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3/4/2014 House Roll call Yeas‑105 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 82](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\03-04-14.docx))

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3/5/2014 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-05-14.docx))

3/5/2014 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-05-14.docx))

3/12/2014 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-12-14.docx))

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3/18/2014 Senate Roll call Ayes‑35 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-18-14.docx))

3/19/2014 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///H:\SJ%20Archive\2014\03-19-14.docx))

3/25/2014 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 3‑26‑14 ([House Journal‑page 37](file:///H:\HJ%20Archive\2014\03-25-14.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COORDINATION AND MEDICAL SERVICE RESOURCES STATEWIDE TO AGENCIES AND ENTITIES THAT RESPOND TO VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROGRAM.**

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

**South Carolina Children’s Advocacy Medical Response System created, duties, and purpose**

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Title 63 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 4

South Carolina Children’s Advocacy Medical Response System

Section 63‑11‑400. This article may be cited as the ‘South Carolina Children’s Advocacy Medical Response System Act’.

Section 63‑11‑410. There is created the South Carolina Children’s Advocacy Medical Response System, a program to provide coordination and administration of medical service resources to those entities responding to cases of suspected child abuse or neglect. The program is administered by the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

Section 63‑11‑420. For purposes of this article:

(1) ‘Child’ has the same meaning as provided for in Section 63‑7‑20.

(2) ‘Child abuse or neglect’ has the same meaning as provided for in Section 63‑7‑20.

(3) ‘Children’s advocacy centers’ has the same meaning as provided for in Section 63‑11‑310.

(4) ‘Program’ means the South Carolina Children’s Advocacy Medical Response System, created pursuant to this article.

(5) ‘Health care provider’ means a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant licensed to practice in this State pursuant to Article 1, Chapter 47, Title 40, Article 1, Chapter 33, Title 40, and Article 7, Chapter 47, Title 40, respectively.

Section 63‑11‑430. (A) The program coordinates and administers child abuse medical service resources for the State, assisting and collaborating with children’s advocacy centers and state agencies charged with the investigation, assessment, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse or neglect for children in the State.

(B) The program shall develop, support, and maintain a consistent quality standard of care and practice for the following services intrinsic to the assessment of children with suspected abuse or neglect:

(1) forensic medical examinations, assessments, and diagnoses;

(2) medical consultations;

(3) participation in multidisciplinary team case conferences and reviews; and

(4) medical expert witness services.

(C) The program also shall develop, support, and maintain:

(1) guidelines for the educational, clinical training, and professional development requirements of health care providers participating in the forensic medical assessment of children who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect;

(2) a standardized clinical assessment tool to report the findings of the forensic medical assessment; and

(3) guidelines for the South Carolina Department of Social Services and law enforcement agencies on when to obtain a forensic medical assessment.

(D) The program shall collect and manage data from child abuse health care providers participating in the program, children’s advocacy centers, and children’s hospitals for the purposes of establishing quality assurance programs, research, and public policy guidance.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 3rd day of April, 2014.

Approved the 7th day of April, 2014.

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