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AGENDA

The House Judiciary Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025, one hour after adjournment of the House, 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.*

CRIMINAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

[H. 3524](#) – Rep. J.E. Johnson - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [16-3-1410](#), RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [16-3-1420](#), RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

Favorable with Amendment

[H. 3525](#) – Rep. J.E. Johnson - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [14-1-211.5](#), RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION [16-3-1200](#), RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; by amending section [16-3-1420](#), relating to definitions for purposes of the article on crime victim services training, Provider certification, and statistical analysis, so as to remove an unnecessary definition of "witness"; BY AMENDING SECTION [16-3-1430](#), RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION [16-3-1510](#), RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [17-25-45](#), RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

Favorable with Amendment

[H. 3591](#) – Rep. Pope - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION [16-3-80](#) SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [16-1-10](#), RELATING TO THE CATEGORIZATION OF FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Favorable

[H. 3624](#) – Rep. Atkinson - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [16-11-520](#), RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO A TREE, HOUSE, OUTSIDE FENCE, OR FIXTURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCEPTION OF TRIMMING TREE LIMBS THAT ENCROACH UPON A PROPERTY LINE.

Favorable with Amendment

[H. 3924](#) – Rep. Wooten - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Pending Favorable Report on 3.25.25

[S. 156](#) – Sen. Alexander - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROBATE LAW SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

[H. 3731](#) – Rep. Bernstein - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS by REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 201 OF 2024 SO AS TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, DISPOSE, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.