**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑1‑232 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE EMPLOYING FULL‑TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL GRANT A TOTAL OF AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR AN OFFICER WHO SUFFERS BODILY INJURY WHEN PHYSICALLY ATTACKED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION APPLIES BEFORE THE OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO USE ANY SICK LEAVE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑1‑232. If a law enforcement officer employed in a full‑time equivalent position (FTE) by a political subdivision of this State suffers bodily harm as a result of a physical attack on the officer while in the performance of his official duties, the officer’s employer shall grant the officer a total of at least one hundred eighty days of paid administrative leave before requiring the officer to use paid sick leave available to the officer pursuant to the employer’s personnel policies.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies for injuries occurring on or after that date.

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