1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE
5	BILL NO. 457 By: Dahm, Hamilton and Bergstrom of the Senate
6	and
7	O'Donnell of the House
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11	[Oklahoma Open Records Act - requiring disclosure of
12	recordings from certain law enforecement equipment -
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14	emergency]
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
19	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2011, Section 24A.8, as
20	last amended by Section 2, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 2015 (51 O.S. Supp.
21	2020, Section 24A.8), is amended to read as follows:
22	Section 24A.8. A. Law enforcement agencies shall make
23	available for public inspection and copying, if kept, the following
	records:

An arrestee description, including the name, date of birth,
 address, race, sex, physical description, and occupation of the
 arrestee;

4 2. Facts concerning the arrest, including the cause of arrest
5 and the name of the arresting officer;

3. A chronological list of all incidents, including initial
offense report information showing the offense, date, time, general
location, officer, and a brief summary of what occurred;

9 4. Radio logs, including a chronological listing of the calls
10 dispatched;

11 5. Conviction information, including the name of any person 12 convicted of a criminal offense;

13 6. Disposition of all warrants, including orders signed by a
14 judge of any court commanding a law enforcement officer to arrest a
15 particular person;

16 7. A crime summary, including an agency summary of crimes 17 reported and public calls for service by classification or nature 18 and number;

19 8. Jail registers, including jail blotter data or jail booking 20 information recorded on persons at the time of incarceration showing 21 the name of each prisoner with the date and cause of commitment, the 22 authority committing the prisoner, whether committed for a criminal 23 offense, a description of the prisoner, and the date or manner of 24 discharge or escape of the prisoner;

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1	9. Audio and video recordings from recording equipment attached
2	to law enforcement vehicles or <u>unmanned aircraft as defined in</u>
3	Section 322 of Title 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes, associated audio
4	recordings from recording equipment on the person of a law
5	enforcement officer or audio and video recordings from any other
6	source used by a law enforcement agency; provided, the law
7	enforcement agency may, before releasing any audio or video
8	recording provided for in this paragraph, redact or obscure specific
9	portions of the recording which:
10	a. depict the death of a person or a dead body, unless
11	the death was effected by a law enforcement officer,
12	b. depict nudity,
13	c. would identify minors under the age of sixteen (16)
14	years or would undermine any requirement to keep
15	certain juvenile records confidential as provided for
16	in Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes,
17	d. depict acts of severe violence resulting in great
18	bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title
19	47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, against persons that are
20	clearly visible, unless the act of severe violence was
21	effected by a law enforcement officer,
22	e. depict great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-
23	904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, unless the
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- 1 great bodily injury was effected by a law enforcement
 2 officer,
 - f. include personal medical information that is not already public,
- g. would undermine the assertion of a privilege provided
 in Section 1-109 or Section 3-428 of Title 43A of the
 Oklahoma Statutes for detention or transportation for
 mental health evaluation or treatment or drug or
 alcohol detoxification purposes,
- h. include personal information other than the name or
 license plate number of a person not arrested, cited,
 charged or issued a written warning. Such personal
 information shall include any government-issued
 identification number, date of birth, address or
 financial information, or
- reveal the identity of law enforcement officers who 16 i. have become subject to internal investigation by the 17 law enforcement agency as a result of an event 18 depicted in the recording. The option to protect the 19 identity of a law enforcement officer shall not be 20 available to the law enforcement agency after the law 21 enforcement agency has concluded the investigation and 22 rendered a decision as to final disciplinary action. 23 At such time when an investigation has concluded and 24

1 the law enforcement agency has rendered its decision as to final disciplinary action, the portions of the 2 3 recordings previously withheld as provided for in this subparagraph shall be available for public inspection 4 5 and copying. The audio and video recordings withheld as provided for in this subparagraph shall be 6 7 available for public inspection and copying before the conclusion of the investigation if the investigation 8 9 lasts for an unreasonable amount of time; and 10 10. a. Audio and video recordings from recording equipment 11 attached to the person of a law enforcement officer 12 that depict: 13 the use of any physical force or violence by a (1)law enforcement officer, 14 15 (2)pursuits of any kind, traffic stops, 16 (3) any person being arrested, cited, charged or 17 (4) issued a written warning, 18 events that directly led to any person being 19 (5) 20 arrested, cited, charged or receiving a written warning, 21 detentions of any length for the purpose of (6) 22 investigation, 23 24

