

By the Committees on Judiciary; and 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 exception;  
9           providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 943.1718, Florida  
14           Statutes, is amended to read:

15           943.1718 Body cameras; policies and procedures.—

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

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

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

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

28           (d) A provision permitting a law enforcement officer using  
29           a body camera to review the recorded footage from the body

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30 camera, upon his or her own initiative or request, before  
31 writing a report or providing a statement regarding an event  
32 arising within the scope of his or her official duties. Any such  
33 provision may not apply to an officer's inherent duty to  
34 immediately disclose information necessary to secure an active  
35 crime scene or to identify suspects or witnesses.

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

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