**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑23‑150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR A ONE‑WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO SCHOOL FIRST RESPONDERS THAT CERTIFIES THEM TO POSSESS FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PREMISES, AND TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH SCHOOL FIRST RESPONDERS MAY POSSESS FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PREMISES, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO CREATE THIS PROGRAM.

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

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

“Section 23‑23‑150. (A) As contained in this section, ‘school first responder’ means any person who responds to a school emergency.

(B) The Law Enforcement Training Council shall develop guidelines for a one‑week training program that the Criminal Justice Academy shall offer to a school first responder that certifies him to possess a firearm on a school premise. The program must include:

(1) shoot/don’t shoot training;

(2) school safety protection training;

(3) rapid response training;

(4) identifying and containing potential threats and occurring threats;

(5) defusing volatile situations and resolving conflict;

(6) communicating with law enforcement that has jurisdiction over the school;

(7) first responder first aid; and

(8) other training that the council considers appropriate.

(C) A school first responder may possess a firearm on a school premise if he:

(1) holds a valid concealed weapons permit pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23; and

(2) has completed the training program contained in subsection (B).

(D) From its fiscal year 2017‑2018 appropriations from the General Assembly, the Law Enforcement Training Council shall use nine thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing the program contained in this section.”

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

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