

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

**H 3412 General Bill, By Yow, McKnight, Rutherford and Henegan**

***Similar (S 0209, S 0426)***

**Summary:** Mental Health Court Program Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 14 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM THAT DIVERTS MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS TO APPROPRIATE TREATMENT PROGRAMS RATHER THAN INCARCERATION, TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MENTAL HEALTH COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SOLICITOR SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SOLICITORS WHO ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.

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