**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑1‑200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR INSTITUTION THAT ISSUES CELLULAR TELEPHONE OR OTHER WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES TO ITS EMPLOYEES MUST ANNUALLY REVIEW THE PLAN AND TO PROVIDE OTHER REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑436 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER SHALL VERIFY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANIES ON STATE AGENCY EXPENDITURES.

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

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

“Section 8‑1‑200. (A) A state agency, department, or institution that issues any of its employees a cellular telephone or other wireless communication device, by January fifteenth of each year, shall:

(1) review the plan to ensure the usage of the most cost‑effective plan;

(2) review individual employee usage to ensure the usage remains necessary;

(3) review individual employee usage to determine whether a prepaid plan for an employee is more cost‑effective;

(4) review individual employee usage to minimize inappropriate personal usage;

(5) review the usage of pagers; and

(6) review the plan to minimize overage charges.

Upon the completion of the review, the state agency, department, or institution shall submit a report of its findings to the Governor by March fifteenth.

(B) A state agency, department, or institution that issues any of its employees a cellular telephone or other wireless communication device shall:

(1) prohibit its employees from making directory assistance calls;

(2) consolidate bills into one invoice per service provider; and

(3) compile a directory of all satellite telephones belonging to the agency.”

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑11‑436. The Office of the State Chief Information Officer shall verify information provided by cellular telephone companies on state agency cellular telephone expenditures.”

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

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