

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3088 General Bill, By Pope and Gilliam

Summary: Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 SO AS TO CREATE A PILOT "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE PROGRAM" TO OPERATE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES AS DETERMINED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT IN COORDINATION WITH CIRCUIT SOLICITORS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS; TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS TO FACILITATE SERVICES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING TREATMENT AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES; TO REQUIRE DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURT ADMINISTRATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR; TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ASSISTING WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; TO CREATE A TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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