

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3598 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Ross Ford

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 3598

By: Hill

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to criminal procedure; defining terms; directing law enforcement agencies to establish policies and procedures relating to the use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras; requiring certain policies and procedures; establishing requirements for peace officers who wear body cameras; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 23 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Body camera" means a portable electronic recording device that is worn on the person of a peace officer that records audio and video data of the law enforcement-related encounters and activities of the peace officer;

2. "Law enforcement agency" means any department or agency of the state, a county, a municipality, or political subdivision thereof, with the duties to maintain public order, make arrests, and

1 enforce the criminal laws of this state or municipal ordinances,
2 which employs CLEET-certified personnel; and

3 3. "Peace officer" has the same meaning as such term is defined
4 in Section 99 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 B. A law enforcement agency that permits its peace officers to
6 wear body cameras shall establish policies and procedures addressing
7 the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras and the
8 data recorded by body cameras. The policies and procedures shall
9 include:

10 1. General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance, and
11 storage of body cameras;

12 2. General guidelines for the proper storage and retention of
13 audio and video data recorded by body cameras;

14 3. A policy permitting a peace officer using a body camera to
15 review the recorded footage from the body camera, upon his or her
16 own initiative or request, before writing a report or providing a
17 statement regarding any event arising within the scope of his or her
18 official duties. Any such policy shall not apply to the inherent
19 duty of a peace officer to immediately disclose information
20 necessary to secure an active crime scene or to identify suspects or
21 witnesses; and

22 4. Policies for the proper release of audio and video data
23 recorded by body cameras in compliance with the Oklahoma Open
24 Records Act.

1 C. A law enforcement agency that permits its peace officers to
2 wear body cameras shall:

3 1. Ensure that all personnel who wear, use, maintain or store
4 body cameras, or release audio or video data recorded by body
5 cameras are trained in the policies and procedures of the law
6 enforcement agency;

7 2. Retain audio and video data recorded by body cameras in
8 accordance with the requirements of the Oklahoma Open Records Act;
9 and

10 3. Perform periodic reviews of body camera practices to ensure
11 conformity with the policies and procedures of the law enforcement
12 agency.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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