

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### **S 1004 General Bill, By Lourie, Ceips and Jackson**

#### ***Similar (H 4567)***

#### **Summary:** Childcare Safety Enhancement Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "CHILDCARE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2008" BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-2720, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN FACILITIES PROVIDING CHILDCARE MUST BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO FURTHER SPECIFY THAT PERSONS PROVIDING CHILDCARE FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE CHILDREN MUST BE LICENSED AS A GROUP CHILDCARE HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-2770, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CHILDCARE CENTERS AND GROUP CHILDCARE HOMES MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THEIR FACILITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE FAMILY CHILDCARE HOMES TO MAINTAIN SUCH A REGISTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-2840, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY CHILDCARE HOMES, SO AS TO FURTHER CLARIFY THAT PERSONS PROVIDING CHILDCARE FOR SIX OR FEWER CHILDREN MUST REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-2870, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VISITS TO AND INSPECTIONS OF FAMILY CHILDCARE HOMES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE INSPECTION OF SUCH HOMES EVERY THREE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-2980, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINING THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ONLY OBTAIN THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-3040, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARENT MEMBERS ON THIS COMMITTEE BY ONE AND TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES ON THIS COMMITTEE BY ONE; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-3050, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT NO REGULATION MAY BE PROMULGATED IF DISAPPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-3090, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHILDCARE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY CRIMES FOR CERTAIN CHILDCARE VIOLATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-3035, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE TYPE OF VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO FINES AND THE MAXIMUM FINE AMOUNT FOR EACH TYPE VIOLATION AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS, FOR IMPOSITION OF FINES, FOR CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS, FOR PAYMENT OF FINES, AND FOR APPEALING FINES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 20-7-3055, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES.

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