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# SENATE BILL 99: Appropriations Act of 2018, Sec. 16.1: Grants for Law Enforcement Cameras/Statewide Sex Offender Registry/Samarcand Training Simulator Upgrades

<b>Committee:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	August 7, 2018
<b>Introduced by:</b>		<b>Prepared by:</b>	Kristen L. Harris Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 16.1 of S.L. 2018-5		

**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 16.1 of S.L. 2018-5 reallocates funds previously appropriated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for body-worn camera grants in S.L. 2015-241 and S.L. 2017-57 as follows:*

- *\$75,000 to Samarcand Training Academy for upgrades to its training simulator to support school safety.*
- *\$500,000 to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association (NCSA) to implement a statewide sex offender database.*
- *The remaining funds, in maximum grant amounts of \$100,000 administered by the Governor's Crime Commission, to local law enforcement agencies in counties with less than 75,000 people for the purchase and placement into service of body-worn or dashboard cameras and training and related expenses.*
- *For the fiscal year 2017-2018, the Governor's Crime Commission must submit a report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by August 1, 2018. For the fiscal year 2018-2019, the report is due no later than August 1, 2019.*
- *No later than July 1, 2019, the NCSA must report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the use of the \$500,000 for the sex offender database.*

*This act was vetoed by the Governor on June 6, 2018, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 12, 2018. This section became effective on June 30, 2018, and applies to funds not obligated on that date.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Sec. 16.1 of S.L. 2018-5 reallocates grants for body-worn cameras appropriated to DPS by S.L. 2015-241 and S.L. 2017-57 as follows:

- \$75,000 to Samarcand Training Academy for upgrades to its training simulator to support school safety.
- \$500,000 to the NCSA to implement a statewide sex offender database that links all 100 counties and allows for data entry and retrieval at the local level.
- The remaining funds, in maximum grant amounts of \$100,000 administered by the Governor's Crime Commission, to local and county law enforcement agencies in counties with less than 75,000 people for the purchase and placement into service of body-worn or dashboard cameras and for training and related expenses.

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No later than July 1, 2019, the NCSA must report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety on the use of the \$500,000 for the sex offender database.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section became effective on June 30, 2018, and applies to funds not obligated on that date.

**BACKGROUND:** Located in Moore County, Samarcaud Training Academy is DPS's correctional basic, in-service, law enforcement basic, and law enforcement advanced training facility.