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S 0505 General Bill, By Hayes, L. Martin, Rankin and Thurmond

Summary: Public Integrity Unit established

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS, TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL FOR INFORMATION SHARING AMONG THE PARTNER ENTITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIT SHALL COORDINATE INVESTIGATIONS OF SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES AFFECTING ETHICS AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MANNER IN WHICH ETHICS COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY THE PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT WHEN THE COMMITTEE DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS AND REPORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT INVESTIGATIONS.

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