**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑23‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ITS DIRECTOR MUST DETERMINE THE LOCATION WHERE BASIC AND ADVANCE TRAINING IS PROVIDED AND SELECT APTITUDE TESTS TO BE TAKEN BY OFFICERS AS A PREREQUISITE TO ENROLLING IN AN ACADEMY TRAINING COURSE, AND TO PROVIDE NO TEST SHALL BE DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST A PERSON BY VIRTUE OF HIS RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑23‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 23‑23‑20. (A) There is ~~hereby~~ created the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy which shall provide facilities and training for all officers from state, county, and local law enforcement agencies and for other designated persons in the criminal justice system. Correctional officers and other personnel employed or appointed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections may be trained by the academy. Administration of the academy must be vested in a director who is responsible for selection of instructors, course content, maintenance of physical facilities, recordkeeping, supervision of personnel, scheduling of classes, enforcement of minimum standards for certification, and other matters as may be agreed upon by the council. The director must be hired by and responsible to the council. Basic and advance training must be provided at the training facility as defined by the director.

(B) The director shall select nationally recognized aptitude tests to be taken by and minimum scores that must be attained by an officer as a prerequisite to enrolling in a Criminal Justice Academy training course. No test shall be discriminatory against a person by virtue of his race, creed, color, or national origin.”

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

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

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