

SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 16.7: Grants for Law Enforcement Cameras

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OVERVIEW: Section 16.7 of S.L. 2017-57 provides that funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for body-worn camera grants in the 2015 Appropriations Act shall not revert, but be used to provide matching grants to local and county law enforcement agencies for body-worn or dashboard cameras and for training and related expenses. The funds shall be administered by the Governor's Crime Commission which shall develop guidelines and procedures that shall include the following requirements and limitations:

- A maximum grant amount of \$100,000.
- Receiving law enforcement agencies must provide one for one matching local funds.
- Grantees must have policies and procedures in place for the operation of body-worn or dashboard cameras, including the proper storage of images obtained by the cameras.

The Governor's Crime Commission is required to report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the grant funds distributed pursuant to this section no later than August 1, 2018.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

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