

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, GREEN, AND MARCELLE

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Requests that the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office adopt certain policies with respect to body-worn cameras

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office to adopt policies and procedures
3 relative to the use, storage, and maintenance of body-worn cameras and the storage,
4 retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body-worn cameras, and
5 to request that a status report on the adoption of these policies and procedures be
6 provided to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana by January
7 1, 2021.

8 WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace officers of this state, it is vital
9 for local peace officers and the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative
10 relationships; and

11 WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement
12 agencies will assist in the documentation of evidence to better serve the community which
13 would assist in the building of a strong and collaborative relationship; and

14 WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve is
15 essential to the stability of communities, the integrity of the criminal justice system, and the
16 safe and effective delivery of public safety services; and

17 WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement
18 agencies will assist in preventing and resolving complaints brought by members of the
19 public against peace officers, strengthening law enforcement transparency, performance, and
20 accountability, and the documenting of evidence; and

1 WHEREAS, body cameras may assist law enforcement agencies in identifying and
2 correcting problems within their agencies by using footage from the cameras to provide
3 scenario-based training, evaluate the performance of new officers in the field, and identify
4 new areas in which training may be needed.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
7 to adopt policies and procedures relative to the use, storage, and maintenance of body-worn
8 cameras and the storage, retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body-
9 worn cameras, and does hereby further request that a status report on the adoption of these
10 policies and procedures be provided to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of
11 Louisiana by January 1, 2021.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
13 of Louisiana urges and requests that the policies and procedures adopted by the Jefferson
14 Parish Sheriff's Office include the following:

15 (1) Policies and procedures relative to the equipment and technical functioning of
16 body-worn cameras, including policies and procedures on the proper use, maintenance, and
17 storage of the body-worn camera equipment.

18 (2) Policies and procedures that establish guidelines and standards on the use of
19 body-worn cameras while a deputy is engaged in the performance of his official duties and
20 that require the camera to be in recording mode when the deputy is engaged or participating
21 in an arrest, interagency arrests or task forces, and crowd control.

22 (3) Policies and procedures that establish guidelines and standards for the proper
23 storage and retention of audio and video data recorded by body-worn cameras for purposes
24 of law enforcement investigations, criminal litigation, and criminal proceedings as well as
25 for purposes of release of such data pursuant to a request made under the Public Records
26 Law.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be forwarded
28 to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

DIGEST

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Lyons

Requests the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office to adopt policies and procedures relative to the use, storage, and maintenance of body-worn cameras and the storage, retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body-worn cameras.

Requests that a status report on the adoption of the policies and procedures be provided to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of La. by Jan. 1, 2021.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Request that a status report on the adoption of the policies and procedures be provided to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of La. by Jan. 1, 2021.