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State Fiscal Note for Bill Number:

2025-H 5928

Date of State Budget Office Approval: Monday, April 7, 2025

Date Requested: Monday, March 17, 2025

Date Due: Thursday, March 27, 2025

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2025	\$981,069	FY 2025	N/A
FY 2026	\$981,069	FY 2026	N/A
FY 2027	\$981,069	FY 2027	N/A

Explanation by State Budget Office:

This act adds a new chapter in Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "The Body Cameras For Correctional Facilities Act". In primary part, this new chapter codifies a requirement stating all "staff," as defined herein, wear body worn cameras (BWCs) while on duty in state correctional facilities.

The on-duty staff wearing the BWC will activate them to capture incidents in real-time during interactions with incarcerated individuals. The cameras shall record continuously during, but not limited to, use of force incidents, transportation, medical emergencies, and disciplinary proceedings. The staff may deactivate the BWC once a situation is resolved, no further action is needed, or when the staff is no longer on duty.

In addition to mandating BWC use, the act establishes an Independent Incident Oversight Board (IIOB) to review incidents using force, complaints against staff, or other "critical incidents" involving incarcerated individuals. The act also requires the Department of Corrections to provide BWC training for the correctional staff which includes data privacy and the rights of incarcerated individuals.

This chapter also establishes disciplinary actions for noncompliant staff, who may be civilly liable or face disciplinary actions which include termination of employment if found in violation or noncompliance with BWC policies. As to reporting, it would require the issuance of a biannual report by the Department of Corrections to the General Assembly detailing the number of incidents recorded, requests to access/view BWC footage, and incidents reviewed by the IIOB.

Summary of Facts and Assumptions:

The Department of Corrections obtained a quote in March 2024 from a BWC vendor to supply the Department with body worn camera equipment, chargers, software, maintenance, training, licenses, and storage.



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The quote includes 650 cameras to outfit all eligible positions, including those that are currently vacant; this includes cameras for all types of Correctional Officers (COs) working at all facilities including, COs (797), CO Lieutenants (54), CO Captains (13), all levels of CO Investigators (11), CO Canine (3), CO Hospital (6), CO Community- Based Programs (6), and CO Steward (5). The calculations are based on the filled positions as of pay period 19 and excludes nurses, security specialists, deputy wardens, and wardens.

The total BWC quote for the equipment and services \$981,069 per year. Below is a cost breakdown by equipment category:

Equipment	# Purchased	Cost Per Product	Total
Body Cameras			
Hardware			
Product	# Purchased	Cost Per Product	Total
Body Cameras*	650	\$ 849	\$ 551,850
Multi Bay Dock Bundle	82	\$ 1,639	\$ 134,390
Subtotal	732	N/A	\$ 686,240
Other			
Product	# Purchased	Cost Per Product	Total
Evidence Storage (Unlimited)	1,000	\$ 99	\$ 99,222
Basic License Bundle	950	\$ 59	\$ 56,480
Body Worn Camera TAP Bundle	650	\$ 124	\$ 80,380
Multi-Bay Dock TAP Bundle	82	\$ 132	\$ 10,821
Pro License Bundle	50	\$ 159	\$ 7,926
Full Service Support	1	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Subtotal	2,733	N/A	\$ 294,829
Total			
Category	# Purchased	Cost Per Product	Total
Hardware	732	N/A	\$ 686,240
Other	2,733	N/A	\$ 294,829
Subtotal	3,465	N/A	\$ 981,069



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The Department of Corrections anticipates accommodating administrative costs with currently enacted resources. The bill requires the IIOB be members appointed by key stakeholders, further requiring that there should be members from civil rights organizations, legal experts, mental health professionals, formerly incarcerated individuals, and community leaders. Therefore, the Budget Office assumes the only fiscal impact would be the cost, implementation, and maintenance of the BWC program.

Comments on Sources of Funds:

The presumed source of funds is general revenue appropriations. However, in February 2025, the Department submitted a request for Congressional Directed Spending for this project/contract, which if approved would obviate the need for general revenue.

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

FY 2025: \$981,069

FY 2026: \$981,069

FY 2027: \$981,069

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