

“(19) FINDING OF GUILTY.—If the law enforcement officer is found guilty, the hearing officer or board shall make a written recommendation of a penalty. The sentencing authority may not impose greater than the penalty recommended by the hearing officer or board.

“(20) APPEAL.—A law enforcement officer may appeal from a final decision of a law enforcement agency to a court to the extent available in any other administrative proceeding, in accordance with the applicable State law.

“(g) WAIVER OF RIGHTS.—A law enforcement officer may waive any of the rights guaranteed by this section subsequent to the time that the officer has been notified that the officer is under investigation. Such a waiver shall be in writing and signed by the officer.

“(h) SUMMARY PUNISHMENT AND EMERGENCY SUSPENSION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—This section does not preclude a State from providing for summary punishment or emergency suspension.

“(2) HEALTH BENEFITS.—An emergency suspension shall not affect or infringe on the health benefits of a law enforcement officer or the officer's dependents.

“(i) RETALIATION FOR EXERCISING RIGHTS.—There shall be no penalty or threat of penalty against a law enforcement officer for

the exercise of the officer's rights under this section.

“(j) OTHER REMEDIES NOT IMPAIRED.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair any other legal right or remedy that a law enforcement officer may have as a result of a constitution, statute, ordinance, regulation, collective bargaining agreement or other sources of rights.

“(k) DECLARATORY OR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—A law enforcement officer who is being denied any right afforded by this section may petition a State court for declaratory or injunctive relief to prohibit the law enforcement agency from violating such right.

“(l) PROHIBITION OF ADVERSE MATERIAL IN OFFICER'S FILE.—A law enforcement agency shall not insert any adverse material into the file of any law enforcement officer, or possess or maintain control over any adverse material in any form within the law enforcement agency, unless the officer has had an opportunity to review and comment in writing on the adverse material.

“(m) DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL ASSETS.—A law enforcement officer shall not be required or requested to disclose any item of the officer's personal property, income, assets, sources of income, debts, personal or domestic expenditures (including those of any member of the officer's household), unless—

“(1) the information is necessary to the investigation of a violation of any Federal,

State or local law, rule, or regulation with respect to the performance of official duties; and

“(2) such disclosure is required by Federal, State, or local law.

“(n) STATES' RIGHTS.—This section does not preempt State laws in effect on the date of enactment of this Act that confer rights that equal or exceed the rights and coverage afforded by this section. This section shall not be a bar to the enactment of a police officer's bill of rights, or similar legislation, by any State. A State law which confers fewer rights or provides less protection than this section shall be preempted by this section.

“(o) MUTUALLY AGREED UPON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—This section does not preempt existing mutually agreed upon collective bargaining agreements in effect on the date of enactment of this Act that are substantially similar to the rights and coverage afforded under this section.”

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. preceding 3701) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 818 the following new item:

“Sec. 819. Rights of law enforcement officers.”