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A BILL to amend and reenact § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 15.2-1609.10, 15.2-1704.1, and 52-8.7, relating to use of body-worn camera system by law enforcement.

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Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered 15.2-1609.10, 15.2-1704.1, and 52-8.7 as follows:

§ 9.1-102. Powers and duties of the Board and the Department.

The Department, under the direction of the Board, which shall be the policy-making body for carrying out the duties and powers hereunder, shall have the power and duty to:

1. Adopt regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the administration of this chapter including the authority to require the submission of reports and information by law-enforcement officers within the Commonwealth. Any proposed regulations concerning the privacy, confidentiality, and security of criminal justice information shall be submitted for review and comment to any board, commission, or committee or other body which may be established by the General Assembly to regulate the privacy, confidentiality, and security of information collected and maintained by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

2. Establish compulsory minimum training standards subsequent to employment as a law-enforcement officer in (i) permanent positions, and (ii) temporary or probationary status, and establish the time required for completion of such training;

3. Establish minimum training standards and qualifications for certification and recertification for law-enforcement officers serving as field training officers;

4. Establish compulsory minimum curriculum requirements for in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, which are operated for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers;

5. Establish (i) compulsory minimum training standards for law-enforcement officers who utilize radar or an electrical or microcomputer device to measure the speed of motor vehicles as provided in § 46.2-882 and establish the time required for completion of the training and (ii) compulsory minimum qualifications for certification and recertification of instructors who provide such training;

6. Establish compulsory training courses for law-enforcement officers in laws and procedures relating to entrapment, search and seizure, evidence, and techniques of report writing, which training shall be completed by law-enforcement officers who have not completed the compulsory training standards set out in subdivision 2, prior to assignment of any such officers to undercover investigation work. Failure to complete the training shall not, for that reason, constitute grounds to exclude otherwise properly admissible testimony or other evidence from such officer resulting from any undercover investigation;

7. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for those persons designated to provide courthouse and courtroom security pursuant to the provisions of § 53.1-120, and to establish the time required for completion of such training;

8. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service and advanced training standards for deputy sheriffs designated to serve process pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-293, and establish the time required for the completion of such training;

9. Establish compulsory minimum entry-level, in-service, and advanced training standards, as well as the time required for completion of such training, for persons employed as deputy sheriffs and jail officers by local criminal justice agencies, correctional officers employed by the Department of Corrections under the provisions of Title 53.1, and juvenile correctional officers employed at a juvenile correctional facility as the term is defined in § 66-25.3;

10. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all dispatchers employed by or in any local or state government agency, whose duties include the dispatching of law-enforcement personnel. Such training standards shall apply only to dispatchers hired on or after July 1, 1988;

11. Establish compulsory minimum training standards for all auxiliary police officers employed by or in any local or state government agency. Such training shall be graduated and based on the type of duties to be performed by the auxiliary police officers. Such training standards shall not apply to

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59 auxiliary police officers exempt pursuant to § 15.2-1731;

60 12. Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, agencies of the Commonwealth, other state  
61 and federal governmental agencies, and with universities, colleges, community colleges, and other  
62 institutions, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth, concerning the development of police  
63 training schools and programs or courses of instruction;

64 13. Approve institutions, curricula and facilities, whether located in or outside the Commonwealth,  
65 for school operation for the specific purpose of training law-enforcement officers; but this shall not  
66 prevent the holding of any such school whether approved or not;

67 14. Establish and maintain police training programs through such agencies and institutions as the  
68 Board deems appropriate;

69 15. Establish compulsory minimum qualifications of certification and recertification for instructors in  
70 criminal justice training schools approved by the Department;

71 16. Conduct and stimulate research by public and private agencies which shall be designed to  
72 improve police administration and law enforcement;

73 17. Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview pursuant to this chapter;

74 18. Coordinate its activities with those of any interstate system for the exchange of criminal history  
75 record information, nominate one or more of its members to serve upon the council or committee of any  
76 such system, and participate when and as deemed appropriate in any such system's activities and  
77 programs;