- (7) any exercise of authority by a law enforcement
 officer that deprives a citizen of his or her
 liberty,
 - (8) actions by a law enforcement officer that have become the cause of an investigation or charges being filed,
- 7 (9) recordings in the public interest that may
 8 materially aid a determination of whether law
 9 enforcement officers are appropriately performing
 10 their duties as public servants, or
- (10) any contextual events occurring before or after the events depicted in divisions (1) through (9) of this subparagraph.
- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph a of
 this paragraph, the law enforcement agency may, before
 releasing any audio or video recording provided for in
 this paragraph, redact or obscure specific portions of
 the recording that:
- 19 (1) depict the death of a person or a dead body,
 20 unless the death was effected by a law
 21 enforcement officer,
 - (2) depict nudity,
- (3) would identify minors under the age of sixteen
 (16) years or would undermine any requirement to

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1	1 keep certain juvenile records confi	idential as
2	2 provided for in Title 10A of the O	klahoma
3	3 Statutes,	

- (4) depict acts of severe violence resulting in great bodily injury, as defined in Section 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes, against persons that are clearly visible, unless the act of severe violence was effected by a law enforcement officer,
- 10 (5) depict great bodily injury, as defined in Section
 11 11-904 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
 12 unless the great bodily injury was effected by a
 13 law enforcement officer,
- 14 (6) include personal medical information that is not15 already public,
- 16 (7) undermine the assertion of a privilege as 17 provided in Section 1-109 or Section 3-428 of 18 Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes for detention 19 or transportation for mental health evaluation or 20 treatment or drug or alcohol detoxification 21 purposes,
 - (8) identify alleged victims of sex crimes or domestic violence,

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- 1 (9) identify any person who provides information to law enforcement or the information provided by 2 3 that person when that person requests anonymity or where disclosure of the identity of the person 4 5 or the information provided could reasonably be expected to threaten or endanger the physical 6 7 safety or property of the person or the physical safety or property of others, 8
- 9 (10) undermine the assertion of a privilege to keep 10 the identity of an informer confidential as 11 provided for in Section 2510 of Title 12 of the 12 Oklahoma Statutes,
- (11) include personal information other than the name
 or license plate number of a person not
 officially arrested, cited, charged or issued a
 written warning. Such personal information shall
 include any government-issued identification
 number, date of birth, address or financial
 information,
- (12) include information that would materially
 compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or
 ongoing criminal prosecution, provided that:
 (a) ten (10) days following the formal
 arraignment or initial appearance, whichever

1 occurs first, of a person charged in the 2 case in question, the recording shall be 3 made available for public inspection and copying with no redaction of the portions 4 5 that were temporarily withheld by reliance on this division. Provided, before 6 potential release of a recording as provided 7 for in this subdivision, the prosecutor or 8 9 legal representative of the person charged 10 may request from the appropriate district court an extension of time during which the 11 12 recording may be withheld under the 13 provisions of this division. When a request for an extension of time has been filed with 14 the court, the recording in question may be 15 withheld until the court has issued a 16 17 ruling. Such requests for an extension of the time during which the recording may be 18 withheld may be made on the grounds that 19 20 release of the recording will materially compromise an ongoing criminal investigation 21 or criminal prosecution or on the grounds 22 23 that release of the recording will materially compromise the right of an 24

accused to a fair trial that has yet to begin. Courts considering such requests shall conduct a hearing and consider whether the interests of the public outweigh the interests asserted by the parties. In response to such requests, the court shall order that the recording be made available for public inspection and copying with no redaction of the portions that were temporarily withheld by reliance on this division or order an extension of time during which the recording may be withheld under the provisions of this division. Provided further, each such time extension shall only be ordered by the court for an additional six-month period of time or less and cumulative time extensions shall not add up to more than eighteen (18) months, or in the event that one hundred twenty (120) (b) days expire from the date of the events depicted in the recording without any person being criminally charged in the case in question and release of a recording or

