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SENATE BILL 148
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 4/11/19

Short Title: Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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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 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 suspect identification or apprehension.
19 (5) To locate a missing or abducted person."

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

