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SENATE BILL

No. 175

Introduced by Senators Huff and Gaines
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Chang)
(Coauthor: Senator Bates)

February 9, 2015

An act to add Section 830.105 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 175, as amended, Huff. Peace officers: body-worn cameras.

Existing law requires agencies that employ peace officers to establish a procedure for the investigation of complaints by the public against peace officers and requires a written description of the procedure to be available to the public.

This bill would require each department or agency that employs peace officers and that elects to require those peace officers to wear body-worn cameras to develop a policy relating to the use of body-worn cameras. The bill would require the policy to be developed in collaboration with nonsupervisory officers and to include certain provisions, including, among others, the duration, time, and place that body-worn cameras shall be worn and operational. The bill would also require the policy to be provided to each officer required to wear a body-worn camera.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 830.105 is added to the Penal Code, immediately following Section 830.10, to read:

830.105. (a) Each department or agency that employs peace officers and that elects to require those peace officers to wear body-worn cameras shall develop a policy relating to the use of body-worn cameras.

(b) A policy described in subdivision (a) shall be developed in collaboration with nonsupervisory officers and shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) The duration, time, and place that body-worn cameras shall be worn and operational.

(2) The length of time video collected by officers will be stored by the department or agency.

(3) The procedures for, and limitations on, public access to recordings taken by body-worn cameras.

(4) The process for accessing and reviewing recorded data, including, but not limited to, the persons authorized to access data and the circumstances in which recorded data may be reviewed.

(5) The training that will be provided on the use of body-worn cameras.

(c) The policy adopted pursuant to this section shall be provided to each officer required to wear a body-worn camera.