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(A24, R35, H3624)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 9‑4‑15 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL DEFEND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY (PEBA) AGAINST CLAIMS AND SUITS ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND REQUIRE THAT THE STATE INDEMNIFY THESE DIRECTORS FOR ANY LOSS OR JUDGMENT INCURRED BY THEM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A CLAIM OR SUIT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL DEFEND PEBA OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AGAINST CLAIMS AND SUITS ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES UNLESS THE OFFICER OR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE WAS ACTING IN BAD FAITH, AND REQUIRE THAT THE STATE INDEMNIFY PEBA OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES FOR ANY LOSS OR JUDGMENT INCURRED BY THEM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH A CLAIM OR SUIT, AND TO EXTEND THE REQUIREMENT TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES OF PEBA TO SUCH PERSONS AFTER LEAVING OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT WITH PEBA FOR OFFICIAL DUTIES UNDERTAKEN BY THEM WHILE SERVING AS A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE OF PEBA.**

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

**South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority, obligation to defend and indemnify**

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 4, Title 9 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 9‑4‑15. The State shall defend the members of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA) established pursuant to this article against a claim or suit that arises out of or by virtue of their performance of official duties on behalf of the authority and must indemnify these directors for a loss or judgment incurred by them as a result of the claim or suit, without regard to whether the claim or suit is brought against them in their individual or official capacities, or both. The State shall defend officers and management employees of PEBA against a claim or suit that arises out of or by virtue of performance of official duties unless the officer or management employee was acting in bad faith and must indemnify these officers, and management employees for a loss or judgment incurred by them as a result of such claim or suit, without regard to whether the claim or suit is brought against them in their individual or official capacities, or both. This commitment to defend and indemnify extends to PEBA directors, officers, and management employees after they have left their office or employment with PEBA, as applicable, if the claim or suit arises out of or by virtue of their performance of official duties on behalf of PEBA.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies with respect to any official duties undertaken by directors, officers, and management employees of the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority after June 30, 2012.

Ratified the 2nd day of May, 2013.

Approved the 3rd day of May, 2013.

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