

HB1542



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB1542

Introduced , by Rep. Dan Ugaste

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Appropriates \$80,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board for deposit into the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Fund to assist units of local government in Illinois with full compliance with the mandates of the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act. Contains provisions on legislative findings. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented**
3 **in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) the laws the General Assembly creates can have
6 significant financial and other economic consequences, and the
7 enactment of Public Act 101-652 created very challenging
8 financial mandates upon all law enforcement agencies in the
9 State that are already burdened by budget constraints,
10 historical recruitment and retention issues, and deteriorating
11 morale;

12 (2) the changes made to the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn
13 Body Camera Act by Public Act 101-652 created a costly financial
14 mandate on local agencies through a phased requirement that all
15 law enforcement officers are to wear body cameras no later than
16 January 1, 2025 without providing enough financial assistance
17 to local governments to fund this costly mandate;

18 (3) without the financial commitment by the State to
19 shoulder the responsibility of these expensive mandates, the
20 burden will fall upon law enforcement agencies, local
21 governments, and the public, potentially in the form of
22 layoffs, property tax increases, and decreased local government
23 services, which could lead to a reduction in public safety; and

1 (4) the General Assembly should fund the policies and
2 mandates it imposes and should provide an annual appropriation
3 in an amount sufficient to finance the mandate of changes to
4 the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act under Public
5 Act 101-652.

6 Section 5. The amount of \$80,000,000, or so much thereof
7 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
8 Fund to the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board for
9 deposit into the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Fund to assist
10 units of local government in Illinois with full compliance with
11 the mandates of the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera
12 Act.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.