



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 407 of the 131st G.A.

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Status: As Reported by House Local Government

Sponsor: Reps. Boyce and Grossman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Body camera policy

State and Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill may result in a minimal, one-time cost for some state and local law enforcement agencies to develop and implement the required body camera policy, with that cost easily absorbed into existing daily operations.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill: (1) requires any law enforcement agency that utilizes body cameras to adopt a written policy with specific information within six months after the bill's effective date or six months after use begins, (2) requires the policy to be made available to the public, and (3) requires the chief officer to formally advise each officer of the agency's body camera policy.

LSC staff conversations with parties knowledgeable on the subject indicate that the bill largely codifies practice for law enforcement agencies in Ohio that make use of body cameras. Data detailing their use by law enforcement agencies statewide, however, is not readily available. In the small number of cases necessitating policy development and implementation, the time and effort will constitute a minimal, one-time cost for law enforcement agencies, especially since there are numerous organizations¹ offering model policies, recommendations, and lessons learned for the use of body-worn cameras. It is likely that a law enforcement agency can absorb this cost into its daily operations using existing appropriations and staffing levels.

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¹ American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.