

# SENATE BILL 330

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By: **Senator Ready**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Body-Worn Cameras**  
3 **(Body-Worn Camera Appropriation and Financing Act of 2023)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of General Services, in coordination with the  
5 Department of Information Technology, to negotiate contracts to acquire and  
6 maintain body-worn cameras, equipment, and technology at the request of a law  
7 enforcement agency; requiring the ~~Maryland Police Training and Standards~~  
8 ~~Commission~~ Department of Information Technology, in coordination with the  
9 Department of General Services ~~and the Department of Information Technology~~, to  
10 study the cost and feasibility of implementing a statewide uniform storage and  
11 access system for the body-worn camera data of all law enforcement agencies; and  
12 generally relating to law enforcement agencies and body-worn cameras.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Public Safety  
15 Section 3–101(a) and (e) and 3–201(a) and (d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Public Safety  
20 Section 3–511.1  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 3–101.

5 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (e) “Law enforcement agency” has the meaning stated in § 3–201 of this title.

7 3–201.

8 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

9 (d) (1) “Law enforcement agency” means a governmental police force, sheriff’s  
10 office, or security force or law enforcement organization of the State, a county, or a  
11 municipal corporation that by statute, ordinance, or common law is authorized to enforce  
12 the general criminal laws of the State.

13 (2) “Law enforcement agency” does not include members of the Maryland  
14 National Guard who:

15 (i) are under the control and jurisdiction of the Military  
16 Department;

17 (ii) are assigned to the military property designated as the Martin  
18 State Airport; and

19 (iii) are charged with exercising police powers in and for the Martin  
20 State Airport.

21 **3–511.1.**

22 **(A) (1) AT THE REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE**  
23 **DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**  
24 **OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SHALL NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS TO ACQUIRE AND**  
25 **MAINTAIN BODY-WORN CAMERAS, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE LAW**  
26 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**

27 **(2) THE CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
28 **SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE CONTRACTS FOR ANY RELATED EQUIPMENT OR**  
29 **TECHNOLOGY DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE USE OF**  
30 **BODY-WORN CAMERAS.**

1           **(B) THE CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
2 **SECTION SHALL PRIORITIZE:**

3           **(1) EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY THAT COMPLIES WITH THE**  
4 **POLICIES DEVELOPED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS**  
5 **COMMISSION UNDER § 3-511 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

6           **(2) EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY THAT CONFORM TO INDUSTRY**  
7 **STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES;**

8           **(3) CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY;**

9           **(4) COMPATIBILITY WITH DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT AND**  
10 **TECHNOLOGY;**

11           **(5) CAPABILITIES TO EFFECTIVELY VIEW, EDIT, REDACT, AND**  
12 **TRANSFER DATA FROM BODY-WORN CAMERAS; AND**

13           **(6) COST EFFECTIVENESS.**

14           **(C) FOR ANY CONTRACT NEGOTIATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
15 **SECTION, THE RIGHT OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO RECEIVE SERVICES**  
16 **FROM AN ENTITY RELATED TO VIEWING, EDITING, REDACTING, OR TRANSFERRING**  
17 **DATA FROM BODY-WORN CAMERAS MAY NOT BE RESTRICTED IN ANY MANNER.**

18           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

19           (a) ~~The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission~~ Department of  
20 Information Technology, in coordination with the Department of General Services ~~and the~~  
21 ~~Department of Information Technology~~, shall study the cost and feasibility of implementing  
22 a statewide uniform storage and access system for the body-worn camera data of all law  
23 enforcement agencies, as defined in § 3-201 of the Public Safety Article.

24           (b) The study shall include an analysis of:

25           (1) the best practices for the storage of body-worn camera data; and

26           (2) alternatives to a statewide uniform storage and access system for  
27 body-worn camera data.

28           (c) On or before December 1, 2023, the ~~Maryland Police Training and Standards~~  
29 ~~Commission~~ Department of Information Technology shall report the findings of the study  
30 to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee,  
31 in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

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1           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
2 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or  
3 application to any contract related to body-worn cameras negotiated before the effective  
4 date of this Act.

5           SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.