



26 Program is created within the department for a period of 3  
27 years. The purpose of the pilot program is to ensure safety and  
28 provide accountability for each person in the institution.

29 (2) As used in this section, the term:

30 (a) "Body camera" means a portable electronic recording  
31 device that is worn on a correctional officer's person and that  
32 records audio and video data of the correctional officer's  
33 prisoner-related encounters and activities.

34 (b) "Correctional officer" has the same meaning as in s.  
35 943.10(2).

36 (3) Each correctional officer working at the Lowell  
37 Correctional Institution shall wear a body camera while acting  
38 within the scope of his or her official duties. The department  
39 shall establish policies and procedures addressing the proper  
40 use, maintenance, and storage of such body cameras and the data  
41 recorded by such body cameras. The policies and procedures must,  
42 at a minimum, include all of the following:

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

45 (b) Any limitations on a correctional officer's use of the  
46 body cameras.

47 (c) Any limitations on prisoner-related encounters and  
48 activities in which correctional officers are authorized to wear  
49 body cameras.

50 (d) A provision allowing a correctional officer using a

51 body camera to review the recorded footage from the body camera,  
52 upon his or her own initiative or request, before writing a  
53 report or providing a statement regarding any event arising  
54 within the scope of his or her official duties. Any such  
55 provision may not apply to a correctional officer's inherent  
56 duty to immediately disclose information necessary to secure an  
57 active crime scene or to identify suspects or witnesses.

58 (e) General guidelines for the proper storage, retention,  
59 and release of audio and video data recorded by body cameras.

60 (4) The department shall:

61 (a) Ensure that all personnel at the Lowell Correctional  
62 Institution who wear, use, maintain, or store body cameras are  
63 trained in the department's policies and procedures concerning  
64 the body cameras.

65 (b) Ensure that all personnel at the Lowell Correctional  
66 Institution who use, maintain, store, or release audio or video  
67 data recorded by body cameras are trained in the department's  
68 policies and procedures concerning the body cameras.

69 (c) Retain audio and video data recorded by body cameras  
70 in accordance with the requirements of s. 119.021, except as  
71 otherwise provided by law.

72 (d) Perform a periodic review of actual agency body camera  
73 practices to ensure conformity with the agency's policies and  
74 procedures concerning the body cameras.

75 (5) Beginning on June 30, 2025, and annually thereafter,

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76 | the department shall submit a report to the Governor, the  
77 | President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the  
78 | Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader  
79 | of the House of Representatives on the operation of the program  
80 | during the previous year. The report must include, at a minimum,  
81 | findings based on the review of incidents at the Lowell  
82 | Correctional Institution and the helpfulness of the body cameras  
83 | worn by correctional officers, proposals on changes to existing  
84 | policies and procedures concerning the body cameras, and any  
85 | other information that the department deems important in  
86 | furthering the purpose of the pilot program.

87 | (6) This section expires June 30, 2027.

88 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.