

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

### **H 3580 General Bill, By Alexander, Cobb-Hunter and Jefferson**

#### **Summary:** Inmate sentences

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-13-233 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE WHEREBY REDUCTIONS IN AN INMATE'S SENTENCE ARE CALCULATED; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 24 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH AN INMATE WHO HAS BEEN INCARCERATED AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS MAY PETITION THE COURT TO HAVE HIS SENTENCE MODIFIED; TO AMEND SECTION 24-13-150, RELATING TO THE EARLY RELEASE OF AN INMATE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF YEARS AN INMATE WHO HAS COMMITTED A "NO PAROLE OFFENSE" MUST SERVE BEFORE HE MAY BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, OR COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN INMATES TO PETITION THE COURT TO MODIFY THEIR SENTENCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 24-13-210, RELATING TO CREDIT GIVEN TO AN INMATE FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GOOD BEHAVIOR DAYS AN INMATE WHO HAS COMMITTED A "NO PAROLE OFFENSE" MAY RECEIVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT APPLIES TO CERTAIN OFFENSES COMMITTED BEFORE THE DATE OF ENACTMENT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MAY PETITION THE COURT TO HAVE THEIR SENTENCES REDUCED.

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| <b>01/15/19</b> | <b>House</b> | <b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 71)</b>     |
| <b>01/15/19</b> | <b>House</b> | <b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 71)</b> |
| <b>02/05/19</b> | <b>House</b> | <b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cobb-Hunter</b>       |
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