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Enacts new GS Chapter 17F to provide that if an employing agency (state or local) considers matters that could reasonably lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer for punitive reasons of, or any disciplinary action against, a law enforcement officer, it must provide minimum procedures before imposition of disciplinary action, including the right to: (1) a hearing before a fair and impartial board or hearing officer, (2) be represented at the officer's expense, (3) examine witnesses testifying against the officer, (4) call witnesses and present evidence, and (5) have all meetings recorded. Allows exceptions for existing civil service system and other review boards that meet minimum standards. Provides for the immediate suspension, with pay, of an officer under specified conditions, with review board hearing thereafter. Effective October 1, 2007, and is applicable to investigations and disciplinary proceedings begun on or after that date.

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