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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. There is appropriated $58 million from the General Fund to
the Department of Law and Public Safety for the purchase of body
worn cameras and related services by State, county, and municipal
law enforcement agencies. On or after January 1, 2022, a law
enforcement agency that purchased body worn cameras prior to the effective date of P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) may apply for reimbursement from the appropriation under this section for the cost of the body worn cameras.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.