



MANSFIELD DIVISION OF POLICE

[Breakdown of House Bill 315 \(2025\)](#)

State or local law enforcement agency video public records (R.C. 149.43)

- Authorizes a state or local law enforcement agency to include in its public records policy the requirement that a requester pay the **estimated actual cost** before beginning the process of preparing a video record for inspection or production. [Ohio Legislature](#)
- Specifies that the state or local law enforcement agency may charge the **actual cost**, not to exceed **\$75 per hour of video produced, nor \$750 total**. [Ohio Legislature](#)

So the law, as passed, inserts or amends R.C. 149.43 to include a new subsection (or to modify an existing one) authorizing these fee-rules for law enforcement video records.

From legal commentary/analysis of the enrolled bill:

- The term “**actual cost**” is defined broadly to include:
 - Reviewing the video,
 - **Blurring or otherwise obscuring** content,
 - Redacting,
 - Uploading or producing the video file,
 - Costs of the storage medium on which the record is produced,
 - Staff time, and
 - Any other relevant overhead necessary for compliance. [Roetzel & Andress](#)
- The agency may require the requester to pay the **estimated actual cost up front**, before beginning the review/processing. [Roetzel & Andress](#)
- The agency must provide the estimate within **five business days** of receiving the request, if it intends to charge such a fee. [Roetzel & Andress](#)
- If the **actual cost exceeds the estimate**, the agency may charge the requester the additional amount, but **only up to 20% more** than the estimate (i.e., the “overrun” is capped). [Roetzel & Andress](#)
- The fee scheme is **optional** — the law does *not* require every law enforcement agency to charge; it allows them to adopt this in their public records policy. [Roetzel & Andress+2Ohio Capital Journal+2](#)
- The effective date of these video-record provisions is **April 2, 2025**. [Roetzel & Andress](#)