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By Representatives Cairnes, O'Brien, Koster, D. Schmidt, Thomas, Lovick, Schoesler, Dunn, Lambert and Delvin

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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:

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

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

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

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