

Session 124 - (2021-2022)

H 3254 General Bill, By Taylor and Forrest

Summary: Freedom of Information Act Review

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-665 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE RELATED GENERAL FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE AND THE COURT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE APPLICABLE PROCEDURES, AND TO EXEMPT DATA FROM VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDINGS MADE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE-MOUNTED RECORDING DEVICES OR DASHBOARD CAMERAS; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-100, RELATING TO EQUITABLE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH REMEDIES AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW, TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES CONCERNING THE AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES TO PREVAILING PARTIES, TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RELATED COURT RULES, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS ONLY APPLICABLE TO ACTIONS FILED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-110, RELATING TO EQUITABLE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC BODIES TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH REMEDIES AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW, TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES CONCERNING THE AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES TO PREVAILING PARTIES, TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RELATED COURT RULES, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS ONLY APPLICABLE TO ACTIONS FILED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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