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1 the grounds provided for in this division, 2 an appeal of such denial may be made to the 3 appropriate district court. In situations where one hundred twenty (120) days have 4 5 expired since the creation of the recording, criminal charges have not been filed against 6 a person and the recording is being withheld 7 on the grounds provided for in this 8 9 division, courts considering appeals to the 10 use of the provisions of this division for 11 temporarily withholding a recording shall conduct a hearing and consider whether the 12 13 interests of the public outweigh the interests of the parties protected by this 14 division. In response to such appeals, the 15 district court shall order that the 16 17 recording be made available for public inspection and copying with no redaction of 18 the portions that were temporarily withheld 19 20 by reliance on this division or order an extension of time during which the recording 21 may be withheld under the provisions of this 22 23 division. An order granting an extension of time shall be applicable to the recording 24

against all appellants for the duration of the extension. Provided, each such time extension shall only be ordered by the district court for an additional twelvemonth period of time or less and cumulative time extensions shall not add up to more than three (3) years. Provided, charges being filed against a person in the case in question automatically cancels any extension of time. A new request for an extension of time following an arraignment or initial appearance may be requested by the parties on the grounds and under the terms provided

for in subdivision (a) of this division. 14 15 The options presented in this division to potentially withhold a recording or portions of a 16 17 recording on the grounds provided for in this division shall expire in totality four (4) years 18 after the recording was made at which time all 19 20 recordings previously withheld on the grounds provided for in this division shall be made 21 available for public inspection and copying, or 22 23 reveal the identity of law enforcement officers (13)who have become subject to internal investigation 24

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1 by the law enforcement agency as a result of an event depicted in the recording. The option to 2 3 protect the identity of a law enforcement officer shall not be available to the law enforcement 4 5 agency after the law enforcement agency has concluded the investigation and rendered a 6 decision as to final disciplinary action. 7 At such time when an investigation has concluded and 8 9 the law enforcement agency has rendered its 10 decision as to final disciplinary action, the portions of the recordings previously withheld as 11 provided for in this division shall be available 12 13 for public inspection and copying. The audio and video recordings withheld on the grounds provided 14 for in this division shall be available for 15 public inspection and copying before the 16 conclusion of the investigation if the 17 investigation lasts for an unreasonable amount of 18 time. 19

B. Except for the records listed in subsection A of this
section and those made open by other state or local laws, law
enforcement agencies may deny access to law enforcement records
except where a court finds that the public interest or the interest
of an individual outweighs the reason for denial. The provisions of

1 this section shall not operate to deny access to law enforcement 2 records if such records have been previously made available to the 3 public as provided in the Oklahoma Open Records Act or as otherwise 4 provided by law.

5 C. Nothing contained in this section imposes any new 6 recordkeeping requirements. Law enforcement records shall be kept 7 for as long as is now or may hereafter be specified by law. Absent 8 a legal requirement for the keeping of a law enforcement record for 9 a specific time period, law enforcement agencies shall maintain 10 their records for so long as needed for administrative purposes.

D. Registration files maintained by the Department of Corrections pursuant to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act shall be made available for public inspection in a manner to be determined by the Department.

15 Ε. The Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (C.L.E.E.T.) shall keep confidential all records it maintains 16 pursuant to Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and 17 deny release of records relating to any employed or certified full-18 time officer, reserve officer, retired officer or other person; 19 teacher lesson plans, tests and other teaching materials; and 20 personal communications concerning individual students except under 21 the following circumstances: 22

23 1. To verify the current certification status of any peace 24 officer; As may be required to perform the duties imposed by Section
 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 3. To provide to any peace officer copies of the records of4 that peace officer upon submitting a written request;

4. To provide, upon written request, to any law enforcement
agency conducting an official investigation, copies of the records
of any peace officer who is the subject of such investigation;

8 5. To provide final orders of administrative proceedings where9 an adverse action was taken against a peace officer; and

Pursuant to an order of the district court of the State of
 Oklahoma.

F. The Department of Public Safety shall keep confidential:
1. All records it maintains pursuant to its authority under
Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes relating to the Oklahoma Highway
Patrol Division, the Communications Division, and other divisions of
the Department relating to:

a. training, lesson plans, teaching materials, tests, and
test results,

b. policies, procedures, and operations, any of which are
of a tactical nature, and

21 c. the following information from radio logs:

(1) telephone numbers,

23 (2) addresses other than the location of incidents to
 24 which officers are dispatched, and

1	(3) personal information which is contrary to the
2	provisions of the Driver's Privacy Protection
3	Act, 18 United States Code, Sections 2721 through
4	2725; and
5	2. For the purpose of preventing identity theft and invasion of
6	law enforcement computer systems, except as provided in Title 47 of
7	the Oklahoma Statutes, all driving records.
8	SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
9	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
10	declared to exist, by reason whereof this resolution shall take
11	effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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13	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/06/2021 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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