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H 3433 General Bill, By Erickson, Weeks, Cobb-Hunter, McCoy, Douglas, Kennedy, Long, Lucas, M.S. McLeod, Ridgeway, Tallon, Thayer, Felder, Pope, J.E. Smith, King, Howard, Parks, Ott, Jefferson, Bernstein, Rivers, Southard, Tinkler, Henegan, Kirby, Bales, Neal, Henderson, Herbkersman, Merrill, G.R. Smith, Bradley, Bannister, H.A. Crawford, Newton, Clemmons, Nanney, Wells, Quinn, Whitmire, Bingham, Stringer, Atwater, Hicks, Mitchell, Funderburk, Norrell, Knight, Sandifer, Gilliard, R.L. Brown, Whipper and W.J. McLeod

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Summary: Domestic Violence Reform Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO DEFINE OTHER NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSES BY GRADUATING THE PENALTIES INTO DEGREES, DEFINE THE ELEMENTS OF EACH DEGREE, AND PROVIDE A NEW PENALTY STRUCTURE; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-65, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSE, REDEFINE THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE, TO RESTRUCTURE THE PENALTY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AS A CONDITION OF BOND FOR THIS OFFENSE, THE JUDGE MAY PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENDER MAY NOT SHIP, TRANSPORT, POSSESS, OR RECEIVE A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION WHILE THE OFFENDER IS UNDER BOND; TO AMEND SECTION 16-1-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMES DEFINED AS VIOLENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS A VIOLENT CRIME; TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS "MOST SERIOUS" AND "SERIOUS", SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE FIRST DEGREE TO THE LIST OF "SERIOUS" OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-600, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MODERATE BODILY INJURY"; TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-546, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF CIRCUIT SOLICITORS, IN THEIR DISCRETION, TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR PROSECUTION OF FIRST OFFENSE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE ALL MISDEMEANOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 22-5-530, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPOSITS IN LIEU OF RECOGNIZANCE AND PAYMENT TO A JAIL OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO SECURE IMMEDIATE RELEASE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A PERSON CHARGED WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE AND SUCH A PERSON IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED FROM MAKING A DEPOSIT IN LIEU OF RECOGNIZANCE TO SECURE IMMEDIATE RELEASE; TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-30 AND SECTION 22-5-510, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND AND BOND HEARINGS AND INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO CONSIDER IF RELEASE ON BOND WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNREASONABLE DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY OR AN INDIVIDUAL, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PERSON IS CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES THAT A BOND HEARING MAY NOT PROCEED WITHOUT THE PERSON'S CRIMINAL RECORD AND INCIDENT REPORT, OR THE PRESENCE OF THE ARRESTING OFFICER, TO REQUIRE BOND HEARINGS FOR THESE VIOLATIONS TO BE HELD WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER ARREST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE OF A PARTY TO ADHERE TO A CONDITION OF BOND MAY RESULT IN THE ISSUANCE OF A BENCH WARRANT FOR CONTEMPT; TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-10, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY BE RELEASED PENDING TRIAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO CONSIDER IF RELEASE ON BOND WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNREASONABLE DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY OR AN INDIVIDUAL; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF A PERSON ON BOND WHO IS CHARGED WITH A VIOLENT OFFENSE OR WHEN THE VICTIM IS A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MUST CONSIDER CERTAIN FACTORS BEFORE RELEASING A PERSON ON BOND; TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-50, RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF AN ORDER RELATING TO BOND, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE COURT WITH JURISDICTION OF THE OFFENSE MAY AMEND THE ORDER AT ANY TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-55, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO BOND AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT TO REVOKE BOND UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOND REVOCATION ONLY THAT A SUMMARY COURT HAS CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE BOND IS FIRST SET ON A CHARGE BY THE SUMMARY COURT TO DETERMINE IF BOND SHOULD BE REVOKED; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A JUDGE TO PROCEED WITH THE PROSECUTION OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE WITHOUT THE VICTIM PRESENT AND

TO REQUIRE A JUDGE TO MAKE CERTAIN INQUIRIES AND WRITTEN FINDINGS REGARDING WHETHER THE PROSECUTION IS READY TO PROCEED AND THE TYPE OF EVIDENCE THE PROSECUTION IS PREPARED TO PRESENT; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO WARRANTLESS ARREST OR SEARCH FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE MANDATED LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE MUST BE DOCUMENTED ON AN INCIDENT REPORT FORM WHICH MUST BE MAINTAINED BY THE INVESTIGATING AGENCY; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CHILDCARE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN COURT HEARINGS RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-90, RELATING TO PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO APPROVE A BATTERER'S TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR USE AS PART OF PRETRIAL INTERVENTION FOR CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES AND TO ALLOW THE COURT TO DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC BATTERER'S TREATMENT PROGRAM; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO INVESTIGATE FATALITIES RESULTING FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO OVERSEE THESE INVESTIGATIONS AND THE OVERALL OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S DUTIES AND POWERS; TO CREATE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO DECREASE FATALITIES RESULTING FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND POWERS; AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MEETINGS AND INFORMATION FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND PROVIDE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW OF INCIDENCES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 SO AS TO RECODIFY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 43-1-260, RELATING TO COMMUNITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCILS, WITHIN ARTICLE 5; TO REPEAL SECTION 43-1-260 RELATING TO COMMUNITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCILS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO ADD THE SUBJECT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR; AND TO STRIKE THE WORD "CRIMINAL" FROM REFERENCES TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES THROUGHOUT AS APPROPRIATE.

01/27/15	**House**	**Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 25)**
01/27/15	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 25)**
01/28/15	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Felder**
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02/10/15	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mitchell**
02/11/15	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk, Norrell**
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04/14/15	**House**	**Amended (House Journal-page 43)**
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04/14/15	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-9 (House Journal-page 95)**
04/16/15	**House**	**Amended (House Journal-page 33)**
04/15/15	**House**	**Debate adjourned until Thur., 4-16-15 (House Journal-page 16)**
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04/16/15	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-89 Nays-6 (House Journal-page 38)**
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