

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**H\*4601 (Rat #0329, Act #0271 of 2008) General Bill, By W.D. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Talley, Hagood, Scott, Viers, Mitchell, Clemmons and Whipper**

**Summary:** Crime Victims' Ombudsman

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VICTIMS' COMPENSATION AWARDS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING FOR VICTIMS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS, SO AS TO ALLOW CLAIM SUBMISSION VIA FACSIMILE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS; TO AMEND ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 16, RELATING TO THE VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE PROGRAM TO EMPOWER THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND, TO RESTRUCTURE THE VICTIMS' SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, AND TO CREATE THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1620, RELATING TO THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN AND ESTABLISH CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1680 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE CRIME VICTIMS' OMBUDSMAN TO PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS. - ratified title

<b>01/30/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time HJ-8</b>
<b>01/30/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-9</b>
<b>02/20/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-5</b>
<b>02/21/08</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>02/26/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mitchell</b>
<b>02/26/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-19</b>
<b>02/26/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 27, 2008 HJ-21</b>
<b>02/27/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Clemmons</b>
<b>02/27/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Wednesday, March 5, 2008 HJ-25</b>
<b>03/05/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper</b>
<b>03/05/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-21</b>
<b>03/05/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned HJ-23</b>
<b>03/05/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended HJ-27</b>
<b>03/05/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time HJ-28</b>
<b>03/06/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-20</b>
<b>03/06/08</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>03/11/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time SJ-7</b>
<b>03/11/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-7</b>
<b>03/17/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Subcommittee: Hawkins (ch), Sheheen, Lourie, Vaughn</b>
<b>05/07/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-12</b>
<b>05/13/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted SJ-28</b>
<b>05/13/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time SJ-28</b>
<b>05/14/08</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>05/14/08</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-16</b>
<b>05/22/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned on Senate amendments until Tuesday, May 27, 2008 HJ-105</b>
<b>05/27/08</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-36</b>
<b>05/29/08</b>		<b>Ratified R 329</b>
<b>06/04/08</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>06/11/08</b>		<b>Copies available</b>
<b>06/11/08</b>		<b>Effective date 01/01/09</b>
<b>06/13/08</b>		<b>Act No. 271</b>