

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

**H 4920 General Bill, By Martin, White, Thompson, Rhoad, Limehouse, Allison, Barrett, Clyburn, Cooper, Fleming, Frye, Gilham, Kirsh, Meacham-Richardson, Riser, Sinclair, Snow, Stille, Townsend, Vaughn, Witherspoon and Rodgers**  
***Similar (S 1208)***

**Summary:** Stephanie's Law, all child abuse and neglect cases to be classified

A BILL TO ENACT "STEPHANIE'S LAW" BY AMENDING SECTION 20-7-650, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS OF REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, CLASSIFYING SUCH REPORTS AS UNFOUNDED OR FOUNDED, AND MAINTAINING RECORDS AND THESE REPORTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL REPORTS RECEIVED TO BE CLASSIFIED AS EITHER UNFOUNDED OR INDICATED, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE AN INVESTIGATION DUE TO RECEIVING INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION, THE INVESTIGATION MAY BE REOPENED UPON RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TO RESTRICT USE OF RECORDS OF UNFOUNDED REPORTS IN WHICH THE REPORTER DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO AUDITING AND STATISTICAL PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE THAT RECORDS OF OTHER REPORTS OF UNFOUNDED ABUSE OR NEGLECT MAY BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ASSESS RISK AND SAFETY IF ADDITIONAL REPORTS ARE MADE CONCERNING THE CHILD, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IN THE HOUSEHOLD, OR THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT.

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