

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Steube

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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 a
6 provision permitting a law enforcement officer using a
7 body camera to review body camera footage before
8 taking 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) A provision permitting a law enforcement officer using
28 a body camera to review the recorded footage from the body
29 camera, upon his or her own initiative or request, before

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30 writing a report or providing a statement regarding an event
31 arising within the scope of his or her official duties, except
32 when an officer provides information at the scene of an incident
33 for the sole purposes of identifying and preserving the crime
34 scene and identifying witnesses and suspects.

35 (e) ~~(d)~~ General guidelines for the proper storage,
36 retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body
37 cameras.

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