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SENATE BILL 148  
Judiciary Committee Substitute Adopted 4/11/19  
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/5/19

Short Title: Public Records/Release of LEO Recordings.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 27, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DISCLOSE OR RELEASE  
3 RECORDINGS FOR PURPOSES OF SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION OR  
4 APPREHENSION OR TO LOCATE A MISSING OR ABDUCTED PERSON.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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



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