

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

### S 0198 General Bill, By Hembree

**Summary:** Civil rights

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-5-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSPIRACY AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF HIS RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, TO CONSPIRE AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS, BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-5-15 AND 16-5-18, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON, REGARDLESS OF HIS RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, TO VIOLENTLY INTERFERE WITH A STATE-PROTECTED RIGHT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND FALSE REPORTING; TO AMEND SECTION 16-5-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUNISHMENT FOR THE COMMISSION OF ADDITIONAL CRIMES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO COMMITS A CRIME IN ADDITION TO INTERFERING WITH A STATE-PROTECTED RIGHT SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO PUNISHMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL CRIME; TO AMEND SECTION 16-5-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUITS AGAINST A COUNTY FOR DAMAGES TO A PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE VIOLATION OF A PERSON'S CIVIL RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CITIZEN HINDERED, PREVENTED, OR OBSTRUCTED BY A COUNTY MAY CLAIM AND PROSECUTE THE COUNTY FOR DAMAGES; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS, BY ADDING SECTION 16-5-95, TO PRESERVE AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT OF ACTION.

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