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HOUSE BILL DRH30148-LM-70 (03/14)

Short Title: Charlotte CRB/Issue Subpoena. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative R. Moore.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARLOTTE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD TO SUBPOENA
3 WITNESSES AND COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-168(c), as amended by Section 3 of S.L. 1997-305, reads
6 as rewritten:

7 "(c) All information contained in a city employee's personnel file, other than the
8 information made public by subsection (b) of this section, is confidential and shall be open to
9 inspection only in the following instances:

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11 (8) In order to facilitate citizen review of the police disciplinary process, the city
12 manager or the chief of police, or their designees, may release the
13 disposition of disciplinary charges against a police officer and the facts
14 relied upon in determining the disposition to the person alleged to have been
15 aggrieved by the officer's actions or to that person's survivor and to members
16 of the citizens' review board. Board members shall maintain as confidential
17 all personnel information to which they gain access as a member of the
18 Board. Each member of the Board shall execute and adhere to a
19 Confidentiality Agreement that is satisfactory to the City. For purposes of
20 this subdivision, the 'disposition of disciplinary charges' includes
21 determinations that the charges are sustained, not sustained, unfounded,
22 exonerated, classified as an information file, or classified as any other
23 disciplinary disposition category subsequently adopted by the
24 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. In the event that the citizens'
25 review board hears an appeal of a police disciplinary case, the disposition of
26 the case, as defined in this subdivision, as well as the facts and
27 circumstances of the case, may be released by the city manager or the chief
28 of police, or their designees, to any person whose presence is necessary to
29 the appeals hearing as determined by the chief of police or his designee. In
30 the conduct of evidentiary fact-finding proceedings, any of the following
31 may subpoena witnesses and compel the production of evidence: (i) the
32 chair; (ii) the vice-chair when acting in the absence of the chair; and (iii) a
33 majority of the members of the Board. If a person fails or refuses to obey a
34 subpoena issued pursuant to this subdivision, the Board may apply to the
35 General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, for an order requiring



1 that the subpoena be obeyed, and the court shall have jurisdiction to issue
2 the order after notice to all parties.

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4 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to the City of Charlotte only.

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