

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1957

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 12, 2016

An act relating to public records.

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AB 1957, as introduced, Quirk. Public records: body-worn cameras.

The California Public Records Act requires that public records be open to inspection at all times during the office hours of a state or local agency and that every person has a right to inspect any public record, except as specifically provided. The act further requires that a reasonably segregable portion of a public record be available for inspection by any person requesting the public record after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to revise the act so that images captured by body-worn cameras of peace officers depicting use of force or death are released to the public if it is determined that the interest in public disclosure outweighs the need to protect the individual right to privacy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to revise the California Public Records Act (Chapter
- 3 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of
- 4 the Government Code) so that images captured by body-worn

- 1 cameras of peace officers depicting use of force or death are
- 2 released to the public if it is determined that the interest in public
- 3 disclosure outweighs the need to protect the individual right to
- 4 privacy.

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