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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to body cameras; amending s. 943.1718,
3 F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies that permit
4 law enforcement officers to wear body cameras to
5 establish policies and procedures that include general
6 guidelines for the law enforcement officers to review
7 relevant audio and video recordings before taking
8 certain actions; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 943.1718, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 943.1718 Body cameras; policies and procedures.—

15 (2) A law enforcement agency that permits its law
16 enforcement officers to wear body cameras shall establish
17 policies and procedures addressing the proper use, maintenance,
18 and storage of body cameras and the data recorded by body
19 cameras. The policies and procedures must include:

20 (a) General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance, and
21 storage of body cameras.

22 (b) Any limitations on which law enforcement officers are
23 permitted to wear body cameras.

24 (c) Any limitations on law-enforcement-related encounters
25 and activities in which law enforcement officers are permitted
26 to wear body cameras.

27 (d) General guidelines for law enforcement officers who use
28 body cameras to review the relevant audio and video recordings
29 from the body cameras before writing a report or before
30 providing a statement about an incident in which the officers
31 were involved.

32 (e) ~~(d)~~ General guidelines for the proper storage,

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33 retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body
34 cameras.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.