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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1095,
L.D. 1480, "An Act Regarding the Review of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force"

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. 25 MRSA c. 415 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 415

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

§3891. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Body-worn camera. "Body-worn camera" means an electronic camera system for creating, generating, sending, receiving, storing, displaying and processing audiovisual recordings that may be worn about the person of a law enforcement officer.

2. Department. "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

3. Law enforcement agency. "Law enforcement agency" means any county, municipal or other political unit of the State that employs law enforcement officers. "Law enforcement agency" does not include the State Police.

4. Law enforcement officer. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 3701, subsection 3.

§3892. Body-worn Camera Fund

1. Fund established. The Body-worn Camera Fund, referred to in this chapter as "the fund," is established within the department for the purpose specified in subsection 2 as a separate and distinct fund for accounting and budgetary reporting purposes.

2. Fund purpose. The fund is established for the purpose of providing funding in the form of grants to law enforcement agencies for the purchase of body-worn cameras and related equipment, storage and maintenance.

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3. Grants. The department shall provide grants from the fund to law enforcement agencies in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

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4. Separate accounts; annual reporting. A law enforcement agency that receives a grant from the fund shall maintain that money in a separate account and shall report by September 1st of each year to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services how the funds for the prior state fiscal year were directed to the purpose in subsection 2. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall by October 1st of each year compile the reports provided under this subsection and submit the information in a report to the Legislature.

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5. Rules. The department shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

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Body-worn Camera Fund N403

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Initiative: Provides one-time allocations from the local fiscal recovery funds authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP

2021-22

2022-23

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All Other

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000

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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment establishes the Body-worn Camera Fund within the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of providing grants to county and municipal law enforcement agencies and law enforcement agencies of other political units of the State, not including the State Police, for the purchase of body-worn cameras and related equipment, storage and maintenance. The amendment requires law enforcement agencies that receive a grant to submit a report regarding the grant to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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SPONSORED BY:

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(Representative HAGGAN, D.)

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TOWN: Hampden

CLERK NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)



Approved: 06/14/21 *MAC*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1480

LR 1574(04)

An Act Regarding the Review of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-634)
Sponsor: Rep. Haggan of Hampden
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment creates the Body-Worn Camera Fund within the Department of Public Safety and provides one-time allocations from the local fiscal recovery funds authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. These funds are to be used to provide grants to law enforcement agencies for body-worn cameras, equipment, storage and maintenance costs. Any additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to compile reports received from law enforcement agencies is expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing resources.