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SYNOPSIS

Requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on August 25, 2020, with amendments.



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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 ¹uniformed¹ State, county, and municipal ¹patrol¹ law
9 enforcement officer shall wear a ¹body worn¹ camera that
10 electronically records audio and video while acting in the performance
11 of ¹**his** ¹the officer's¹ official duties.

12 b. The ¹body worn¹ cameras required by subsection a. of this
13 section shall be funded by forfeiture funds collected pursuant to
14 N.J.S.2C:64-6, in an amount to be determined by the Attorney
15 General.

16 ¹c. For the purposes of this section, "body worn camera" means a
17 mobile video recording system worn by a law enforcement officer.¹

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

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24 3. This act shall take effect ¹**on the first day of the sixth**
25 **month following** ¹immediately, but shall remain inoperative until
26 the¹ enactment ¹into law of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
27 the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 101 or Assembly Bill No. 4312 of
28 2020)¹, but the Attorney General may take such administrative
29 action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of
30 the act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted August 25, 2020.