

## Amendment: 5

**Representative HEWITT proposes the following amendment:**

### **Section 23 Medical University of South Carolina**

Delete:

~~23.5. (MUSC: Blood Borne Virus Screening) Of the funds appropriated for Blood Borne Virus Screening, the Medical University Hospital Authority, in conjunction with the Frontlines of Communities in the United States (FOCUS) Initiative, shall utilize at least \$200,000 to develop a pilot program to improve the screening, diagnosis, and linkage to care for blood borne viruses by routinizing screening services in hospital emergency departments. The pilot program shall lead to reduced transmission rates for South Carolinians by improving the early identification of undiagnosed infections, supporting the identification of individuals living with blood borne viruses who were previously diagnosed but are not participating in care, and providing linkage to care for individuals who would benefit from blood borne virus management or participating in preventative services. By June 30, 2025, the MUSC Hospital Authority shall submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Department of Public Health detailing the effectiveness of the program.~~