

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Requests that the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office adopt certain policies with respect to body-worn cameras

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office to adopt policies and procedures
3 relative to the use, storage, and maintenance of body-worn cameras and the storage,
4 retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body-worn cameras.

5 WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace officers of this state, it is vital
6 for local peace officers and the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative
7 relationships; and

8 WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement
9 agencies will assist in the documentation of evidence to better serve the community which
10 would assist in the building of a strong and collaborative relationship; and

11 WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve is
12 essential to the stability of communities, the integrity of the criminal justice system, and the
13 safe and effective delivery of public safety services; and

14 WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement
15 agencies will assist in preventing and resolving complaints brought by members of the
16 public against peace officers, strengthening law enforcement transparency, performance, and
17 accountability, and the documenting of evidence; and

18 WHEREAS, body cameras may assist law enforcement agencies in identifying and
19 correcting problems within their agencies by using footage from the cameras to provide
20 scenario-based training, evaluate the performance of new officers in the field, and identify
21 new areas in which training may be needed.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office
3 to adopt policies and procedures relative to the use, storage, and maintenance of body-worn
4 cameras and the storage, retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body-
5 worn cameras.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
7 of Louisiana urges and requests that the policies and procedures adopted by the Jefferson
8 Parish Sheriff's Office include the following:

9 (1) Policies and procedures relative to the equipment and technical functioning of
10 body-worn cameras, including policies and procedures on the proper use, maintenance, and
11 storage of the body-worn camera equipment.

12 (2) Policies and procedures that establish guidelines and standards on the use of
13 body-worn cameras while a deputy is engaged in the performance of his official duties and
14 that require the camera to be in recording mode when the deputy is engaged or participating
15 in an arrest, interagency arrests or task forces, and crowd control.

16 (3) Policies and procedures that establish guidelines and standards for the proper
17 storage and retention of audio and video data recorded by body-worn cameras for purposes
18 of law enforcement investigations, criminal litigation and criminal proceedings as well as
19 for purposes of release of such data pursuant to a request made under the Public Records
20 Law.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be forwarded
22 to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office.

DIGEST

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