# SENATE BILL NO. 197-SENATOR DALY

#### FEBRUARY 10, 2025

# Referred to Committee on Judiciary

# SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to criminal procedure. (BDR 14-196)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: No.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; establishing various requirements relating to the placement of certain persons on a Brady-Giglio list; providing certain rights to certain law enforcement officers and employees of a law enforcement agency; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 In Brady v. Maryland, the United States Supreme Court held that a prosecutor 23456789 may violate the due process protections guaranteed by the United States Constitution if the prosecutor withholds "evidence favorable to the accused" in a criminal case, thus undermining the defendant's right to a fair trial. (373 U.S. 83, 86-87 (1963)) This includes evidence that could impeach the credibility of a witness. (Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150, 154 (1972)) Section 1 of this bill defines the term "Brady-Giglio list" to mean a system, index, list or other record established and maintained by a prosecuting agency for the purpose of satisfying the obligation of the prosecuting agency to disclose exculpatory evidence to a 10 defendant pursuant to Brady v. Maryland and Giglio v. United States. Section 1 11 requires a prosecuting agency that maintains a Brady-Giglio list to adopt a policy 12 concerning the placement of a law enforcement officer or employee of a law 13 enforcement agency on a Brady-Giglio list. Section 1 also: (1) sets forth certain 14 requirements relating to any such policy; (2) grants certain rights to a law 15 enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency relating to placement 16 on a Brady-Giglio list; and (3) prohibits a prosecuting agency from disclosing certain information concerning a law enforcement officer or employee of a law 17 18 enforcement agency who may be called as a witness in a criminal case under 19 certain circumstances.

20 Section 2 of this bill requires a prosecuting agency to notify each law 21 enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency whose name is 22 included on a Brady-Giglio list on July 1, 2025, of the right of the officer or 23 employee to submit a request for reconsideration of the placement of the officer or





employee on the Brady-Giglio list. Section 2 also requires a prosecuting agency to remove the officer or employee from the Brady-Giglio list if: (1) the prosecuting agency determines that the conduct of the officer or employee does not warrant inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list; and (2) certain other requirements are met.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 178 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

**1.** Before a prosecuting agency places a law enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency on a Brady-Giglio list, the prosecuting agency shall send to the officer or employee written notice of the potential placement of the officer or mployee on the Brady-Giglio list. The notice must include, without limitation:

9 (a) A statement that the officer or employee may be placed on 10 the Brady-Giglio list maintained by the prosecuting agency;

(b) Notice of the right of the officer or employee to:

12 (1) Request that the prosecuting agency provide to the 13 officer or employee any document, record or other evidence 14 possessed by the prosecuting agency and relevant to its 15 determination concerning whether to place the officer or employee 16 on a Brady-Giglio list; and

(2) Provide input to the prosecuting agency concerning
placement on a Brady-Giglio list before the prosecuting agency
may place the officer or employee on any such list; and

20 (c) Information concerning any procedural requirements 21 applicable to the exercise of a right described in paragraph (b).

22 2. Upon making a determination to place a law enforcement 23 officer or employee of a law enforcement agency on a Brady-24 Giglio list, the prosecuting agency shall send to the officer or 25 employee written notice of the placement of the officer or 26 employee on the Brady-Giglio list. The notice must include, 27 without limitation:

(a) A statement that the officer or employee has been placed
 on the Brady-Giglio list maintained by the prosecuting agency;

(b) Notice of the right of the officer or employee to request that
the prosecuting agency reconsider the placement of the officer or
employee on the Brady-Giglio list; and

(c) Information concerning any procedural requirements
applicable to the exercise of a right described in paragraph (b),
including, without limitation, the time frame and manner in which
the officer or employee must submit a request for reconsideration



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1 of the placement of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio 2 list.

3 3. If a law enforcement officer or employee of a law 4 enforcement agency:

(a) Does not submit a request for reconsideration of placement 5 on a Brady-Giglio list or fails to comply with a procedural 6 7 requirement applicable to the submission of a request for 8 reconsideration of placement on a Brady-Giglio list, the officer or employee must remain on the Brady-Giglio list until such time as 9 the prosecuting agency determines that the conduct of the officer 10 11 or employee no longer warrants inclusion of the officer or 12 employee on the Brady-Giglio list.

(b) Submits a request for reconsideration of placement on a
 Brady-Giglio list, the prosecuting agency shall:

(1) Approve the request and remove the officer or employee
from the Brady-Giglio list if the prosecuting agency determines
that the conduct of the officer or employee does not warrant
inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list.

(2) Deny the request if the prosecuting agency determines 19 20 that the conduct of the officer or employee warrants inclusion of 21 the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list. An officer or 22 employee whose request for reconsideration is denied shall remain 23 on the Brady-Giglio list until such time as the prosecuting agency 24 determines that the conduct of the officer or employee no longer 25 warrants inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio 26 list.

