

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

**H 3120 General Bill, By Quinn, Barrett, Delleney, Meacham-Richardson, Altman, Sandifer, Whatley, Simrill, Walker, Robinson and Merrill**

**Summary:** Voluntary prayer at school function, district sued for allowing, State to aid in defense of; Torts, Attorney General

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-150 TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO PAY THE LEGAL COSTS INCURRED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH IS SUED BECAUSE OF A DISTRICT POLICY ALLOWING VOLUNTARY PRAYER AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL REPRESENT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IN DEFENDING A CIVIL ACTION INVOLVING ITS DISTRICT POLICY ON VOLUNTARY PRAYER, IF REQUESTED, AND IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS ITS OWN LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MUST APPROVE THE SELECTION AND THE FEE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PREVAILS IN SUCH A CIVIL ACTION, THE COURT SHALL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO RECOVER ITS COSTS FROM THE LOSING PARTY.

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