



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1219

Bill Subtitle: TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PROVIDE BODY-WORN CAMERAS; AND TO REQUIRE THE RECORDING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERACTION WITH THE PUBLIC.

Sponsors:

Rep. R. Scott Richardson and Sen. Penzo

Basic Change:

HB1219 requires each law enforcement agency or public entity that employs a law enforcement officer to provide a body-worn camera to each officer by December 31, 2026. The law enforcement officer is required to wear the camera while on duty and to record all official interactions between the officer and the public while the officer is on duty. Each employer of a law enforcement officer, including the Department of Finance and Administration's Revenue Division and Office of Child Support Enforcement, is required to promulgate rules to implement the new body camera requirement.

Fiscal Impact:

No impact to state revenues.

Taxpayer Impact:

A law enforcement officer would be required to wear a body-worn camera while on duty and to record all official interactions between the officer and the public.

Resources Required:

DFA will procure five body-worn cameras estimated around \$2,000 each for an initial cost of \$10,000. There will also be an annual cost to maintain the hardware as well as a hosted storage solution for the video data, which is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000 per device annually.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Law enforcement officers employed by DFA will need to be trained on the use of the body-worn cameras. Rules will need to be promulgated.

Other Comments:

Personally-identifiable or confidential information may be recorded during a law enforcement officer's interaction with a member of the public. Procedures would be established to protect the confidentiality of taxpayer or driver information.



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Legal Analysis:

None.