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H 3665 General Bill, By Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Brawley, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Govan, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, J. Moore, Jefferson, J.L. Johnson, K.O. Johnson, King, Matthews, McDaniel, Murray, Parks, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robinson, Rutherford, Tedder, Thigpen, Weeks, R. Williams and S. Williams Similar (S 0257, H 3563)

Summary: Body cameras

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-242 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DELETION OR DESTRUCTION OF DATA FROM A BODY-WORN CAMERA WITH THE INTENT TO ALTER OR INFLUENCE A CRIMINAL ACTION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, INTERNAL POLICE INVESTIGATION, CIVIL ACTION, OR POTENTIAL CIVIL ACTION IF NOTICE IS PROVIDED BY THE ADVERSE PARTY, OR IF LITIGATION IS REASONABLY ANTICIPATED, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-1-240, RELATING TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MUST BE UNIFORM, PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE AGENCIES MUST INCLUDE FOR THE ACTIVATION OF THE RECORDINGS, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DATA RECORDED BY A BODY-WORN CAMERA IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND PROVIDE A TRIAL JUDGE MAY INSTRUCT A JURY THAT IT MAY INFER NEGLIGENCE IF AN OFFICER WEARING A BODY-WORN CAMERA FAILED TO PRODUCE A VIDEO.

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