**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 5‑7‑110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES CONTRACTING TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION BEYOND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY ALSO MAY CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5‑7‑110 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 5‑7‑110. (A) ~~Any~~ A municipality may appoint or elect as many police officers, regular or special, as may be necessary for the proper law enforcement in ~~such~~ the municipality and fix their salaries and prescribe their duties.

(B) Police officers ~~shall~~ must be vested with all the powers and duties conferred by law upon constables, in addition to the special duties imposed upon them by the municipality.

(C) ~~Any such~~ These police officers shall exercise their powers on all private and public property within the corporate limits of the municipality and on all property owned or controlled by the municipality ~~wheresoever~~ wherever situated; ~~provided, that~~ however, the municipality may contract with ~~any~~ a public or private academic institution, a public utility, agency, or with ~~any~~ a private business to provide police protection beyond the corporate limits. Should the municipality provide police protection beyond its corporate limits by contract, the legal description of the area to be served ~~shall~~ must be filed with the State Law Enforcement Division, the office of the county sheriff, and the Department of Public Safety.”

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

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