

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 148**

Short Title: Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator D. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO HAVE SOLE  
3 DISCRETION TO RELEASE RECORDINGS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUSPECT  
4 IDENTIFICATION OR APPREHENSION AND FOR NONCRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE  
5 PURPOSES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

- 14 (1) For law enforcement training purposes.  
15 (2) Within the custodial law enforcement agency for any administrative, training,  
16 or law enforcement purpose.  
17 (3) To another law enforcement agency for law enforcement purposes.  
18 (4) For the purpose of suspect identification or apprehension.  
19 (5) For noncriminal investigative purposes such as community-oriented publicity  
20 or goodwill."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

