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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

**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:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-277b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2019*):

4 (b) (1) (A) Any municipality that purchased such body-worn  
5 recording equipment, electronic defense weapon recording equipment  
6 or digital data storage devices or services, made a first-time purchase  
7 of one or more dashboard cameras with a remote recorder or replaced  
8 one or more dashboard cameras purchased prior to December 31, 2010,  
9 with one or more dashboard cameras with a remote recorder during  
10 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, shall, within  
11 available resources, be reimbursed for up to one hundred per cent of  
12 the costs associated with such purchases, provided the costs of such  
13 digital data storage services shall not be reimbursed for a period of  
14 service that is longer than one year, and provided further that in the  
15 case of reimbursement for costs associated with the purchase of body-  
16 worn recording equipment, such body-worn recording equipment is

17 purchased in sufficient quantity, as determined by the chief of police in  
18 the case of a municipality with an organized police department or,  
19 where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first  
20 selectman of the municipality, as the case may be, to ensure that sworn  
21 members of such municipality's police department or constables,  
22 police officers or other persons who perform criminal law enforcement  
23 duties under the supervision of a resident state trooper serving such  
24 municipality are supplied with such equipment while interacting with  
25 the public in such sworn members', such constables', such police  
26 officers' or such persons' law enforcement capacity.

27 (B) Any municipality that purchased such body-worn recording  
28 equipment during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30,  
29 2018, and paid for such purchase not later than August 31, 2018, shall,  
30 within available resources, be reimbursed for up to one hundred per  
31 cent of the costs associated with such purchase in accordance with  
32 subdivision (A) of this subsection.

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

40 [(C)] (D) Any municipality that was reimbursed under  
41 subparagraph [(B)] (C) of this subdivision for body-worn recording  
42 equipment and that purchased additional body-worn recording  
43 equipment during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30,  
44 2018, shall, within available resources, be reimbursed for up to one  
45 hundred per cent of the costs associated with such purchases,  
46 provided such equipment is purchased in sufficient quantity, as  
47 determined by the chief of police in the case of a municipality with an  
48 organized police department or, where there is no chief of police, the

49 warden of the borough or the first selectman of the municipality, as the  
50 case may be, to ensure that sworn members of such municipality's  
51 police department or constables or other persons who perform  
52 criminal law enforcement duties under the supervision of a resident  
53 state trooper serving such municipality are supplied with such  
54 equipment while interacting with the public in such sworn members',  
55 such constables', such police officers' or such persons' law enforcement  
56 capacity.

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

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

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	7-277b(b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2019	29-6d(c)(1)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Office of Policy and Management to reimburse any municipality that purchased body-worn recording equipment during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, or June 30, 2018, and paid for such purchase not later than August 31, 2018, for costs associated with such purchase.

*[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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