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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT, GANTT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. JEFFRIES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to the availability of certain personnel records of police officers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 50-a of the civil rights law, the section heading as amended by chapter 757 of the laws of 1986 and subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 137 of the laws of 2002, are amended to read as follows:

Personnel records of [police officers,] firefighters and correction officers. 1. All personnel records, used to evaluate performance toward continued employment or promotion, under the control of [any police agency or department of the state or any political subdivision thereof including authorities or agencies maintaining police forces of individuals defined as police officers in section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law and such personnel records under the control of a sheriff's department or] a department of correction of individuals employed as correction officers and such personnel records under the control of a paid fire department or force of individuals employed as firefighters or firefighter/paramedics and such personnel records under the control of the division of parole for individuals defined as peace officers pursuant to subdivisions twenty-three and twenty-three-a of section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law shall be considered confidential and not subject to inspection or review without the express written consent of such [police officer,] firefighter, firefighter/paramedic, correction officer or peace officer within the division of parole except as may be mandated by lawful court order.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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