AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DISCLOSE OR RELEASE RECORDINGS FOR PURPOSES OF SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION OR APPREHENSION OR TO LOCATE A MISSING OR ABDUCTED PERSON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 132-1.4A(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) Release of Recordings; Law Enforcement Purposes. – Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (c), (f), and (g) of this section, a custodial law enforcement agency shall disclose or release a recording to a district attorney (i) for review of potential criminal charges, (ii) in order to comply with discovery requirements in a criminal prosecution, (iii) for use in criminal proceedings in district court, or (iv) for any other law enforcement purpose, and may disclose or release a recording for any of the following purposes:

(1) For law enforcement training purposes.
(2) Within the custodial law enforcement agency for any administrative, training, or law enforcement purpose.
(3) To another law enforcement agency for law enforcement purposes.
(4) For suspect identification or apprehension.
(5) To locate a missing or abducted person."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of June, 2019.

s/ Bill Rabon
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Sarah Stevens
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 1:30 p.m. this 26th day of June, 2019