**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑13‑105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL REQUIRE AN INMATE TO OBTAIN JOB READINESS TRAINING TO PREPARE HIM TO ENTER SOCIETY AND THE WORKFORCE ONCE HE IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 13, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑13‑105. The department shall require an inmate to participate in a job readiness program in which he shall receive a minimum of six weeks of mandatory soft skills training to prepare him to transition into society and the workforce once he is released from custody. The department shall maintain an electronic database for each inmate that certifies his completion of the job readiness program.”

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

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