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AGENDA

The House Judiciary Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 2:30 pm or 30 minutes after adjournment of the House, whichever is later, in Room 516** of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. *The Judiciary committee staff has attempted to contact the interested parties of all bills listed on the agenda for this meeting.*

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

[H.5016](#) – Rep. B. Newton - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION [1-3-240](#), RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION [11-7-10](#) RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

CRIMINAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

[H.3980](#) – Rep. J.E. Johnson – TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION [14-1-250](#) SO AS TO REQUIRE JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT ALL CASES OF SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [38-55-570](#), RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE OBLIGATION OF JUDGES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION.

Pending favorable report from the subcommittee

[H.3227](#) – Rep. Rutherford - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS [63-1-40](#) AND [63-19-20](#), BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION [63-19-2430](#) RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Pending favorable report from the subcommittee

[H.3374](#) – Rep. Rutherford - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION [23-1-235](#) SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE ONLY CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY USE AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE SYSTEM MAY BE INSTALLED, TO PROVIDE HOW INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SYSTEM MAY BE USED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

Pending favorable report from the subcommittee

[H.3016](#) – Rep. Hewitt - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [16-7-10](#), RELATING TO OFFENSES DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMER FELONY LOOTING IS NOW CONSIDERED BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND THE PENALTY IS THE SAME AS FOR BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Pending favorable report from the subcommittee

[H.4972](#) – Rep. Felder - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION [16-15-390](#) SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PRODUCE OR DISTRIBUTE OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, OR TO POSSESS SUCH OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATION, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [23-3-430](#), RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

Pending favorable report from the subcommittee

[H.4973](#) – Rep. Felder - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [16-15-375](#), RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MATERIAL" AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION [16-15-395](#), RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION [16-15-405](#), RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION [16-15-410](#), RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AND MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THESE STATUTES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [23-3-430](#), RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DEGREES.

FAMILY, BUSINESS, AND PROBATE LAW SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable with Amendment

[H.4618](#) – Rep. King – TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [63-17-70](#), RELATING TO PATERNITY COURT ORDERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CORRECTION OF PATERNITY REFERENCES ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE IF THE PUTATIVE FATHER IS DETERMINED NOT TO BE THE FATHER OF THE CHILD, TO REVOKE PREVIOUS ORDERS ESTABLISHING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS FOLLOWING SUCH A DETERMINATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Pending favorable report from the subcommittee

[H.4304](#) – Rep. Connell - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION [15-75-30](#) SO AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.