**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-630 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY UPON A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEE WHO IS PERFORMING JOB-RELATED DUTIES MUST SERVE A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS NOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16-3-630. A person convicted of assault and battery upon a state or local correctional facility employee who is performing job-related duties must serve a mandatory minimum sentence of not less than six months nor more than five years. The sentence must be served consecutively to any other sentence the person is serving.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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