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H 3741 General Bill, By Cobb-Hunter, Allison, R.A. Barber, D.W. Beatty, A.W. Byrd, Cato, Davenport, Fair, J.P. Harrelson, B.H. Harwell, J. Hines, D.N. Holt, Inabinett, M.H. Kinon, J.G. Mattos, Moody-Lawrence, Neilson, J.S. Shissias, R. Smith, C.H. Stone, Vaughn, C.Y. Waites and C.C. Wells *Similar (S 0567)*

A Bill to amend Title 20, Chapter 7, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 26 so as to enact the South Carolina Child Fatality Review and Prevention Act, to provide for the policy of the State in preventing child deaths, to create the State Child Fatality Review Team within the Center for Family in Society, University of South Carolina, to provide for its members, its purpose, powers, and duties; to provide for access to and confidentiality of records relating to children who have died and services provided to these children and their families; to add Sections 17-5-140 and 17-5-265 so as to require coroners and medical examiners to notify the Chairman of the Child Fatality Review Team when a child dies under certain circumstances; to add Sections 17-5-150 and 17-5-275 so as to authorize a coroner or a medical examiner to obtain an inspection warrant in the course of conducting an investigation of a child's death; to amend Section 20-7-490, as amended, relating to definitions in the Child Abuse and Neglect Law, so as to revise the definition of "abused or neglected child"; to amend Section 20-7-510, relating to reporting of child abuse and neglect, so as to require a coroner, a medical examiner, and their employees to report; to amend Section 20-7-690, as amended, relating to confidentiality of child abuse reports, and records, so as to allow the release of such information to county medical examiners, coroners, and the State Team; to amend Section 44-63-110, as amended, relating to fees for vital records, so as to provide a two dollar surcharge on an original death certificate to fund the Child Review Team; and to provide that funds and positions related to the child fatality review process in the Department of Social Services must be transferred to the Center for Family in Society.

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