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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to law enforcement; establishing a task force on body camera
1.3 implementation; enacting a moratorium on body camera use until the work of the
1.4 task force is complete.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON BODY CAMERA IMPLEMENTATION;**
1.7 **MORATORIUM ON USE.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. Task force established; duties. (a) A task force on law enforcement
1.9 body camera implementation is established. For purposes of this section, "body camera"
1.10 means a device worn by a peace officer that is capable of electronically capturing a
1.11 video record of the officer's activities and interactions with the general public, or with an
1.12 individual or group of individuals, for purposes of conducting an investigation, responding
1.13 to an incident or request for service, monitoring or maintaining public order and safety, or
1.14 engaging in any other law enforcement function authorized by law.

1.15 (b) The task force shall study and make recommendations on the implementation
1.16 and use of body cameras by peace officers, including but not limited to development of
1.17 best practices guidelines for use, the public accessibility of body camera recordings, and
1.18 schedules for retention of the recordings by law enforcement agencies.

1.19 Subd. 2. Membership. The task force shall consist of the following members:

1.20 (1) two members of the house of representatives; one, appointed by the speaker of
1.21 the house, who shall also serve as chair of the task force; and the other appointed by
1.22 the minority leader;

2.1 (2) two members of the senate, one representing the majority party and the other
 2.2 representing the minority party, appointed by the senate Subcommittee on Committees of
 2.3 the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration;

2.4 (3) a prosecutor, selected by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association;

2.5 (4) a sheriff, selected by the Minnesota Sheriffs Association;

2.6 (5) a peace officer with experience using a body camera, selected by the Minnesota
 2.7 Police and Peace Officers Association;

2.8 (6) the chair of the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, or
 2.9 the chair's designee;

2.10 (7) the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota;

2.11 (8) the state public defender or a designee;

2.12 (9) a member of the public who is a victim's rights advocate, appointed by the
 2.13 governor; and

2.14 (10) a member of the public with expertise in data practices and privacy issues,
 2.15 selected by the Minnesota Coalition on Government Information.

2.16 Subd. 3. **Appointments; first meeting; expense reimbursement.** (a) Members of
 2.17 the task force required to be appointed by subdivision 2 must be appointed no later than June
 2.18 15, 2015. The chair shall convene the first meeting no later than July 1, 2015. Legislative
 2.19 staff must provide research and administrative assistance to the task force, as requested.

2.20 (b) Except where otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of section
 2.21 15.059, subdivision 6, apply to the task force.

2.22 Subd. 4. **Moratorium on body camera use; implementation of recommendations.**
 2.23 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a law enforcement agency may not purchase
 2.24 or employ a body camera device system, and any law enforcement agency that has
 2.25 employed body camera devices before the effective date of this section must suspend
 2.26 operations and use of the devices, until July 1, 2016.

2.27 (b) Unless otherwise directed by law, a law enforcement agency must prioritize
 2.28 the recommendations of the task force in developing policies and procedures related to
 2.29 implementation and use of body camera devices by the agency.

2.30 Subd. 5. **Report to legislature; expiration.** (a) No later than February 1, 2016,
 2.31 the task force must submit a report to the committees of the house of representatives
 2.32 and senate with jurisdiction over data practices, public safety, and judicial issues. The
 2.33 report shall describe the work and recommendations of the task force, and include draft
 2.34 legislation to implement its recommendations, if appropriate.

2.35 (b) The task force expires upon submission of the report required in paragraph (a).

2.36 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.