4. A prosecuting agency shall send the notice required by subsections 1 and 2 by mail or electronic mail to the current or last known place of employment of the law enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency. Upon receipt of any such notice, the employer shall:

(a) Deliver the notice to the officer or employee to whom the
 notice pertains, if the officer or employee is employed by the
 employer.

(b) Send the notice by mail or electronic mail to the current or
last known address of the officer or employee to whom the notice
pertains, if the officer or employee is no longer employed by the
employer.

39 5. A prosecuting agency that maintains a Brady-Giglio list
40 shall adopt a policy concerning the placement of a law
41 enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency on a
42 Brady-Giglio list. The policy must:

43 (a) Provide the rights described in subsections 1 and 2 to 44 officers and employees;

45 (b) Include, without limitation:





(1) The criteria used by the prosecuting agency to 1 determine whether to place an officer or employee on a Brady-2 3 Giglio list; and

4 (2) The time frame within which the prosecuting agency 5 must provide the notice required by subsections 1 and 2; and

(c) Prescribe procedural requirements applicable to the 6 7 exercise of a right described in subsection 1 or 2.

8 Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) or required 6. 9 by federal or state law or court order, a prosecuting agency:

10 (a) Shall not disclose any information maintained by the prosecuting agency relating to a law enforcement officer or 11 12 employee of a law enforcement agency who may be called as a 13 witness in a criminal case.

(b) May disclose the information described in paragraph (a) to 14 15 an officer or employee described in paragraph (a) or the legal counsel of any such officer or employee upon the request of the 16 17 officer or employee.

18 7. The rights provided by this section are in addition to any rights negotiated pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement 19 20 and any other rights recognized by law. 21

Nothing in this section shall be construed to: **8**.

22 (a) Limit the ability of a prosecuting agency to remove a law 23 enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency 24 from a Brady-Giglio list if the prosecuting agency determines that the conduct of the officer or employee no longer warrants 25 26 inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list.

27 (b) Affect any obligation placed upon a prosecuting attorney 28 by the Nevada Constitution or the United States Constitution.

29 (c) Prohibit a law enforcement officer or employee of a law 30 enforcement agency from bringing a private cause of action for damages resulting from the placement of the officer or employee 31 32 on a Brady-Giglio list.

33 9. As used in this section:

(a) "Brady-Giglio list" means a system, index, list or other 34 record established and maintained by a prosecuting agency for the 35 purpose of satisfying the obligation of the prosecuting agency to 36 disclose exculpatory evidence to a defendant pursuant to Brady v. 37 Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and Giglio v. United States, 405 38 U.S. 150 (1972). 39

40 (b) "Law enforcement agency" means:

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- (1) The sheriff's office of a county; (2) A metropolitan police department; or
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- (3) A police department of an incorporated city.





1 (c) "Prosecuting agency" includes the Attorney General and 2 the district attorney or city attorney of any county or city, 3 respectively.

Sec. 2. 1. Not more than 90 days after July 1, 2025, a 4 5 prosecuting agency that maintains a Brady-Giglio list shall send to 6 each law enforcement officer or employee of a law enforcement agency whose name is included on the Brady-Giglio list maintained 7 8 by the prosecuting agency on July 1, 2025, written notice of the 9 right of the officer or employee to request that the prosecuting agency reconsider the placement of the officer or employee on the 10 11 Brady-Giglio list. The notice must:

(a) Be sent in the manner described in subsection 4 of section 1of this act; and

14 (b) Include, without limitation, the information described in 15 subsection 2 of section 1 of this act.

16 2. If a law enforcement officer or employee of a law 17 enforcement agency who receives the notice required by 18 subsection 1:

19 (a) Does not submit a request for reconsideration of the 20 placement of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list or fails to comply with a procedural requirement applicable to the 21 22 submission of any such request, the officer or employee must 23 remain on the Brady-Giglio list until such time as the prosecuting 24 agency determines that the conduct of the officer or employee no 25 longer warrants inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-26 Giglio list.

(b) Submits a request for reconsideration of the placement of the
officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list, the prosecuting agency
shall:

(1) Approve the request and remove the officer or employee
from the Brady-Giglio list if the prosecuting agency determines that
the conduct of the officer or employee does not warrant inclusion of
the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list.

34 (2) Deny the request if the prosecuting agency determines 35 that the conduct of the officer or employee warrants inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio list. An officer or employee 36 37 whose request for reconsideration is denied shall remain on the Brady-Giglio list until such time as the prosecuting agency 38 determines that the conduct of the officer or employee no longer 39 40 warrants inclusion of the officer or employee on the Brady-Giglio 41 list.

42 3. As used in this section:

43 (a) "Brady-Giglio list" has the meaning ascribed to it in section44 1 of this act.





(b) "Law enforcement agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act. 1 2

(c) "Prosecuting agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 1 of this act.
Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025. 3 4

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