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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24‑21‑50, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF PAROLE, PARDON, AND CLEMENCY HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL PAROLEES BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE OR THEIR COUNSEL HAVE A RIGHT TO CONFRONT WITNESSES THAT APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD DURING THEIR HEARINGS, AND ALL TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT PAROLE HEARINGS MUST BE TAKEN UNDER OATH.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24-21-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 24-21-50. (A) The board shall grant hearings and permit arguments and appearances by counsel or any individual before it at any such hearing while considering a case for parole, pardon, or any other form of clemency provided for under law.

 (B) No Only a potential paroleeinmate who is being considered for parole or his counsel has a right of confrontation at the hearing.

 (C) All testimony presented at a parole hearing must be taken under oath.

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

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