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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 16, 2022

**S. 1092**

Introduced by Senator Martin

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Read the first time February 22, 2022.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 1092) to amend Section 23‑23‑60, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the issuance of certificates of compliance and qualification to law enforcement officers and, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 31-34 and inserting therein:

/ (8) evidence satisfactory to the director that the candidate’s present age is ~~not~~ no less than twenty‑one years. However, if the person is a candidate for detention or correctional officer, not to include officers for the Department of Juvenile Justice, then the candidate’s present age must be no less than eighteen years of age. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

LUKE A. RANKIN for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

The bill enables the Law Enforcement Training Council (LETC) to issue certificates or other indicia of compliance and qualification to persons who are candidates for detention or correctional officers if they are of at least eighteen years of age. Currently, LETC may, at the request of any public law enforcement agency in the state, issue certificates and other indicia of compliance and qualification to law enforcement officers or appropriately trained persons who are twenty-one years of age or older.

**South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.** The academy indicates that implementation of the bill will result in no or a minimal expenditure impact. The agency will use existing general fund resources to manage any additional costs associated with the bill.

**South Carolina Department of Corrections.** The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the department.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑23‑60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE AND QUALIFICATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PERSONS TRAINED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL’S AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RECEIPT OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM GOVERNING BODIES ABOUT CANDIDATES SEEKING CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑23‑60(B)(8) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(8) evidence satisfactory to the director that the candidate’s present age is ~~not~~ no less than twenty‑one years. However, if the person is a candidate for detention or correctional officer, then the candidate’s present age must be no less than eighteen years of age. This evidence must include a birth certificate or another acceptable document;”

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

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