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Public Act No. 18-187

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT TASK FORCE.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of public act 17-225 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a task force to examine the use of body-worn recording equipment by state and municipal police in accordance with section 29-6d of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 17-225. Such task force shall examine (1) whether such statute should be expanded or otherwise amended, including, but not limited to, a consideration of whether such statute or any other statute should address the use of electronic defense weapon recording equipment, as defined in section 7-277b of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 17-225, (2) training associated with the use of such equipment, [and] (3) data storage and freedom of information issues associated with the data created by the use of such equipment, and (4) under what circumstances, if any, should (A) a police officer be permitted to review a recording from body-worn recording equipment prior to giving a formal statement about the use of force by such officer or another officer, and (B) members of the public or alleged victims or their family members be permitted to review a recording from body-

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worn recording equipment during an investigation or following an allegation of excessive use of force by a police officer.

(b) The task force shall consist of (1) the following members or their designees: (A) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and public safety, (B) the Chief State's Attorney, (C) the Chief Public Defender, and (D) the chairperson of the Freedom of Information Commission; (2) (A) an active or retired judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, (B) a municipal police chief appointed by the president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, (C) a representative of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, (D) a representative of the State Police Training School appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (E) a representative of the criminal defense bar appointed by the president of the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; (3) six public members, [appointed one each] one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives [,] who represents or is a member of a family of a person who died due to the use of force by a police officer, one appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore, one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives who represents or is a family member of a family of a police officer who died in the line of duty; and (4) four sworn police officers, (A) one of whom is a member of the Connecticut State Police Union, appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (B) one of whom is a member of a municipal police department that serves a municipality with seventy-five thousand residents or more, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, (C) one of whom who is female, appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore, and (D) one of whom is a member of a municipal police department that serves a municipality with less than seventy-five thousand residents, appointed by the minority leader of the

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House of Representatives.

(c) Not later than [February 1, 2018] January 1, 2019, the task force established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall report its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and public safety, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or [February 1, 2018] January 1, 2019, whichever is later.

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