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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Knight, Henries, and Filippi

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-7.3 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Public Safety"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-7.3-11. Statewide storage of body camera footage.**

4 (a) The department of public safety is hereby authorized to provide for the retention of
5 body camera footage of all cities and towns where body cameras are in use by municipal police
6 officers.

7 (b) The superintendent of the state police is authorized to provide the physical location for
8 the storage of the body camera footage, the design of a retrieval system of the footage and the
9 employment of the necessary personnel for its operation.

10 (c) Storage and retrieval of the footage shall be maintained in accordance with rules and
11 regulations adopted from time to time by the superintendent of the state police.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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3 police officers.

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