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Senate Bill 176

Revises provisions relating to public safety.

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Thank you, (Mr./Madam) President. I would like to urge my colleagues to support the passage of Senate Bill 176, which expands to all law enforcement agencies the requirement that certain peace officers wear body cameras while on duty. The bill also requires that these video recordings be retained by the law enforcement agency for at least 15 days. The bill expands to all counties the authority to impose a surcharge to enhance the county's 9-1-1 phone system, and to purchase and maintain body cameras and vehicular event recording devices.

The maximum surcharge that may be imposed by a county commission is increased from 25 cents to \$1 per month for each access line to the local exchange of a telecommunications provider. Body cameras bring transparency and accountability to interactions between law enforcement and the community. Even the mere presence of the cameras may deter escalation of dangerous behavior during public and police interactions.