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SB-973

AN ACT PERMITTING REDACTION FEES FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS CREATED BY POLICE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT OR DASHBOARD CAMERAS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various State Agencies <sup>1</sup>	Various - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: Various=Various

### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Municipal Police Departments	Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

## ***Explanation***

The bill results in a potential revenue gain to various state agencies<sup>1</sup> and municipal police departments by allowing such agencies, under certain circumstances, to charge a redaction fee for any body-worn or dashboard camera recordings requiring redaction prior to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Such agencies may charge up to \$100 per hour of the requested recording's actual duration.

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<sup>1</sup> These agencies include, but are not limited to, the Connecticut State Police, the University of Connecticut Police Department, the police departments of the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Police, and the Environmental Conservation Police in the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of requested records eligible for redaction fees.