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**HOUSE BILL 713  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/22/15**

Short Title: Body & Dash Cam Recording/Public Access.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO RELEASE TO THE  
3 PUBLIC RECORDINGS CAPTURED BY BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND IN-CAR  
4 CAMERAS UTILIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(1) "Records of criminal investigations" means all records or any information  
8 that pertains to a person or group of persons that is compiled by public law  
9 enforcement agencies for the purpose of attempting to prevent or solve  
10 violations of the law, including information derived from witnesses,  
11 laboratory tests, surveillance, body-worn and in-car cameras, investigators,  
12 confidential informants, photographs, and measurements. The term also  
13 includes any records, worksheets, reports, or analyses prepared or conducted  
14 by the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory at the request of any public  
15 law enforcement agency in connection with a criminal investigation."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 132-1.4 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 "(g1) A person seeking an order under subsection (a) of this section to inspect, examine,  
18 or obtain a copy of audio, video, or audio and video recordings captured by a law enforcement  
19 officer's body-worn camera or in-car camera must state the date and approximate time of the  
20 incident or encounter captured by the body-worn camera or in-car camera or otherwise identify  
21 the incident or encounter with reasonable particularity. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
22 State law regulating or prohibiting access to employee personnel records, a law enforcement  
23 agency may release recordings captured by a law enforcement officer's body-worn camera or  
24 in-car camera without the consent of the law enforcement officer whose actions, visual or  
25 audible, are captured on the recordings. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as (i)  
26 requiring a law enforcement agency to allow inspection, examination, or release of audio,  
27 video, or audio and video recordings captured by a law enforcement officer's body-worn  
28 camera or in-car camera or (ii) superseding federal law that authorizes or prohibits access to  
29 recordings subject to this subsection."

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

