

## Session 113 - (1999-2000)

**H 3922 General Bill, By Davenport, Bales, J. Brown, Cato, Chellis, Cooper, Edge, Hamilton, Kelley, Leach, Lee, Littlejohn, Lloyd, Neilson, Ott, Sandifer, Seithel, D. Smith, Tripp, Vaughn, Witherspoon and Young-Brickell**

**Summary:** Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act, Courts, Family, Minors, Domestic Relations

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 20, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LEGAL STATUS OF CHILDREN, BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 2 TO ENACT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS IN DIRECTING THE UPBRINGING OF THEIR CHILDREN, TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM INTERFERING IN THIS RIGHT, TO ALLOW A PARENT TO RAISE A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBARTICLE AS A CLAIM OR DEFENSE, TO PROVIDE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES WHEN A PARENT PREVAILS, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN ACTIONS BETWEEN PARENTS.

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