

SENATE BILL 330

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By: **Senator Ready**

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A BILL ENTITLED

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, in coordination with the Department of General Services and the
9 Department of Information Technology, to study the cost and feasibility of
10 implementing a statewide uniform storage and access system for the body–worn
11 camera data of all law enforcement agencies; and generally relating to law
12 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)

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

25 **Article – Public Safety**

26 3–101.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

2 (e) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning stated in § 3-201 of this title.
3 3-201.

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

5 (d) (1) "Law enforcement agency" means a governmental police force, sheriff's
6 office, or security force or law enforcement organization of the State, a county, or a
7 municipal corporation that by statute, ordinance, or common law is authorized to enforce
8 the general criminal laws of the State.

9 (2) "Law enforcement agency" does not include members of the Maryland
10 National Guard who:

11 (i) are under the control and jurisdiction of the Military
12 Department;

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

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

17 **3-511.1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 **(4) COMPATIBILITY WITH DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT AND**
5 **TECHNOLOGY;**

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

8 **(6) COST EFFECTIVENESS.**

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

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

14 (a) The Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in coordination
15 with the Department of General Services and the Department of Information Technology,
16 shall study the cost and feasibility of implementing a statewide uniform storage and access
17 system for the body-worn camera data of all law enforcement agencies, as defined in §
18 3-201 of the Public Safety Article.

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

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

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

23 (c) On or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Police Training and Standards
24 Commission shall report the findings of the study to the Senate Budget and Taxation
25 Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the
26 State Government Article.

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

31 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
32 1, 2023.

