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**H 4806 General Bill, By Wooten, Pope, Guest, Crawford, McCabe, Vaughan, Pedalino and Wickensimer
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Summary: Bond Reform

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-15, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT OF CASH PERCENTAGES IN LIEU OF BOND, ASSIGNMENT OF DEPOSITS, AND RESTITUTION TO VICTIMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COURT FINDS THAT A DEFENDANT MAY BE RELEASED ON BOND WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A VIOLENT OFFENSE OR ANY FELONY OFFENSE INVOLVING A FIREARM OR DRUGS, THE BOND MUST BE SET AT THE FULL UNITED STATES CASH CURRENCY BOND; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-30, RELATING TO MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO INCLUDE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF A PERSON'S MENTAL CONDITION THE DIRECT OBSERVATIONS OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER THAT CAUSE REASONABLE CONCERN WITH A PERSON'S MENTAL CONDITION AND TO ALLOW THE COURT TO INCLUDE IN THE BOND CONDITIONS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT TRANSPORT THE PERSON FOR AN EMERGENCY PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION OR THE PERSON IS REQUIRED TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT UPON RELEASE.

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