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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a body worn camera grant program;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 36.28A RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
7 specific purpose, the Washington association of sheriffs and police
8 chiefs shall develop and implement a body worn camera grant program.
9 The purpose of the program is to assist law enforcement agencies to
10 establish and expand body worn camera programs.

11 (2) Grants may be used by law enforcement agencies for: (a) The
12 initial purchase, maintenance, and replacement of body worn cameras;
13 (b) ongoing costs related to the maintenance and storage of data
14 recorded by body worn cameras; (c) costs associated with public
15 records requests for body worn camera footage; and (d) hiring of
16 personnel necessary to operate a body worn camera program.

17 (3) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
18 shall develop and implement a grant application process and review
19 applications from agencies based on locally developed proposals to
20 establish or expand body worn camera programs.

21 (4) Law enforcement agencies that are awarded grants must:

1 (a) Comply with the provisions of chapter 10.109 RCW;
2 (b) Demonstrate the ability to redact body worn camera footage
3 consistent with RCW 42.56.240 and other applicable provisions;
4 (c) Provide training to officers who will wear body worn cameras
5 and other personnel associated with implementation of the body worn
6 camera program; and
7 (d) Agree to comply with any data collection and reporting
8 requirements that are established by the Washington association of
9 sheriffs and police chiefs.
10 (5) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs must
11 submit an annual report regarding the grant program to the governor
12 and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1st of each
13 year the program is funded. The report must be submitted in
14 compliance with RCW 43.01.036.
15 (6) Nothing in this section prohibits the Washington association
16 of sheriffs and police chiefs from soliciting or accepting private
17 funds to support the program created in this section.
18 (7) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to create an
19 obligation to continue any body worn camera program or policy beyond
20 the period covered by the grant.

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