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H.B. No. 3757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a law enforcement policy regarding body worn cameras.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1701.655(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A policy described by Subsection (a) must ensure that a body worn camera is activated only for a law enforcement purpose and must include:

(1) guidelines for when a peace officer should activate a camera or discontinue a recording currently in progress, considering the need for privacy in certain situations and at certain locations;

(2) provisions relating to data retention, including a provision requiring the retention of video for a minimum period of 90 days;

(3) provisions relating to storage of video and audio, creation of backup copies of the video and audio, and maintenance of data security;

(4) guidelines for public access, through open records requests, to recordings that are public information;

~~(5) [provisions entitling an officer to access any recording of an incident involving the officer before the officer is required to make a statement about the incident,~~

~~(6)]~~ procedures for supervisory or internal review;

1 and

2 (6) [~~(7)~~] the handling and documenting of equipment
3 and malfunctions of equipment.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.