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S 0740 General Bill, By McConnell and Ford

Summary: Crime victims, notification provisions

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1515, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VICTIM NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE VICTIM TO PROVIDE HIS NAME AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1525, RELATING TO VICTIM NOTIFICATION BY AN AGENCY WHO HAS PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A PERPETRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST PROVIDE A VICTIM'S CONTACT INFORMATION TO A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY HAVING CUSTODY OF THE PERPETRATOR; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1530, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF A VICTIM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VICTIM MUST BE NOTIFIED OF A TRANSFER OR ESCAPE OF A PERPETRATOR WHO WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1555, RELATING TO A VICTIM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AGENCIES WITH THE VICTIM'S CONTACT INFORMATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS MUST NOTIFY A VICTIM OF ANY HEARINGS INVOLVING THE PERPETRATOR; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1560, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION TO A VICTIM ABOUT A POST-CONVICTION PROCEEDING, SO AS TO REQUIRE A VICTIM TO UPDATE HIS CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; TO AMEND SECTION 17-24-40, RELATING TO THE COMMITMENT OF PERSONS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION TO THE VICTIM OF THE FACT THAT THE PERPETRATOR IS NO LONGER IN NEED OF HOSPITALIZATION; TO AMEND SECTION 17-24-80, RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF A PERSON FROM A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE NOTIFICATION OF THE RELEASE TO THE VICTIM.

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