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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑27‑45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC BODY MUST MAKE A SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 27, TITLE 8 AVAILABLE ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OR TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THIS CHAPTER TO ITS EMPLOYEES IF IT DOES NOT MAINTAIN AN INTERNET WEBSITE; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑27‑10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A REPORT FOR THE PURPOSES OF EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FOR REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHAT CONSTITUTES A REPORT INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT A REPORT MAY BE A WRITTEN OR ORAL ALLEGATION OR TESTIMONY TO A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, AND TO REVISE THE TIME PERIOD WITHIN WHICH A REPORT MUST BE MADE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑27‑45. A public body must make a summary of this chapter available on its Internet website. This summary must include an explanation of the process required to report wrongdoing, an explanation of what constitutes wrongdoing, and a description of the protections available to an employee who reports wrongdoing. If the public body does not maintain an Internet website, the public body annually must provide a written summary of this chapter to its employees and maintain copies of the summary at all times.”

SECTION 2. Section 8‑27‑10(4) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 164 of 1993, is amended to read:

“(4) ‘Report’ means:

(a) a written ~~document alleging~~ or oral allegation of waste or wrongdoing that contains the following information:

(~~a~~i) the date of disclosure;

(~~b~~ii) the name of the employee making the report; and

(~~c~~iii) the nature of the wrongdoing and the date or range of dates on which the wrongdoing allegedly occurred. A report must be made within ~~sixty~~ one hundred eighty days of the date the reporting employee first learns of the alleged wrongdoing; or

(b) sworn testimony regarding wrongdoing, regardless of when the wrongdoing allegedly occurred, given to any standing committee, subcommittee of a standing committee, or study committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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