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Guidance?

From: Beam, Adam [mailto:abeam@thestate.com]
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Rob,

I'm writing a story for Sunday about H.3147. It would exempt public safety officers from the "extraordinary and unusual" standard for workers compensation claims involving mental health issues.

The bill arises from a state Supreme Court case, Bentley v. Spartanburg County, where a sheriff's deputy was denied workers compensation because the court ruled shooting someone was not extraordinary or unusual for a police officer.

I've spoken to the S.C. Association of Counties and some workers compensation attorneys who oppose the law. They say law enforcement officers already have access to disability retirement, and workers compensation would be "double dipping."

What does the governor think about this bill?

By the way, the bill has passed the full House Judiciary Committee and is now on the House floor.

Thanks,

Adam

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