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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Body–Worn Cameras – Costs and Expenses

FOR the purpose of requiring the State to be responsible for certain costs and expenses related to the procurement and use of certain body–worn cameras by certain law enforcement agencies; and generally relating to law enforcement and body–worn cameras.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–511(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 60 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

3–511.

This paragraph applies to:

1. the Department of State Police;
2. the Anne Arundel County Police Department;
3. the Howard County Police Department; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
4. the Harford County Sheriff’s Office.

(ii) On or before July 1, 2023, a law enforcement agency to which this paragraph applies shall require the use of body–worn cameras, subject to the policy on the use of body–worn cameras developed by the law enforcement agency, by each law enforcement officer employed by the law enforcement agency who regularly interacts with members of the public as part of the law enforcement officer’s official duties.

(2) On or before July 1, 2025, a law enforcement agency of a county, other than a law enforcement agency described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall require the use of body–worn cameras, subject to the policy on the use of body–worn cameras developed by the law enforcement agency, by each law enforcement officer employed by the law enforcement agency who regularly interacts with members of the public as part of the law enforcement officer’s official duties.

(3) **The State is responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the procurement and use of body–worn cameras by a law enforcement agency under this subsection, including:**

   (I) the initial costs associated with body–worn cameras, equipment, and technology; and

   (II) ongoing operating costs associated with the use of body–worn cameras by the law enforcement agency.

SECTION 2. **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022, the effective date of Section 1 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021. If the effective date of Section 1 of Chapter 60 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Section 1 of Chapter 60.**