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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Requests the La. Commission on Law Enforcement to collect data and information from law enforcement agencies utilizing body cameras

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of
3	Criminal Justice (LCLE) to develop a platform or means through which data and
4	information is collected from law enforcement agencies utilizing body cameras and
5	distributed to other law enforcement agencies.
6	WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace officers of this state, it is vital
7	for local peace officers and the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative
8	relationships; and
9	WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement
10	agencies will assist in the documentation of evidence to better serve the community which
11	would assist in the building of a strong and collaborative relationship; and
12	WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve is
13	essential to the stability of communities, the integrity of the criminal justice system, and the
14	safe and effective delivery of public safety services; and
15	WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement
16	agencies will assist in preventing and resolving complaints brought by members of the
17	public against peace officers, strengthening law enforcement transparency, performance, and
18	accountability, and the documenting of evidence; and
19	WHEREAS, body cameras may assist law enforcement agencies in identifying and
20	correcting problems within their agencies by using footage from the cameras to provide

scenario-based training, evaluate the performance of new officers in the field, and identify
 new areas in which training may be needed; and

WHEREAS, in determining whether to utilize body cameras, a law enforcement agency must consider a number of factors including but not limited to compliance with existing laws, the cost and feasibility of implementation, the adoption of policies and procedures to regulate the use of the body cameras, the storage of data from the body cameras, and the retention of data and records related to the body cameras; and

8 WHEREAS, in making this determination, information from other law enforcement 9 agencies that currently utilize body cameras is vital, and the development of a platform by 10 which law enforcement agencies can share information and experiences with respect to the 11 use of body cameras would be a valuable resource for all law enforcement agencies.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 13 urge and request the LCLE to develop a platform or means through which law enforcement 14 agencies can share and exchange non-confidential information and experiences with respect 15 to body cameras including but not limited to the following:

16 (1) Policies and procedures for the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body
17 cameras, which shall include recommendations on policies and procedures for the use of
18 body cameras while the law enforcement officer is engaged in the performance of his official
19 duties.

20 (2) Policies and procedures regarding proper storage, retention, and release of audio
21 and video data recorded by body cameras as well as establishing a time frame to review the
22 data recorded by body cameras.

(3) Policies and procedures regarding the law enforcement training relative to each
enforcement agency's polices and procedures on the use of body cameras.

25 (4) Legislation needed, if any, to authorize the use of body cameras by peace officers
26 in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
executive director of the LCLE.

DIGEST

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Requests the LCLE to develop a platform or means through which data and information is collected from law enforcement agencies utilizing body cameras and through which that information is distributed to other law enforcement agencies.