**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, TO REESTABLISH THE SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

Whereas, the Sentencing Reform Oversight Committee was established by Act 273 of 2010, the Omnibus Crime Reduction and Sentencing Reform Act of 2010; and

Whereas, Section 24-28-20(C) provided that the oversight committee would terminate automatically five years after its first meeting if not reauthorized by joint resolution prior to that date; and

Whereas, the General Assembly failed to adopt a joint resolution reauthorizing the oversight committee prior to its automatic termination; and

Whereas, the General Assembly recognizes the positive contribution that the oversight committee made toward criminal justice reform in this State and acknowledges that the oversight committee is vital to continuing that progress; and

Whereas, by and through this act, the General Assembly is reestablishing the oversight committee in the same form and with the same powers, duties, and authority as previously held. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Section 24‑28‑20(C) of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 24‑28‑30(3)(c) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(c) on or before December first of each year, beginning in ~~2011~~ 2019, to report the calculations made pursuant to item (3)(a) to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, and the Governor. The report also shall recommend whether to appropriate up to thirty‑five percent of any state expenditures that are avoided as calculated in item (3)(a) to the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services;”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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