**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑498 SO AS TO DIRECT THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL SALARIES AT VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS AS COMPARED TO OTHER SOUTHEASTERN STATES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW MUST BE REPORTED TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑11‑498. The State Budget and Control Board Office of Human Resources is directed to conduct a review of law enforcement personnel salaries at the Department of Public Safety, the State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services as compared to other Southeastern states. All agencies are directed to cooperate with the State Budget and Control Board in completion of this study. This study shall include a comparison of salary ranges, average salaries within salary ranges, average salary within each salary range in reference to time in each salary range, and required training for each salary range. Results of this review must be reported to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by January 3, 2010.”

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

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