

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4907**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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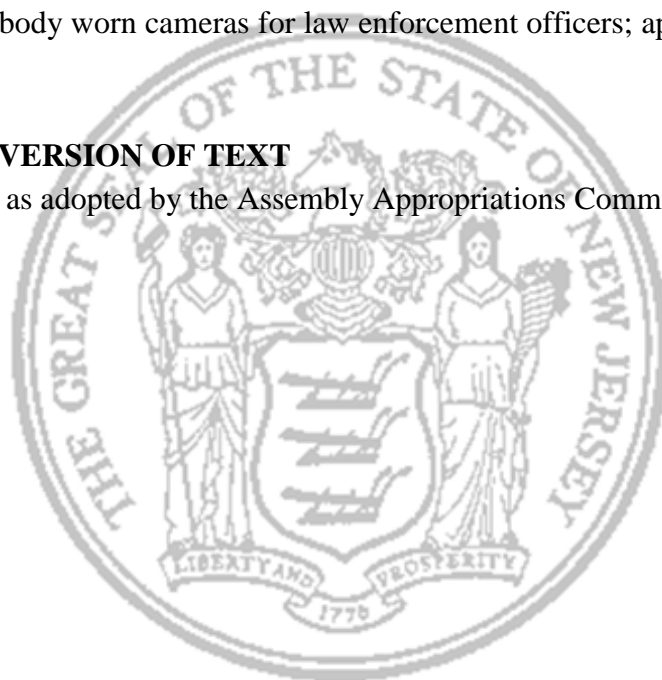
**Assemblyman McKeon, Assemblywomen Timberlake and McKnight**

**SYNOPSIS**

Concerns body worn cameras for law enforcement officers; appropriates \$58 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/16/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning body worn cameras, supplementing Title 52 of  
2 the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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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 any provision of law, rule, or regulation  
8 to the contrary, the Division of Purchase and Property in the  
9 Department of the Treasury or any other appropriate State agency  
10 shall enter into a contract in accordance with the provisions of  
11 chapter 34 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes or, if feasible,  
12 renegotiate a contract that was entered into prior to the effective  
13 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
14 bill) by the division or the agency for the purchase of body worn  
15 cameras and related services for the purpose of enabling contracting  
16 units to purchase body worn cameras and related services under that  
17 contract. The division or State agency may enter into contracts with  
18 multiple bidders in accordance with section 1 of P.L.1986, c.26  
19 (C.52:34-12.1).

20 b. Upon adoption of a resolution, any contracting unit under the  
21 Local Public Contracts Law, P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.),  
22 without advertising for bids or having rejected all bids obtained  
23 pursuant to advertising therefor, may purchase body worn cameras  
24 or related services under any contract entered into for body worn  
25 cameras or related services pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
26 on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in  
27 the Department of the Treasury or a State agency.

28 c. Any contracting unit may make purchases under the contract  
29 awarded or renegotiated pursuant to subsection a. of this section if  
30 the contract terms and conditions are most advantageous to the unit,  
31 taking into consideration price and other factors.

32 d. All purchases made by contracting units under this section  
33 shall be reported to the director of the division or the State agency,  
34 in a manner prescribed by the director or agency.

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36 2. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement agency  
37 shall store data from body worn cameras using a tamper-proof  
38 digital evidence management system that is compliant with  
39 Criminal Justice Information Services and has the ability to  
40 securely share data while maintaining an audit trail and chain of  
41 custody.

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43 3. There is appropriated \$58 million from the General Fund to  
44 the Department of Law and Public Safety for the purchase of body  
45 worn cameras and related services by State, county, and municipal  
46 law enforcement agencies. On or after January 1, 2022, a law

1 enforcement agency that purchased body worn cameras prior to the  
2 effective date of P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the  
3 Legislature as this bill) may apply for reimbursement from the  
4 appropriation under this section for the cost of the body worn  
5 cameras.

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7 4. This act shall take effect immediately.