**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17‑25‑136 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO INDICATE ON THE SENTENCING SHEET THAT THE ACT ON WHICH THE CONVICTION OR PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE IS BASED INVOLVES CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Title 17 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 17‑25‑136. (A) When a person is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to an offense listed in subsection (B), the court shall indicate on the sentencing sheet that the case involved child abuse or neglect. The clerk of court shall ensure that the official record of the defendant’s conviction includes the sentencing sheet.

(B) The provisions of subsection (A) apply to the following offenses:

(1) homicide by child abuse, pursuant to Section 16‑3‑85;

(2) inflicting great bodily injury upon a child, pursuant to Section 16‑3‑95;

(3) criminal sexual conduct with a minor, pursuant to Section 16‑3‑655;

(4) engaging a child in sexual performance, pursuant to Article 8, Chapter 3, Title 16;

(5) committing or attempting a lewd act on a minor, pursuant to Section 16‑15‑140;

(6) unlawful conduct toward a child, pursuant to Section 63‑5‑70;

(7) cruelty to a child, pursuant to Section 63‑5‑80; or

(8) another offense against a child that constitutes child abuse or neglect as defined in Section 63‑7‑20(4).”

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

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