Senate Judiciary Committee Bill # 1

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Senators Goldstein, Kasperski, Lodge, and Woodlee introduce the following bill

 **A BILL**

 To mandate use of police body cameras

 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

***Sec 1*** The goal of this bill is to limit the risk of police corruption and tampering as well as privacy invasion by use of police body cameras. This bill will make officers require a search warrant to enter a home or view private property with a camera because cameras must be worn and on at all times. Also, a summary of each film must be posted on the police database, but in order to view these films, a citizen must write a summary to the station in custody of it.

***Sec 2*****Body cameras** are defined as devices currently used by many police officials to film their day to day encounters with the public to be used as evidence in court.

**Privacy** is defined as freedom from damaging publicity, public scrutiny, secret surveillance,or unauthorized disclosure of one’s personal data or information, as by a government, corporation, or individual. Ordinary citizens have a qualified **right to privacy.**

**Corruption** is defined as to be tampered with,false,or inaccurately portrayed.

**Private Property** is the land and or belongings owned by a person or group and kept for their exclusive use that is not property of the government.

**Public** is defined as the resource can easily be viewed by anyone who is a citizen of the U.S.A.

***Sec 3***A **Search Warrant** is a legal document allowing a police officer or other officials to enter and search a premises. In this case an additional search warrant is required for search and seizure while using a camera and a camera must be used so this is a required warrant for every case.

A **Summary** is defined as a brief statement of the main points of something that includes facts and you're account of an event.

A **Violation** is defined as the act of breaking or failing to follow a rule or formal agreement .

***Sec 4***There will be no one that will be exempted from our bill because otherwise corruption can happen. But if a film contains situations involving the death of a person, a dead body, nudity, or the identity of individuals under the age of 16 it can only be viewed in the courtroom and it can not be viewed by the public. Only summaries may be posted. Also, if the individual in the video is over 18 and their are no other violations of privacy the individual can decide whether the video can be viewed by the public.

***Sec 5*** The bill will be implemented and enforced through local police stations as well as state and local courts.

***Sec 6*** Funding will be from State Department of Justice. Each state will have to contribute $2,189,010 to pay for the cameras. Citizens should pay about $0.34 for the cameras and $1.14 in fees so a family should pay about $1.48 in the first year but $1.14 for the following years that we will use them.

***Sec 7***Violation of this law will result in a fine of $450 for a first offense, as well as his/her police station and the lawyers and their firm who try to use this evidence. Second violation it is up to the jury whether the perpetrator must pay a fine of  **over** **$500** or if the perpetrator will go to jail for 2 years or less instead.

***Sec 8*** Law will take effect six months from enactment.