**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑7‑85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REIMBURSING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR REPRESENTING THE STATE IN CERTAIN MATTERS, SO AS TO LIMIT THE REIMBURSEMENT TO CERTAIN SPECIFIED COSTS.

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

SECTION 1. 1‑7‑85 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 353 of 2008, is amended to read:

“Section 1‑7‑85. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Office of the Attorney General may obtain reimbursement for its costs in representing the State in criminal proceedings and in representing the State and its officers and agencies in civil and administrative proceedings. These costs ~~may~~ only include~~, but are not limited to,~~ attorney fees or investigative costs or costs of litigation awarded by court order or settlement, travel expenditures, depositions, printing, transcripts, and personnel costs. Reimbursement of these costs may be obtained by the Office of the Attorney General from the budget of an agency or officer that it is representing or from funds generally appropriated for legal expenses, with the approval of the ~~State Budget and Control Board~~ Department of Administration.”

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

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