

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S\*0380 (Rat #0032, Act #0025 of 2023) General Bill, By Shealy, McElveen, Hutto, Jackson, Gustafson and Young**

**Summary:** Kinship Guardianship

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP" AND "LEGAL GUARDIAN"; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1700, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES TO ESTABLISH LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WITH SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS WHEN ADOPTION IS NOT AN OPTION AND BY MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-1705 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR INITIATING THE JUDICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WITH SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 63 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-1-20, RELATING TO THE STATE'S CHILDREN'S POLICY, SO AS TO INCLUDE LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP WHEN ADOPTION IS NOT APPROPRIATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO APPLY ALSO TO PLACEMENT OF A CHILD IN A LEGAL GUARDIAN'S HOME. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/12/23	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 4)
01/12/23	Senate	Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 4)
02/08/23	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 48)
02/09/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/14/23	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 26)
02/15/23	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/15/23	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/15/23	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/16/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/16/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 21)
02/16/23	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 21)
03/29/23	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 54)
04/04/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 37)
04/05/23	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 4-18-23 (House Journal-page 39)
04/18/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 131)
04/19/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 10)
04/20/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 10)
04/25/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 11)
04/26/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 24)
04/27/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 13)
05/02/23	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 22)
05/03/23	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 23)
05/03/23	House	Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 24)
05/04/23	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 22)
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