

HR 3944

Police CAMERA Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. (Oct 4, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

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Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Oct 4, 2017
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 15, 2018
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 23, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 4, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1918	Identical bill	Oct 4, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Oct 4, 2017)

Police Creating Accountability by Making Effective Recording Available Act of 2017 or the Police CAMERA Act of 2017

This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to make grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes to purchase or lease body-worn cameras and to implement body-worn camera programs.

A state, local government, or Indian tribe that receives a grant must comply with certain requirements, including to establish policies and procedures for the use of body-worn cameras and to adopt recorded data collection and retention protocols.

The BJA must establish and maintain a toolkit to provide training and technical assistance, including best practices for implementation, model policies and procedures, and research materials.

The BJA must also study and report to Congress on the efficacy, impact, and effect of using body-worn cameras.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 4, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1322)
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Oct 4, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.