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 Provides for the use of body cameras by law enforcement officers

Proposed law requires that a peace officer wear a body camera on the chest or at eye level at all times while on duty and in uniform to record all contacts with any individual or group of people in the performance of his duties from beginning to end of those contacts. Proposed law requires the peace officer to inform any person when he/she is being recorded. Proposed law requires that the law enforcement agency be responsible for all recordings made by its officers, and requires all recordings to be retained by the law enforcement agency for at least 2 years from the date of the recording. Proposed law requires that a peace officer who fails to record any contact be subject to an investigation into the cause of the recording failure and may be subject to disciplinary action. Proposed law requires each law enforcement agency to establish policies and procedures and train officers regarding body cameras and the data recorded by such body cameras. Proposed law requires all law enforcement agencies to participate in any existing state or federal programs that fund or supplement the costs to purchase and maintain body cameras worn by peace officers.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will result in a significant increase in state general fund and local fund expenditures. The exact cost is indeterminable at this time since it is unknown how many body cameras will be purchased throughout the state and what type of body camera and storage option will be purchased by each law enforcement agency. The requirement of each peace officer wearing a body camera at all times while on duty may result in the purchase of approximately 16,600 body cameras for peace officers across the state. This estimate represents local police, sheriff's deputies, college and university police, state police, wildlife agents and any other full-time active peace officer.

**Camera Costs**

The purchase of body cameras and associated equipment would be a one-time cost for all law enforcement agencies. The exact cost for each agency would depend on the number of officers and the cost of the type of camera chosen. Based on information received from local law enforcement that currently use body cameras, the average camera cost is \$312. Since there are approximately 16,600 peace officers throughout the state, the costs to outfit all officers statewide with cameras would be \$5,179,200 (\$312 average camera cost x 16,600 peace officers). The state expenditure amount would be \$624,000 (2,000 officers x \$312 average camera cost). The local expenditure amount would be \$4,555,200 (14,600 officers x \$312 average camera cost).

The Department of Public Safety has indicated cameras would cost the department \$1,500 per officer and Wildlife & Fisheries indicated cameras would cost \$550 per agent. Department of Corrections indicated a plan that would result in paying a monthly fee for cameras and associated storage of \$99. DOC would not purchase the cameras, but would lease the cameras. The annual cost would be \$1,188 per agent per year.

**Storage Costs**

In addition to cameras, the data collected by the cameras must be stored. Data can be stored on a cloud based system that allows departments to upload data or data can be stored in-house through storage systems kept on department premises. Based on information received from local law enforcement that currently use body cameras, **(CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)**

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| Senate   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}      |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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departments that used cloud based storage spend an average of \$29 per month. The cost for local departments to store in-house varied in size from 2 gigabytes (GBs) at \$1,200 for a village police department (population 800) to \$4,500 for 12 terabytes (TBs) for a small city police department (9,000 population). To the extent law enforcement agencies choose to store data with cloud based services, the annual cost would be \$5,777,800 (\$29 per month x 12 months x 16,600 officers). According to The Office of Technology Services, the video compiled by state peace officers would potentially create 1.24 terabytes of data annually.

NOTE: These costs may increase or decrease depending the type of camera purchased, the number of officers that will use the cameras and the amount of storage needed. Information used was gathered from an LFO survey sent to municipal police and sheriff's departments. The LFO received limited responses from these agencies.

The proposed legislation requires all law enforcement agencies to participate in any existing state or federal programs that fund or supplement the costs to purchase and maintain body cameras. There are currently no state programs that would supplement the cost of purchasing body cameras. According to the LA Commission on Law Enforcement, there is a federal program that may cover up to 50% of the cost of body cameras. The U.S. Department of Justice announced it would award body camera grants that total \$20 M beginning October 1, 2015. Any federal programs used to supplement the body camera costs would decrease the need of state general fund and local fund resources.

In the event state general fund is not available, state law enforcement agencies may have to use current statutory dedicated funds or self-generated revenue to fund the purchase and maintenance of body cameras.

NOTE: The 16,600 peace officers used in the fiscal note includes approximate 2,000 state law enforcement officers (Wildlife & Fisheries agents, state police and DPS police, P&P agents, university police), 8,800 deputy sheriffs and 6,000 municipal police (sheriffs and police based on state supplemental pay figures).

Senate Dual Referral Rules House  6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

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