**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION’S CRIMINAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-155, TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROVIDE AN INFORMATION SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING DISCIPLINARY HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, TO REQUIRE STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO REPORT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION’S CENTRAL RECORD REPOSITORY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION MAY NOT IMPOSE A FEE FOR A RECORDS SEARCH.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 3, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23-3-155. SLED shall provide an information system accessible to state and local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of performing disciplinary history background checks on prospective employees prior to their employment by the state or local law enforcement agency. All state and local law enforcement agencies must report all disciplinary actions taken against an employee to SLED’s Central Record Repository at such times and in such a form as SLED requires. SLED may not charge a fee to state or local law enforcement agencies for a records search.”

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

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