

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

### H 4931 General Bill, By Davenport

#### Summary: First Steps

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-9750 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS TO DEVELOP A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC CHILDCARE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY CHILDCARE CENTERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM MUST BE SOLELY ADMINISTERED BY THIS OFFICE; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE TO ALSO SELECT AND APPROVE A VOLUNTARY RATING SYSTEM FOR USE BY CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS RATING SYSTEM MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IMPACT THE OPERATION OF CHILDCARE CENTERS AND SHALL DEVELOP METHODS OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE CHILDCARE CENTERS TO IMPROVE THEIR CAPABILITIES.

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