

HR 531

ICE and CBP Body Camera Accountability Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

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Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 28, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2021)

ICE and CBP Body Camera Accountability Act

This bill requires U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents and officers to wear body cameras when engaged in official operations.

Such agents and officers shall turn on their cameras for the duration of each shift. The footage shall be available to each party in any administrative proceeding, civil action, or criminal proceeding where such footage is pertinent.

An agent or officer whose camera does not record footage during a shift shall be subject to furlough, reduction in pay or grade, or suspension. When a camera does not record during a shift, the Department of Homeland Security may not determine that the camera malfunctioned unless the agent or officer submits evidence to establish that a malfunction occurred.

ICE and CBP shall establish policies and procedures regarding use of the cameras and for carrying out adverse actions related to a failure to record footage.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.