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SYNOPSIS

Requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 24, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/27/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement officers and supplementing
2 chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
8 contrary, every ¹uniformed¹ State, county, and municipal ¹patrol¹
9 law enforcement officer shall wear a ¹body worn¹ camera that
10 electronically records audio and video while acting in the
11 performance of ¹**his** the officer's¹ official duties¹, except:

12 (1) while engaging in an undercover assignment;

13 (2) when assigned to non-uniformed duties;

14 (3) while serving in an administrative position within the
15 Department;

16 (4) while meeting with a confidential informant;

17 (5) while engaging in union representation of a member of the
18 collective bargaining group;

19 (6) when directed by the Chief or a superior officer for a lawful
20 purpose;

21 (7) a detective or investigator of a county prosecutor's office or
22 Division of Criminal Justice when authorized by the County
23 Prosecutor or Attorney General; or

24 (8) at the request of a member of the public pursuant to rules
25 developed by the Attorney General¹.

26 b. The ¹body worn¹ cameras required by subsection a. of this
27 section shall be funded by forfeiture funds collected pursuant to
28 N.J.S.2C:64-6, in an amount to be determined by the Attorney
29 General.

30 ¹c. For the purposes of this section, "body worn camera" means
31 a mobile video recording system worn by a law enforcement
32 officer.¹

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34 2. The Attorney General is authorized to promulgate guidelines
35 or directives, as appropriate, to implement and enforce the
36 provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
37 as this bill).

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39 3. This act shall take effect ¹**on the first day of the sixth**
40 **month following** immediately, but shall remain inoperative until
41 the¹ enactment ¹into law of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
42 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 101 or Assembly Bill No. 4312 of
43 2020)¹, but the Attorney General may take such administrative
44 action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of
45 the act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted August 24, 2020.