

CHAPTER 2017-15

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 305

An act relating to law enforcement body cameras; amending s. 943.1718, F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies to establish policies and procedures authorizing an officer's review of camera footage of an incident before writing a report or providing a statement; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 943.1718, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection to read:

943.1718 Body cameras; policies and procedures.—

(2) A law enforcement agency that permits its law enforcement officers to wear body cameras shall establish policies and procedures addressing the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras and the data recorded by body cameras. The policies and procedures must include:

(d) A provision permitting a law enforcement officer using a body camera to review the recorded footage from the body camera, upon his or her own initiative or request, before writing a report or providing a statement regarding any event arising within the scope of his or her official duties. Any such provision may not apply to an officer's inherent duty to immediately disclose information necessary to secure an active crime scene or to identify suspects or witnesses.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor May 9, 2017.

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