
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2326

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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Sterk, Bush, Van Luven, Dunn and Sheahan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to law enforcement personnel records and internal
2 affairs files; and adding a new chapter to Title 5 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) In a civil or criminal action in which
5 all or a part of a record or file identified in subsection (2) of this
6 section is offered as evidence, the court may not allow introduction of
7 the offered material without a prior in camera review of the relevancy
8 of the material.

9 (2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to the internal affairs
10 files and personnel records of a limited or general authority
11 Washington law enforcement agency, as defined in RCW 10.93.020.

12 (3) This section does not apply to a record or file pertaining to
13 a law enforcement officer who is a party to the civil or criminal
14 action.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new
16 chapter in Title 5 RCW.

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