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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63‑15‑70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN AWARDING CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION, IF THE CHILD IS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE AND THE MOTHER IS BREASTFEEDING THE CHILD, THE COURT SHALL TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 15, Title 63 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 361 of 2008, is amended by adding:

“Section 63‑15‑70. In awarding child custody or visitation, or both, in a case where the child is under two years of age and the mother is breastfeeding the child, the court shall take this into consideration.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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