



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5381

LCO No. 2373



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF POLICE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-294s of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 Each police basic or review training program conducted or
4 administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Police Officer Standards
6 and Training Council established under section 7-294b or a municipal
7 police department in the state shall include tactical training for police
8 officers regarding the use of physical force, training in the use of body-
9 worn recording equipment, including under which circumstances an
10 officer shall not pause recording on such equipment, and the retention
11 of data created by such equipment, and cultural competency and
12 sensitivity and bias-free policing training, including, but not limited to,
13 implicit bias training. As used in this section, "implicit bias training"
14 means training on how to recognize and mitigate unconscious biases
15 against a particular segment of the population that might influence a

16 police officer's judgments and decisions when interacting with a
17 member of such segment of the population.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (j) of section 29-6d of the 2024 supplement to the
19 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
20 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 (j) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
22 and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall jointly
23 maintain guidelines pertaining to the use of body-worn recording
24 equipment and dashboard cameras, including the type of detective
25 work an officer might engage in that should not be recorded, retention
26 of data created by such equipment and dashboard cameras and methods
27 for safe and secure storage of such data. On and after October 1, 2024,
28 such guidelines shall contain provisions concerning under which
29 circumstances an officer shall not pause recording on such equipment.
30 The guidelines shall not require a law enforcement unit to store such
31 data for a period longer than one year, except in the case where the unit
32 knows the data is pertinent to any ongoing civil, criminal or
33 administrative matter. Each law enforcement unit and any police officer
34 and any other employee of such unit who may have access to such data
35 shall adhere to such guidelines. The commissioner and council may
36 update and reissue such guidelines, as the commissioner and council
37 determine necessary. The commissioner and council shall, upon
38 issuance of such guidelines or any update to such guidelines, submit
39 such guidelines in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the
40 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
41 of matters relating to the judiciary and public safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	7-294s
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-6d(j)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify under which circumstances an officer shall not pause body-worn recording equipment.

[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.]