



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 770

January Session, 2015



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.*