**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑1‑200 SO AS TO PROHIBIT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑1‑200. (A) The State and its political subdivisions are prohibited from engaging in collective bargaining with an employee of the State or its political subdivisions, or an association or union advocating on behalf of an employee of the State or a political subdivision of this State.

(B) For the purposes of this section, ‘collective bargaining’ means the negotiation by an employer and a majority of the employer’s employees, or their representatives, concerning representation or terms and conditions of employment of these employees in a mutually genuine effort to reach an agreement with reference to the subject under negotiation.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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