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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.

**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 <sup>3</sup>and subject to the limit of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose<sup>3</sup>, every <sup>1</sup>uniformed<sup>1</sup> State, county, and municipal <sup>1</sup>patrol<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer shall wear a <sup>1</sup>body worn<sup>1</sup> camera that electronically records

audio and video while acting in the performance of <sup>1</sup>[his] the officer's<sup>1</sup> official duties <sup>2</sup>, 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) <sup>3</sup>[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<sup>3</sup> by the Attorney General<sup>2</sup>.

b. <sup>3</sup>[The] In addition to funding provided through the annual appropriations act, the<sup>3</sup> body worn<sup>1</sup> cameras required by subsection a. of this section <sup>3</sup>[shall] may<sup>3</sup> be funded by forfeiture funds collected pursuant to N.J.S.2C:64-6, in an amount to be determined by the Attorney General <sup>3</sup>, or any other source of funding made available for this purpose, including but not limited to federal grants<sup>3</sup>.

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

2. The Attorney General is authorized to promulgate <sup>3</sup>or revise<sup>3</sup> guidelines or directives, as appropriate, to implement and enforce the provisions of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

3. This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>[on the first day of the sixth month following] immediately, but shall remain inoperative until the<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>[enactment <sup>1</sup>into law] effective date<sup>3</sup> of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 101 or Assembly Bill No. 4312 of 2020)<sup>1</sup>, but the Attorney General may take such administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of the act.