

Session 123 - (2019-2020)

H 3062 General Bill, By Funderburk, McCoy, Norrell and McCravy

Summary: SC Whistleblower and Public Employee Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-27-05 SO AS TO ENTITLE CHAPTER 27 THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WHISTLEBLOWER AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY" TO INCLUDE THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-20, RELATING TO REWARDS FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN SAVINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR CAP ON REWARDS AND PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR REWARDING MULTIPLE EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT THE SAME ABUSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-30, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC BODY FOR RETALIATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.

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