78 19. Conduct inquiries and investigations it deems appropriate to carry out its functions under this  
79 chapter and, in conducting such inquiries and investigations, may require any criminal justice agency to  
80 submit information, reports, and statistical data with respect to its policy and operation of information  
81 systems or with respect to its collection, storage, dissemination, and usage of criminal history record  
82 information and correctional status information, and such criminal justice agencies shall submit such  
83 information, reports, and data as are reasonably required;

84 20. Conduct audits as required by § 9.1-131;

85 21. Conduct a continuing study and review of questions of individual privacy and confidentiality of  
86 criminal history record information and correctional status information;

87 22. Advise criminal justice agencies and initiate educational programs for such agencies with respect  
88 to matters of privacy, confidentiality, and security as they pertain to criminal history record information  
89 and correctional status information;

90 23. Maintain a liaison with any board, commission, committee, or other body which may be  
91 established by law, executive order, or resolution to regulate the privacy and security of information  
92 collected by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof;

93 24. Adopt regulations establishing guidelines and standards for the collection, storage, and  
94 dissemination of criminal history record information and correctional status information, and the privacy,  
95 confidentiality, and security thereof necessary to implement state and federal statutes, regulations, and  
96 court orders;

97 25. Operate a statewide criminal justice research center, which shall maintain an integrated criminal  
98 justice information system, produce reports, provide technical assistance to state and local criminal  
99 justice data system users, and provide analysis and interpretation of criminal justice statistical  
100 information;

101 26. Develop a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan for strengthening and improving law  
102 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice throughout the Commonwealth, and periodically  
103 update that plan;

104 27. Cooperate with, and advise and assist, all agencies, departments, boards and institutions of the  
105 Commonwealth, and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, including planning  
106 district commissions, in planning, developing, and administering programs, projects, comprehensive  
107 plans, and other activities for improving law enforcement and the administration of criminal justice  
108 throughout the Commonwealth, including allocating and subgranting funds for these purposes;

109 28. Define, develop, organize, encourage, conduct, coordinate, and administer programs, projects and  
110 activities for the Commonwealth and units of general local government, or combinations thereof, in the  
111 Commonwealth, designed to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal  
112 justice at every level throughout the Commonwealth;

113 29. Review and evaluate programs, projects, and activities, and recommend, where necessary,  
114 revisions or alterations to such programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of improving law  
115 enforcement and the administration of criminal justice;

116 30. Coordinate the activities and projects of the state departments, agencies, and boards of the  
117 Commonwealth and of the units of general local government, or combination thereof, including planning  
118 district commissions, relating to the preparation, adoption, administration, and implementation of  
119 comprehensive plans to strengthen and improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal  
120 justice;

121 31. Do all things necessary on behalf of the Commonwealth and its units of general local  
122 government, to determine and secure benefits available under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
123 Streets Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-351, 82 Stat. 197), as amended, and under any other federal acts and  
124 programs for strengthening and improving law enforcement, the administration of criminal justice, and  
125 delinquency prevention and control;

126 32. Receive, administer, and expend all funds and other assistance available to the Board and the  
127 Department for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
128 Streets Act of 1968, as amended;

129 33. Apply for and accept grants from the United States government or any other source in carrying  
130 out the purposes of this chapter and accept any and all donations both real and personal, and grants of  
131 money from any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution, person, firm or  
132 corporation, and may receive, utilize and dispose of the same. Any arrangements pursuant to this section  
133 shall be detailed in the annual report of the Board. Such report shall include the identity of the donor,  
134 the nature of the transaction, and the conditions, if any. Any moneys received pursuant to this section  
135 shall be deposited in the state treasury to the account of the Department. To these ends, the Board shall  
136 have the power to comply with conditions and execute such agreements as may be necessary;

137 34. Make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of  
138 its duties and execution of its powers under this chapter, including but not limited to, contracts with the  
139 United States, units of general local government or combinations thereof, in Virginia or other states, and  
140 with agencies and departments of the Commonwealth;

141 35. Adopt and administer reasonable regulations for the planning and implementation of programs  
142 and activities and for the allocation, expenditure and subgranting of funds available to the  
143 Commonwealth and to units of general local government, and for carrying out the purposes of this  
144 chapter and the powers and duties set forth herein;

