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January 10, 2018

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Introduced by Reps. Murphy, Arrington, Bennett, Daning, Crosby, Sottile, Cogswell, McCoy, Collins, Clary, Davis, Putnam, S. Rivers, Thayer, Erickson, Jordan, King, Herbkersman and W. Newton

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑15‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF “STATE AGENCIES” TO INCLUDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 1-6-10(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(1) ‘Agency’ means an authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality of the executive department of state government, including administrative bodies. ‘Agency’ includes a body corporate and politic established as an instrumentality of the State. ‘Agency’ does not include:

(a) the judicial department of state government;

(b) quasijudicial bodies of state government;

(c) the legislative department of state government; or

(d) political subdivisions, except for school districts for purposes of financial and forensic audits as provided in Section 1-6-35.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 6, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1-6-35. In addition to all duties, powers, and responsibilities conferred upon the State Inspector General by this chapter, the State Inspector General, for good cause shown upon request of any state or local public official or entity, may conduct financial and forensic audits of school districts, which audits must be completed and copies furnished to the relevant parties at the conclusion of the fiscal year following when the request was made, unless the State Inspector General explains in writing to the requesting parties compelling reasons why the audit cannot be completed during this time frame.”

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

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