

Session 124 - (2021-2022)

H 3866 General Bill, By Cobb-Hunter, J.L. Johnson and Brawley

Summary: Ethical Policing Transparency & Accountability

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO ENACT THE "ETHICAL POLICING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FRAMEWORK TO INSTITUTIONALIZE HIGH STANDARDS FOR POLICING PRACTICES AND CONDUCT BY THE CREATION OF CITIZEN REVIEW BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF STANDARD FORMS TO RECORD LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMPLAINTS, TO PROVIDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL RECORD ALL INSTANCES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TO PROVIDE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL ENGAGE IN ETHICAL POLICING, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST COMPLETE CERTAIN TRAINING AND CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE, TO PROVIDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST RELEASE AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT CONTAINS COMPLAINTS FILED AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IMPOSED ON ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TRACK THIS INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN UNETHICAL POLICING PATTERNS OF CONDUCT ARE OCCURRING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL PROHIBIT THEM FROM BEING REINSTATED, TRANSFERRED, OR EMPLOYED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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