145 36. Certify and decertify law-enforcement officers in accordance with §§ 15.2-1706 and 15.2-1707;

146 37. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel in the  
147 handling of family abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases, including standards for  
148 determining the predominant physical aggressor in accordance with § 19.2-81.3. The Department shall  
149 provide technical support and assistance to law-enforcement agencies in carrying out the requirements  
150 set forth in § 9.1-1301 and shall by December 1, 2009, submit a report on the status of implementation  
151 of these requirements to the chairmen of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees;

152 38. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel in  
153 communicating with and facilitating the safe return of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;

154 39. Establish compulsory training standards for basic training and the recertification of  
155 law-enforcement officers to ensure sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for  
156 biased policing;

157 40. Review and evaluate community-policing programs in the Commonwealth, and recommend where  
158 necessary statewide operating procedures, guidelines, and standards which strengthen and improve such  
159 programs, including sensitivity to and awareness of cultural diversity and the potential for biased  
160 policing;

161 41. Publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline that may be used by state and local agencies  
162 to ensure that law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of cultural diversity and the  
163 potential for biased policing;

164 42. Establish a Virginia Law-Enforcement Accreditation Center. The Center may, in cooperation with  
165 Virginia law-enforcement agencies, provide technical assistance and administrative support, including  
166 staffing, for the establishment of voluntary state law-enforcement accreditation standards. The Center  
167 may provide accreditation assistance and training, resource material, and research into methods and  
168 procedures that will assist the Virginia law-enforcement community efforts to obtain Virginia  
169 accreditation status;

170 43. Promote community policing philosophy and practice throughout the Commonwealth by  
171 providing community policing training and technical assistance statewide to all law-enforcement  
172 agencies, community groups, public and private organizations and citizens; developing and distributing  
173 innovative policing curricula and training tools on general community policing philosophy and practice  
174 and contemporary critical issues facing Virginia communities; serving as a consultant to Virginia  
175 organizations with specific community policing needs; facilitating continued development and  
176 implementation of community policing programs statewide through discussion forums for community  
177 policing leaders, development of law-enforcement instructors; promoting a statewide community policing  
178 initiative; and serving as a statewide information source on the subject of community policing including,  
179 but not limited to periodic newsletters, a website and an accessible lending library;

180 44. Establish, in consultation with the Department of Education and the Virginia State Crime  
181 Commission, compulsory minimum standards for employment and job-entry and in-service training

182 curricula and certification requirements for school security officers, which training and certification shall  
183 be administered by the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety pursuant to § 9.1-184. Such  
184 training standards shall include, but shall not be limited to, the role and responsibility of school security  
185 officers, relevant state and federal laws, school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the  
186 school environment, mediation and conflict resolution, disaster and emergency response, and student  
187 behavioral dynamics. The Department shall establish an advisory committee consisting of local school  
188 board representatives, principals, superintendents, and school security personnel to assist in the  
189 development of these standards and certification requirements;

190 45. Establish training standards and publish a model policy and protocols for local and regional  
191 sexual assault response teams;

192 46. License and regulate property bail bondsmen and surety bail bondsmen in accordance with  
193 Article 11 (§ 9.1-185 et seq.);

194 47. License and regulate bail enforcement agents in accordance with Article 12 (§ 9.1-186 et seq.);

195 48. In conjunction with the Virginia State Police and the State Compensation Board, advise criminal  
196 justice agencies regarding the investigation, registration, and dissemination of information requirements  
197 as they pertain to the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Act (§ 9.1-900 et seq.);

198 49. Establish minimum standards for (i) employment, (ii) job-entry and in-service training curricula,  
199 and (iii) certification requirements for campus security officers. Such training standards shall include, but  
200 not be limited to, the role and responsibility of campus security officers, relevant state and federal laws,  
201 school and personal liability issues, security awareness in the campus environment, and disaster and  
202 emergency response. The Department shall provide technical support and assistance to campus police  
203 departments and campus security departments on the establishment and implementation of policies and  
204 procedures, including but not limited to: the management of such departments, investigatory procedures,  
205 judicial referrals, the establishment and management of databases for campus safety and security  
206 information sharing, and development of uniform record keeping for disciplinary records and statistics,  
207 such as campus crime logs, judicial referrals and Clery Act statistics. The Department shall establish an  
208 advisory committee consisting of college administrators, college police chiefs, college security  
209 department chiefs, and local law-enforcement officials to assist in the development of the standards and  
210 certification requirements and training pursuant to this subdivision;

