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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1219

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6 By: Senator C. Penzo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO
10 REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC ENTITIES
11 THAT EMPLOY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PROVIDE BODY-
12 WORN CAMERAS; TO REQUIRE THE RECORDING OF LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC; TO REQUIRE
14 RULEMAKING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
19 PUBLIC ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PROVIDE BODY-
21 WORN CAMERAS; AND TO REQUIRE THE
22 RECORDING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERACTION
23 WITH THE PUBLIC.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 6, is amended to add an
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:

29 Subchapter 9 – Body-Worn Cameras
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31 12-6-901. Legislative intent.

32 It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that:

33 (1) Law enforcement officers and the public are provided the
34 protection of recorded interactions between law enforcement officers and the
35 public; and

36 (2) An accurate record of interactions between law enforcement



1 officers and the public is available for legal and training purposes.

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3 12-6-902. Definitions.

4 As used in this subchapter:

5 (1)(A) "Law enforcement agency" means any police department,
6 county sheriff's office, or other public agency, force, or organization whose
7 primary responsibility is the enforcement of the criminal laws, traffic laws,
8 highway laws, or game and fish laws of this state.

9 (B) "Law enforcement agency" includes without limitation a
10 college or university police department; and

11 (2)(A) "Law enforcement officer" means a person that is:

12 (i) Employed by a law enforcement agency or other
13 public entity; and

14 (ii) Vested by law with a duty to maintain public
15 order and make arrests for offenses.

16 (B) "Law enforcement officer" includes without limitation
17 a court bailiff, school resource officer, wildlife enforcement officer, game
18 warden, officer of the State Capitol Police, county sheriff, and chief of
19 police.

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21 12-6-903. Body-worn cameras required.

22 (a) By December 31, 2026, a law enforcement agency or other public
23 entity that employs a law enforcement officer shall:

24 (1) Provide a body-worn camera to each law enforcement officer
25 the law enforcement agency or other public entity employs;

26 (2) Train each law enforcement officer the law enforcement
27 agency or other public entity employs in the use of a body-worn camera; and

28 (3) Enact policies and procedures governing the use of a body-
29 worn camera.

30 (b) A law enforcement officer shall:

31 (1) Wear a body-worn camera while on duty; and

32 (2) Ensure the body-worn camera records all official interaction
33 between the law enforcement officer and the public while the law enforcement
34 officer is on duty.

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36 12-6-904. Rulemaking.

1 Any state agency, department, board, or commission that employs a law
2 enforcement officer, including without limitation constitutional agencies,
3 shall promulgate rules to implement this subchapter.
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5 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

6 (a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the state
7 agency, department, board, or commission shall file the final rules with the
8 Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

9 (1) On or before August 1, 2026; or

10 (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by August 1,
11 2026, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

12 (b) The state agency, department, board, or commission shall file the
13 proposed rules with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently
14 in advance of August 1, 2026, so that the Legislative Council may consider
15 the rules for approval before August 1, 2026.
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