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SYNOPSIS
Requires law enforcement officers to wear body cameras.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended on October 29, 2020 by the Senate pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/16/2020)
AN ACT concerning law enforcement officers and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, made available for this purpose, every uniformed State, county, and municipal patrol law enforcement officer shall wear a body worn camera that electronically records audio and video while acting in the performance of his officer’s official duties, except:
   (1) while engaging in an undercover assignment;
   (2) when assigned to non-uniformed duties;
   (3) while serving in an administrative position within the department;
   (4) while meeting with a confidential informant;
   (5) while engaging in union representation of a member of the collective bargaining group;
   (6) when directed by the Chief or a superior officer for a lawful purpose;
   (7) a detective or investigator of a county prosecutor’s office or Division of Criminal Justice when authorized by the County Prosecutor or Attorney General; or
   (8) at the request of a member of the public pursuant to rules developed as may be otherwise provided in accordance with guidelines or directives promulgated by the Attorney General.

b. The In addition to funding provided through the annual appropriations act, the cameras required by subsection a. of this section may be funded by forfeiture funds collected pursuant to N.J.S.2C:64-6, in an amount to be determined by the Attorney General, or any other source of funding made available for this purpose, including but not limited to federal grants.

1. For the purposes of this section, “body worn camera” means a mobile video recording system worn by a law enforcement officer.

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

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:

3. Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor’s recommendations October 29, 2020.
3. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain inoperative until the enactment into law effective date of P.L., c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 101 or Assembly Bill No. 4312 of 2020), but the Attorney General may take such administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of the act.