

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**H\*4601 (Rat #0329, Act #0271 of 2008) General Bill, By W.D. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Talley, Hagood, Scott, Viers, Mitchell, Clemmons and Whipper**

**Summary:** Crime Victims' Ombudsman

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VICTIMS' COMPENSATION AWARDS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING FOR VICTIMS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS, SO AS TO ALLOW CLAIM SUBMISSION VIA FACSIMILE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS; TO AMEND ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 16, RELATING TO THE VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE PROGRAM TO EMPOWER THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND, TO RESTRUCTURE THE VICTIMS' SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, AND TO CREATE THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1620, RELATING TO THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN AND ESTABLISH CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1680 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN TO PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS. - ratified title

01/30/08	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-8
01/30/08	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-9
02/20/08	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-5
02/21/08		Scrivener's error corrected
02/26/08	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mitchell
02/26/08	House	Amended HJ-19
02/26/08	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 27, 2008 HJ-21
02/27/08	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Clemmons
02/27/08	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, March 5, 2008 HJ-25
03/05/08	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper
03/05/08	House	Amended HJ-21
03/05/08	House	Debate adjourned HJ-23
03/05/08	House	Amended HJ-27
03/05/08	House	Read second time HJ-28
03/06/08	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-20
03/06/08		Scrivener's error corrected
03/11/08	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-7
03/11/08	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-7
03/17/08	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Hawkins (ch), Sheheen, Lourie, Vaughn
05/07/08	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-12
05/13/08	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted SJ-28
05/13/08	Senate	Read second time SJ-28
05/14/08		Scrivener's error corrected
05/14/08	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-16
05/22/08	House	Debate adjourned on Senate amendments until Tuesday, May 27, 2008 HJ-105
05/27/08	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-36
05/29/08		Ratified R 329
06/04/08		Signed By Governor
06/11/08		Copies available
06/11/08		Effective date 01/01/09
06/13/08		Act No. 271