

1       Sec. X. CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS; BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY  
2                   AND DEPLOYMENT

3           (a) Deployment. The Department of Corrections shall not deploy body-  
4           worn cameras until it adopts a policy on their use, including the storage and  
5           retention of records, and trains its staff in accordance with the policy.

6           (b) Policy development. In developing the policy as required by this  
7           section, the Department shall consider the implications of:

8                   (1) the offender programming it provides;

9                   (2) the collective bargaining agreement it operates under; and

10                  (3) consult with the Vermont Criminal Justice Council, the America  
11                  Civil Liberties Union, the Prisoner’s Rights Office, the Human Rights  
12                  Commission, the Vermont State Employees’ Association, statewide groups  
13                  representing individuals with lived experience of incarceration, and any other  
14                  stakeholder group as determined by the Department.

15           (c) Reports.

16                  (1) The Department shall provide a progress report to the Joint  
17                  Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on or before September 15, 2021 on  
18                  the status of the policy development.

19                  (2) On or before January 15, 2022, the Department shall present to the  
20                  House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on

1     Judiciary, and the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations  
2     it's policy regarding the use of body-worn cameras for correctional officers.  
3         (d) Funding. The Department shall identify the on-going cost and funding  
4     source for the use of body-worn cameras, including training, data storage and  
5     redaction and report these findings to the Joint Fiscal and the Joint Justice  
6     Oversight Committees on or before September 15, 2021. The Department  
7     shall provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations  
8     on or before February 15, 2022 on the status of its deployment of body-worn  
9     cameras for correctional officers.