**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑15‑130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL WITH CERTAIN POWERS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑15‑130. (A) The Legislative Audit Council, as part of an approved audit, may issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum to a state agency, its employees, and its contractors and examine the records, reports, audits, reviews, papers, books, recommendations, contracts, correspondence, or any other documents maintained by an agency.

(B) The Legislative Audit Council may apply to a circuit court for an order holding an individual in contempt of court if the individual refuses to give sworn testimony under a subpoena issued by the Legislative Audit Council or otherwise disobeys a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued by the Legislative Audit Council.”

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

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