

After reading S.124, I would suggest we modify language in this section of S.124:

1. (6) Body cameras.

(A)(i) The Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall report any changes it deems necessary to the Model Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy that it established pursuant to 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 163.

2. (ii) After consulting with the Secretary of State, the Human Rights Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union, and other interested parties, the Board shall specifically recommend policies for responding to public records requests for body camera footage, including any recommended timelines to respond, how and what footage should be redacted, length of footage retention, storage, **and protection of data from facial recognition technology or other exploitive/extractive practices.**

(B) The Department of Public Safety shall consult with the Law Enforcement Advisory Board to investigate the possibility of a statewide group purchasing contract for law enforcement body cameras and of central storage locations. If the Department recommends such a group, it shall detail its recommended structure and operation.

(C) Data collected from police body cameras will not be processed using any facial recognition technology and will not be used in ways that infringe on civil liberties. All Vermont law enforcement agencies are prohibited from purchasing or using facial recognition technology.