

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### S 1134 General Bill, By Reese

**Summary:** Law enforcement officers, administrative due process procedure established for complaints against

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 23, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ADMINISTRATIVE DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS ARE BROUGHT AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THE OFFICER MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ACTION AND BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE A RESPONSE TO THE ACTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF AN OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTAL CHARGE MAY APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MUST NOT BE PENALIZED FOR PURSUING HIS RIGHTS AS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A SHERIFF, CHIEF OF POLICE, OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL NOT IMPOSE A PENALTY GREATER THAN A PENALTY RECOMMENDED BY A DEPARTMENTAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OR BOARD UPON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

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