211 50. Establish compulsory training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement  
212 personnel regarding death notification;

213 51. Assess and report, in accordance with § 9.1-190, the crisis intervention team programs established  
214 pursuant to § 9.1-187;

215 52. Establish, publish, and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel for  
216 questioning individuals suspected of driving while intoxicated concerning the physical location of that  
217 individual's last consumption of an alcoholic beverage and for communicating that information to the  
218 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board;

219 53. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel assigned  
220 to vehicle patrol duties that embody current best practices for pursuits and for responding to emergency  
221 calls;

222 54. Establish training standards and publish a model policy for law-enforcement personnel involved  
223 in criminal investigations that embody current best practices for conducting photographic and live  
224 lineups;

225 55. In conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, advise law-enforcement agencies and  
226 attorneys for the Commonwealth regarding the identification, investigation, and prosecution of human  
227 trafficking offenses using the common law and existing criminal statutes in the Code of Virginia. The  
228 Department shall publish and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel  
229 involved in criminal investigations or assigned to vehicle or street patrol duties to ensure that  
230 law-enforcement personnel are sensitive to and aware of human trafficking offenses and the  
231 identification of victims of human trafficking offenses;

232 56. Register tow truck drivers in accordance with § 46.2-116 and carry out the provisions of  
233 § 46.2-117; and

234 57. *Establish, publish, and disseminate a model policy or guideline for law-enforcement personnel*  
235 *that embodies current best practices for the implementation and operation of a body-worn camera*  
236 *system as defined in § 52-8.7; and*

237 58. Perform such other acts as may be necessary or convenient for the effective performance of its  
238 duties.

239 **§ 15.2-1609.10. Use of body-worn camera system.**

240 A. Any sheriff who employs 100 or more full-time or part-time deputies who are responsible for the  
241 prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the  
242 Commonwealth or the locality shall, no later than January 1, 2018, implement and operate a body-worn  
243 camera system as defined in § 52-8.7 in accordance with the model policy or guideline for such system

244 established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to subdivision 57 of § 9.1-102. The  
245 provisions of this subsection shall only apply to counties in which no police department has been  
246 established and the sheriff is the chief law-enforcement officer.

247 B. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a sheriff who is not required to implement and operate a  
248 body-worn camera system pursuant to subsection A from implementing and operating such a system,  
249 provided that such system is implemented and operated in accordance with the model policy or  
250 guideline for such system established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to  
251 subdivision 57 of § 9.1-102.

252 **§ 15.2-1704.1. Use of body-worn camera system.**

253 A. Any police force that employs 100 or more full-time or part-time officers who are responsible for  
254 the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of the  
255 Commonwealth or the locality shall, no later than January 1, 2018, implement and operate a body-worn  
256 camera system as defined in § 52-8.7 in accordance with the model policy or guideline for such system  
257 established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to subdivision 57 of § 9.1-102.

258 B. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a police force that is not required to implement and operate  
259 a body-worn camera system pursuant to subsection A from implementing and operating such a system,  
260 provided that such system is implemented and operated in accordance with the model policy or  
261 guideline for such system established by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to  
262 subdivision 57 of § 9.1-102.

263 **§ 52-8.7. Use of body-worn camera system.**

264 A. For purposes of this section, "body-worn camera system" means an electronic system for creating,  
265 generating, sending, receiving, storing, displaying, and processing audiovisual recordings, including  
266 cameras or other devices capable of creating such recordings, that may be worn about the person of a  
267 law-enforcement officer.

268 B. The Superintendent of State Police shall, no later than January 1, 2018, implement and operate a  
269 body-worn camera system in accordance with the model policy or guideline for such system established  
270 by the Department of Criminal Justice Services pursuant to subdivision 57 of § 9.1-102.