thousand, one municipal police department that serves a population of  
8 thirty thousand or more, but not more than one hundred twenty-four  
9 thousand, and one municipal police department that serves a  
10 population that is more than one hundred twenty-four thousand to  
11 participate in such program. The commissioner may select a municipal  
12 police department that previously purchased such video recording  
13 equipment. The Department of Emergency Services and Public  
14 Protection shall purchase any video recording equipment and  
15 electronic storage for recorded videos deemed necessary for the pilot  
16 program. The selected municipal police departments shall test

17 different types of video recording equipment.

18 (b) Between October 1, 2015, and October 1, 2016, each selected  
19 municipal police department shall require its police officers to use  
20 body-worn video recording equipment in such manner as such  
21 municipal police department prescribes.

22 (c) On or before November 1, 2016, each selected municipal police  
23 department shall submit a report to the Department of Emergency  
24 Services and Public Protection regarding the pilot program established  
25 by this section. Such report shall include, but is not limited to, (1) a  
26 description of the different types of video recording equipment used  
27 by the municipal police department, (2) the policies established by  
28 such department regarding the use of video recording equipment and  
29 the storage, retention, destruction and disclosure of videos, (3) the  
30 number of complaints alleging unprofessional conduct by a police  
31 officer made during the pilot program compared to the number of  
32 complaints made during the twelve months before the pilot program,  
33 (4) the number of incidents when a police officer used force during the  
34 pilot program compared to the number of incidents when a police  
35 officer used force during the twelve months before the pilot program,  
36 and (5) general observations by the municipal police department,  
37 police officers and the public concerning the pilot program.

38 (d) On or before January 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Emergency  
39 Services and Public Protection shall submit a report in accordance with  
40 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint  
41 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
42 matters relating to public safety and security. Such report shall  
43 include, but is not limited to, (1) a summary of the information  
44 obtained from the municipal police departments pursuant to  
45 subsection (c) of this section, (2) model policies regarding the use of  
46 video recording equipment by police officers and the storage,  
47 retention, destruction and disclosure of videos, and (3)  
48 recommendations regarding the continuation, termination or

49 expansion of the pilot program.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to create a pilot program regarding the use of video recording equipment worn by municipal police officers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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