

**SENATE, No. 1163**

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

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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 State, county, and municipal law enforcement  
9 officer shall wear a camera that electronically records audio and  
10 video while acting in the performance of his official duties.

11 b. The cameras required by subsection a. of this section shall  
12 be funded by forfeiture funds collected pursuant to N.J.S.2C:64-6,  
13 in an amount to be determined by the Attorney General.

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

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20 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month  
21 following enactment, but the Attorney General may take such  
22 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the  
23 implementation of the act.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires law enforcement officers to wear body  
29 cameras. Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, every State,  
30 county, and municipal law enforcement officer is required to wear a  
31 camera that electronically records audio and video while acting in  
32 the performance of his or her official duties.

33 Under this bill, the cameras are to be funded by forfeiture funds  
34 received by the Attorney General as instrumentalities of crime.  
35 Finally, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to promulgate  
36 guidelines or directives.