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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$58,000,000 for NJ Statewide Body Worn Camera Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2020)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020, c.97,
8 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
9 the purpose specified:

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66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice

12 Law Enforcement

GRANTS-IN-AID

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| 09-1020 Criminal Justice | \$58,000,000 |
| Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, | |
| Criminal Justice | \$58,000,000 |

Grants-in-Aid:

09 NJ Statewide Body Worn Camera Program (\$58,000,000)

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This supplemental appropriation would appropriate \$58,000,000
19 to the Department of Law and Public Safety toward Grants-in-Aid
20 to establish a New Jersey Statewide Body Worn Camera (BWC)
21 program to support police departments in purchasing this
22 equipment.

23 BWC's consist of a mobile video recording system worn by a
24 law enforcement officer. Due to ongoing incidents between police
25 and communities nationwide, law enforcement agencies throughout
26 the State are searching for sources of funding to purchase BWC
27 equipment for law enforcement officers to ensure accurate
28 documentation of both the citizen and the officer during an
29 interaction.

30 The cost for BWC equipment varies. The cost includes not only
31 the one time purchase of the equipment, but also includes
32 maintenance, data storage, oversight, and replacement due to wear
33 and tear.