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S 0190 General Bill, By Fair and Jackson

Summary: Sexting

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-386 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF SEXTING FOR A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL FINES AND COSTS FOR COMMITTING A FIRST OR SECOND OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR A MISDEMEANOR AND A CRIMINAL FINE AND COSTS FOR COMMITTING THREE OR MORE OFFENSES; TO PROHIBIT THE ARREST OR PLACEMENT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OR OTHER CONFINEMENT FOR COMMITTING A FIRST OR SECOND OFFENSE, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO PROHIBIT PROSECUTION OF A PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A FIRST OR SECOND SEXTING OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION OF COMMITTING CERTAIN OTHER CRIMES; TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FOR COMMITTING AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND REQUIRED COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR FAILURE TO PAY FINES FOR FIRST AND SECOND OFFENSES; AND TO VEST EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR ALLEGED OFFENSES IN THE MUNICIPAL AND MAGISTRATES COURT.

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