

# SENATE, No. 3089

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$58,000,000 for NJ Statewide Body Worn Camera Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2020)**

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,  
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,  
8 c.97, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following  
9 sum for the purpose specified:

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**66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

*10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice*

*12 Law Enforcement*

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

09-1020 Criminal Justice .....	\$58,000,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	<hr/>
Criminal Justice .....	\$58,000,000
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***Grants-in-Aid:***

09 NJ Statewide Body Worn Camera Program (\$58,000,000)

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12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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17 This supplemental appropriation would appropriate \$58,000,000  
18 to the Department of Law and Public Safety toward Grants-in-Aid  
19 to establish a New Jersey Statewide Body Worn Camera (BWC)  
20 program to support police departments in purchasing this  
21 equipment.

22 BWC's consist of a mobile video recording system worn by a  
23 law enforcement officer. Due to ongoing incidents between  
24 police and communities nationwide, law enforcement agencies  
25 throughout the State are searching for sources of funding to  
26 purchase BWC equipment for law enforcement officers to ensure  
27 accurate documentation of both the citizen and the officer during an  
28 interaction.

29 The cost for BWC equipment varies. The cost includes not only  
30 the one time purchase of the equipment, but also includes  
31 maintenance, data storage, oversight, and replacement due to wear  
32 and tear.