



Substitute House Bill No. 6754

Public Act No. 19-11

AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN ELECTRONIC RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-277b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(b) (1) (A) Any municipality that purchased such body-worn recording equipment, electronic defense weapon recording equipment or digital data storage devices or services, made a first-time purchase of one or more dashboard cameras with a remote recorder or replaced one or more dashboard cameras purchased prior to December 31, 2010, with one or more dashboard cameras with a remote recorder during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, shall, within available resources, be reimbursed for up to one hundred per cent of the costs associated with such purchases, provided the costs of such digital data storage services shall not be reimbursed for a period of service that is longer than one year, and provided further that in the case of reimbursement for costs associated with the purchase of body-worn recording equipment, such body-worn recording equipment is purchased in sufficient quantity, as determined by the chief of police in the case of a municipality with an organized police department or,

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where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the municipality, as the case may be, to ensure that sworn members of such municipality's police department or constables, police officers or other persons who perform criminal law enforcement duties under the supervision of a resident state trooper serving such municipality are supplied with such equipment while interacting with the public in such sworn members', such constables', such police officers' or such persons' law enforcement capacity.

(B) Any municipality that purchased such body-worn recording equipment during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, and paid for such purchase not later than August 31, 2018, shall, within available resources, be reimbursed for up to one hundred per cent of the costs associated with such purchase in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

~~[(B)]~~ (C) Any municipality that purchased such body-worn recording equipment or digital data storage devices or services on or after January 1, 2012, but prior to July 1, 2016, shall be reimbursed for costs associated with such purchases, but not in an amount to exceed the amount of grant-in-aid such municipality would have received under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision if such purchases had been made in accordance with said subparagraph (A).

~~[(C)]~~ (D) Any municipality that was reimbursed under subparagraph ~~[(B)]~~ (C) of this subdivision for body-worn recording equipment and that purchased additional body-worn recording equipment during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, shall, within available resources, be reimbursed for up to one hundred per cent of the costs associated with such purchases, provided such equipment is purchased in sufficient quantity, as determined by the chief of police in the case of a municipality with an organized police department or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the municipality, as the

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case may be, to ensure that sworn members of such municipality's police department or constables or other persons who perform criminal law enforcement duties under the supervision of a resident state trooper serving such municipality are supplied with such equipment while interacting with the public in such sworn members', such constables', such police officers' or such persons' law enforcement capacity.

(2) Any municipality that was not reimbursed under subdivision (1) of this subsection and that purchased such body-worn recording equipment or electronic defense weapon recording equipment, digital data storage devices or services, made a first-time purchase of one or more dashboard cameras with a remote recorder or replaced one or more dashboard cameras purchased prior to December 30, 2010, with one or more dashboard cameras with a remote recorder during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, shall, within available resources, be reimbursed for up to fifty per cent of the costs associated with such purchases, provided the costs of such digital data storage services shall not be reimbursed for a period of service that is longer than one year.

Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 29-6d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

(c) (1) On and after July 1, [2016] 2019, each sworn member of (A) the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (B) the special police forces established pursuant to section 10a-156b, (C) any municipal police department for a municipality that is a recipient of grant-in-aid as reimbursement for body-worn recording equipment pursuant to subparagraph (A), ~~(B)~~ or ~~[(C)]~~ (D) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 7-277b, as amended by this act, or subdivision (2) of said subsection (b), and (D) any municipal police department for any other municipality that is a recipient of grant-in-aid as reimbursement for body-worn recording

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equipment pursuant to subparagraph [(B)] (C) of subdivision (1) of said subsection (b) if such sworn member is supplied with such body-worn recording equipment, shall use body-worn recording equipment while interacting with the public in such sworn member's law enforcement capacity, except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, or in the case of a municipal police department, in accordance with the department's policy, if adopted by the department and based on guidelines maintained pursuant to subsection (j) of this section, concerning the use of body-worn recording equipment.

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