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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require, on an emergency basis, Metropolitan Police Department officers to document identifying information for all law enforcement officers present at the scene of an arrest and any use of force in arrest reports and probable cause affidavits; and to amend the Body-Worn Camera Regulation and Reporting Requirements Act of 2015 to require body camera footage transparency in use-of-force events.

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46 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
47 act may be cited as the “Full Accountability in Arrest Reporting Emergency Amendment Act of
48 2026”.

49 Sec. 2. Arrest report and probable cause affidavit transparency requirements.

50 (a) Following an arrest, a member of the Metropolitan Police Department shall include the
51 following information, to the extent known at the time, in documentation supporting the arrest,
52 including a probable cause affidavit:

53 (1) The name, badge number or other identifying number, and employing agency
54 of each law enforcement officer present at the scene;

55 (2) Whether any law enforcement officer present at the scene used force during the
56 arrest, and if so, a description of the force used; and

57 (3) The number of unidentified law enforcement officers at the scene and whether
58 any law enforcement officer declined to disclose their identity.

59 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose any legal obligation on any law
60 enforcement officer other than a member of the Metropolitan Police Department.

61 (c) For the purposes of this section, the term:

62 (1) “Law enforcement officer” means any sworn member of the Metropolitan
63 Police Department or any law enforcement officer, including federal officers, acting .

64 (2) “Probable cause affidavit” means any affidavit prepared by a member of the
65 Metropolitan Police Department to establish probable cause following a warrantless arrest.

66 Sec. 3. Section 3004 of the Body-Worn Camera Regulation and Reporting Requirements
67 Act of 2015, effective October 22, 2015 (D.C. Law 21-36; D.C. Official Code 5-116.33); is
68 amended as follows:

69 (a) Subsection (c) is amended by adding a new paragraph (2A) to read as follows:

70 “(2A)(A) Within 5 business days after an incident in which a federal law
71 enforcement officer commits a serious use of force against an individual in the presence of one
72 or more members of the Metropolitan Police Department, and the incident is captured in whole
73 or in part on a body-worn camera recording made by a member of the Metropolitan Police
74 Department, the Mayor shall publicly release:

75 “(i) The body-worn camera recordings of all Metropolitan Police
76 Department members whose cameras recorded any portion of the incident; and

77 “(ii) A description of the incident.

78 “(B) A release made pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall
79 be subject to the consent provisions in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

80 (b) Subsection (g) is amended as follows:

81 (1) Paragraph (1) is re-designated as paragraph (1A).

82 (2) A new paragraph (1) is added to read as follows:

83 “(1) “Federal law enforcement officer” means an officer, agent, or employee of the
84 United States, or of any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, who is
85 empowered by law to make arrests, conduct investigations, or carry firearms in the performance
86 of law enforcement duties.”.

87 (3) Paragraph (3) is amended by adding a new subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

88 “(E) Conduct covered by subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this paragraph
89 when carried out by a federal law enforcement officer and, in the case of subparagraph (D) of this
90 paragraph, conduct occasioned by a canine under the control of a federal law enforcement officer.”.

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92 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

93 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
94 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
95 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

96 Sec. 5. Effective date.

97 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
98 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
99 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
100 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
101 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).