Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 18

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning law enforcement; relating to audio and video recordings; confidential and exempt from open records act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Every audio and video recording made and retained by law enforcement using a body camera or vehicle camera shall be confidential and exempt from the open records act in accordance with K.S.A. 45-221, and amendments thereto. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2020, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2020.

- (b) A person described in subsection (c) may request to listen to an audio recording or to view a video recording made by a body camera or vehicle camera. The law enforcement agency shall provide the person a viewing of the requested recording and may charge a reasonable fee for the viewing services provided by the law enforcement agency.
 - (c) Any of the following may make a request under subsection (b):
 - (1) A person who is a subject of the recording;
- (2) a parent or legal guardian of a person under 18 years of age who is a subject of the recording; and
 - (3) an attorney for a person described in subsection (c)(1) or (c)(2).
- 22 (d) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Body camera" means a device that is worn by a law enforcement officer that electronically records audio and video of such officer's activities.
 - (2) "Vehicle camera" means a device that is attached to a law enforcement vehicle that electronically records audio and video of law enforcement officers' activities.
 - Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.