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Introduced by M. of A. GANTT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the civil rights law, in relation to civilian complaint review boards

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 50-a of the civil rights law, as
2 amended by section 53 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws
3 of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
4 1. All personnel records used to evaluate performance toward continued
5 employment or promotion, under the control of any police agency or
6 department of the state or any political subdivision thereof including
7 authorities or agencies maintaining police forces of individuals defined
8 as police officers in section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law and
9 such personnel records under the control of a sheriff's department or a
10 department of correction of individuals employed as correction officers
11 and such personnel records under the control of a paid fire department
12 or force of individuals employed as firefighters or
13 firefighter/paramedics and such personnel records under the control of
14 the department of corrections and community supervision for individuals
15 defined as peace officers pursuant to subdivisions twenty-three and
16 twenty-three-a of section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law shall be
17 considered confidential and not subject to inspection or review without
18 the express written consent of such police officer, firefighter,
19 firefighter/paramedic, correction officer or peace officer within the
20 department of corrections and community supervision except as may be
21 mandated by lawful court order, AND EXCEPT THAT A MEMBER OF A CIVILIAN
22 COMPLAINT REVIEW BOARD THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING POLICE
23 MISCONDUCT MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR AN ORDER PERMITTING DISCLOSURE OF
24 ALL PERSONNEL RECORDS IF THOSE RECORDS RELATE TO AN OFFICER WHO WAS
25 INVOLVED IN A POLICE SHOOTING OR POLICE MISCONDUCT.
26 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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