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H 3338 General Bill, By Cobb-Hunter and King Similar (H 3339)

Summary: Ethical Policing Transparency & Accountability

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ETHICAL POLICING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FRAMEWORK TO INSTITUTIONALIZE HIGH STANDARDS FOR POLICING PRACTICES AND CONDUCT BY THE CREATION OF CITIZEN REVIEW BOARDS AND THEIR DUTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF STANDARD FORMS TO RECORD LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMPLAINTS, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL RECORD ALL INSTANCES OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL ENGAGE IN ETHICAL POLICING, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST COMPLETE CERTAIN TRAINING AND CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MUST RELEASE AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT CONTAINS COMPLAINTS FILED AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IMPOSED ON ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TRACK THIS INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN UNETHICAL POLICING PATTERNS OF CONDUCT ARE OCCURRING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL PROHIBIT THEM FROM BEING REINSTATED, TRANSFERRED, OR EMPLOYED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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