

# Action Items

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## **Criminal Justice: Police Body Worn Camera Exemptions**

During CML's October policy committee meeting, staff were asked to explore the possibility of CML initiated legislation which would add language to establish two exemptions to the Body Worn Camera (BWC) statute. The bill would clarify two situations in which peace officers would not need to turn on their BWCs. One exception allows officers to turn off BWC in a facility where there is another audio and/or video recording system in place such as interrogation rooms, and during recorded phone calls. The other exception would be to clarify that officers and civilians working in an administrative staff role or function do not need to activate a BWC. These changes are intended to avoid redundant or unnecessary storage of police BWC footage for purposes of efficiency in recording and storage, especially where there is another audio and/or video recording system in place. The language of the bill, and the bill title will be very narrowly constructed to address the issues raised, without risking other issues encroaching on the bill. **Request: CML-initiated legislation.** *Lobbyist: Jeremy Schupbach*

**Policy Statement:** *The League supports ensuring that municipal governments retain flexibility in implementing federal and state criminal justice programs, and opposes undue burdens placed upon municipalities to report or provide municipal records to the public, state, or federal government.*