

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

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Officer-Involved Shooting Bill:

S.0650—Senator John Scott—Officer-involved shooting (4.14.2015)

- Establishes SLED as the exclusive investigating agency of all officer-involved shootings and arrestee custody related deaths.
- If a SLED agent was involved in the shooting, generally the sheriff in the county where the shooting took place would conduct the investigation and all forensics would be analyzed outside of SC.
- The initiation or declination of any formal criminal action must not occur prior to the completion of the investigation.
- **Current Bill Status: 2nd Reading on Senate Calendar, Lourie amendment proposed and carried over.**
- *Fiscal Impact:* \$463,740 expenditure impact in recurring GF, and \$321,290 expenditure in nonrecurring GF.

Senator Lourie proposed an amendment on the floor, which has been carried over:

- Strikes the provisions establishing SLED as the exclusive investigating agency.
- Provides that a law enforcement agency “may choose” SLED, FBI, or any other law enforcement agency to investigate officer-involved shootings and arrestee custody related deaths.
- **Prohibits the law enforcement agency from choosing itself for an internal investigation in these situations.**

Correspondence:

FYI re. The Citadel – Our office has been copied on roughly a dozen complaints from constituents/graduates about the accommodations to the cadet uniform that The Citadel is expected to make this coming fall for a Muslim female student wanting to wear a hijab. This may or may not make news.

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