



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5381**

LCO No. 2373



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF POLICE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 Each police basic or review training program conducted or  
4 administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of  
5 Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Police Officer Standards  
6 and Training Council established under section 7-294b or a municipal  
7 police department in the state shall include tactical training for police  
8 officers regarding the use of physical force, training in the use of body-  
9 worn recording equipment, including under which circumstances an  
10 officer shall not pause recording on such equipment, and the retention  
11 of data created by such equipment, and cultural competency and  
12 sensitivity and bias-free policing training, including, but not limited to,  
13 implicit bias training. As used in this section, "implicit bias training"  
14 means training on how to recognize and mitigate unconscious biases  
15 against a particular segment of the population that might influence a

16 police officer's judgments and decisions when interacting with a  
17 member of such segment of the population.

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (j) of section 29-6d of the 2024 supplement to the  
19 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
20 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 (j) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
22 and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall jointly  
23 maintain guidelines pertaining to the use of body-worn recording  
24 equipment and dashboard cameras, including the type of detective  
25 work an officer might engage in that should not be recorded, retention  
26 of data created by such equipment and dashboard cameras and methods  
27 for safe and secure storage of such data. On and after October 1, 2024,  
28 such guidelines shall contain provisions concerning under which  
29 circumstances an officer shall not pause recording on such equipment.  
30 The guidelines shall not require a law enforcement unit to store such  
31 data for a period longer than one year, except in the case where the unit  
32 knows the data is pertinent to any ongoing civil, criminal or  
33 administrative matter. Each law enforcement unit and any police officer  
34 and any other employee of such unit who may have access to such data  
35 shall adhere to such guidelines. The commissioner and council may  
36 update and reissue such guidelines, as the commissioner and council  
37 determine necessary. The commissioner and council shall, upon  
38 issuance of such guidelines or any update to such guidelines, submit  
39 such guidelines in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the  
40 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
41 of matters relating to the judiciary and public safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	7-294s
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	29-6d(j)

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*