

HB 1236-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL

1236-FN

AN ACT relative to the use of body-worn cameras in county departments of corrections.

SPONSORS: Rep. Scherr, Rock. 26

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a county department of corrections to utilize body-worn cameras in carrying out its functions both within and outside a correctional facility.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to the use of body-worn cameras in county departments of corrections.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; County Department of Corrections; Body-worn Cameras. Amend RSA 30-B:1 by
2 inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3 IV. A county is authorized to utilize body-worn cameras pursuant to RSA 105-D in carrying
4 out its functions both within and outside a correctional facility.

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

**HB 1236-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to recordings of custodial interrogations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable		
Funding Source(s)	General Fund, Highway Fund, and Various Agency Funds			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable		
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, effective January 1, 2027, requires custodial interrogations to be recorded and precludes admissibility of unrecorded custodial interrogations in criminal or juvenile matters, absent a reasonable justification. Based on information provided by the Department of Safety, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association, there may be costs at all levels (state, local, and county) for law enforcement agencies to adequately record all custodial interrogations. Potential costs include equipment, information technology, and training. Potential costs would vary by agency, depending on the policies they currently have in place.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety, Department of Corrections, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association

