

Session 115 - (2003-2004)

S 1249 General Bill, By McConnell

Summary: Pre-trial intervention program

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY PROSECUTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-30, RELATING TO THE DISCRETION OF CIRCUIT SOLICITORS TO ESTABLISH PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO ADD THAT MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY PROSECUTORS HAVE SIMILAR DISCRETION TO REFER A PERSON TO A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM OR ANOTHER FOR PROFIT OR NOT FOR PROFIT INTERVENTION OR COUNSELING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN INTERVENTION OR COUNSELING PROGRAM MUST MEET ESTABLISHED STANDARDS OF CARE DEVELOPED BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE PRETRIAL INTERVENTION COORDINATOR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF A FOR PROFIT AND A NOT FOR PROFIT INTERVENTION OR COUNSELING PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-40, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF PRETRIAL INTERVENTION COORDINATOR, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PRETRIAL INTERVENTION COORDINATOR TO CHARGE A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO QUALIFY A PERSON FOR AN INTERVENTION OR COUNSELING PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR INTERVENTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS WHEN THE MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY PROSECUTOR CONSIDERS REFERRAL TO AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM APPROPRIATE.

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