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# H. R. 7626

To direct the Attorney General to establish a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of body-worn camera continuous training programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LAWRENCE (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To direct the Attorney General to establish a pilot program to determine the effectiveness of body-worn camera continuous training programs.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5               (1) Although several studies have found signifi-  
6       cant improvements in police-citizen encounters fol-  
7       lowing the implementation of body-worn cameras a  
8       recent meta-analysis of the available research lit-  
9       erature found that overall, the use of body-worn

1 cameras had no statistically significant impact on of-  
2 ficers' use of force.

3 (2) Evidence suggests that one barrier to con-  
4 tinuous quality improvement through use of body-  
5 worn cameras is lack of monitoring or a structured  
6 system of accountability. Body-worn camera footage  
7 appears to be used for other purposes, such as con-  
8 firming the details of events for reports, rather than  
9 quality improvement efforts.

10 (3) Preliminary evidence from health care set-  
11 tings suggests that body-worn cameras can have sig-  
12 nificant effects on behavior if they are used for the  
13 purpose of continuous quality improvement and feed-  
14 back is provided.

15 (4) Researchers have suggested that the imple-  
16 mentation of the health care model may show similar  
17 positive outcomes in police accountability.

18 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR BODY-WORN CAMERA CON-**  
19 **TINUOUS TRAINING.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Attorney  
21 General is authorized to establish a pilot program to deter-  
22 mine the effectiveness of body-worn camera continuous  
23 training programs in improving policing, including com-  
24 munity relations with law enforcement.

25 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is au-  
2           thorized to award grants to States and units of local  
3           government (as such terms are defined in section  
4           901 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets  
5           Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251)) to assist in carrying  
6           out body-worn camera continuous training programs.

7           (2) DURATION.—The Attorney General shall  
8           award grants under this section for a period not to  
9           exceed 3 years.

10          (3) APPLICATION.—

11                (A) IN GENERAL.—The head of a jurisdic-  
12                tion seeking a grant under this section shall  
13                submit an application to the Attorney General  
14                at such time, in such manner, and accompanied  
15                by such information as the Attorney General  
16                may reasonably require.

17                (B) CONTENTS.—Each application sub-  
18                mitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall—

19                       (i) describe the activities for which as-  
20                       sistance under this section is sought; and

21                       (ii) provide such additional assurances  
22                       as the Attorney General determines to be  
23                       essential to ensure compliance with the re-  
24                       quirements of this section.

1       (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated \$X for each of the fiscal  
3 years 2022 through 2025 to carry out this section.

4       (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
5 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall sub-  
6 mit to Congress a report on the pilot program carried out  
7 under this section.

8       (e) BODY-WORN CAMERA CONTINUOUS TRAINING  
9 PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “body-worn  
10 camera continuous training program” means a training  
11 program carried out by a law enforcement agency, on an  
12 ongoing basis, that includes a supervisor conducting a re-  
13 view of a law enforcement officer’s body-worn camera foot-  
14 age with that law enforcement officer, in order to improve  
15 policing, including community relations with law enforce-  
16 ment.

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