

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019**

**SESSION LAW 2019-48
SENATE BILL 148**

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

