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S.174

Introduced by Senators Sears, Ashe, and Benning

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Law Enforcement Advisory Board; model policy; body cameras

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Law Enforcement Advisory Board to propose a model State policy for use of body cameras by law enforcement officers.

An act relating to a model State policy for use of body cameras by law enforcement officers

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD; MODEL STATE
POLICY; BODY CAMERAS

On or before December 15, 2016, the Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall propose to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary a model policy for the use of body cameras by Vermont law enforcement officers. The model policy required by this section shall include provisions regarding:

(1) when a law enforcement officer should wear a body camera;

(2) under what circumstances a law enforcement officer wearing a body camera should turn the camera on and off;

1 (3) whether and when a video recording made by a law enforcement
2 officer's body camera, including a recording that involves a crime victim,
3 should be a public record; and

4 (4) treatment of situations when a law enforcement officer's body
5 camera malfunctions or is unavailable.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.