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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Hicks-Hudson

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### SUMMARY

- Prohibits a law enforcement agency from charging a fee for preparing or producing a video public record for a person known or presumed to be depicted in the video.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Video public records

The bill prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency from charging a fee for preparing a video record for inspection or production when the requester of the video record is an individual known or presumed to be depicted in the video, or a representative, spouse, parent, or child, of that individual.<sup>1</sup>

Current law authorizes a law enforcement agency to charge a requester to prepare a video record for inspection, or to produce a copy of the record. The agency may determine the actual costs including all costs incurred in reviewing, blurring or otherwise obscuring, redacting, uploading, or producing the video records, including but not limited to the storage medium on which the record is produced, staff time, and any other relevant overhead necessary to comply with the request. The agency may charge the actual cost associated with preparing a video record for inspection or production, not to exceed \$75 per hour of video produced, nor \$750 total. Under continuing law, an agency may charge such fees to individuals not exempted by the bill.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 149.43(B)(11).

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## HISTORY

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