**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑27‑10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A REPORT AS USED IN THE WHISTLEBLOWER STATUTE, TO PROVIDE THAT TESTIMONY GIVEN TO A STANDING COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE OF A STANDING COMMITTEE, OR A STUDY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTIONS OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 8‑27‑10(4) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(4) ‘Report’ means:

(a) a written document alleging waste or wrongdoing that contains the following information:

(~~a~~ i) the date of disclosure;

(~~b~~ ii) the name of the employee making the report; and

(~~c~~ iii) the nature of the wrongdoing and the date or range of dates on which the wrongdoing allegedly occurred. A report must be made within sixty days of the date the reporting employee first learns of the alleged wrongdoing; or

(b) sworn testimony regarding wrongdoing, regardless of when the wrongdoing allegedly occurred, given to any standing committee, subcommittee of a standing committee, or study committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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