**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63‑17‑490, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS TARGETING UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS WHO OWE CHILD SUPPORT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO OFFER STIPENDS TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63‑17‑490 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 63‑17‑490. Notwithstanding ~~any other~~ another provision of law, a court or administrative order for child support or order for contempt for nonpayment of child support being enforced under Title IV‑D of the Social Security Act may direct a noncustodial parent who is unemployed or underemployed and who is the parent of a child receiving ~~Aid to Families with Dependent Children~~ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits to participate in an employment training and placement program offered through the Department of Employment and Workforce’s SC Works program or another workforce development program funded by the Workforce Investment Act or to participate in public service employment. The Department of Employment and Workforce shall undertake efforts to offer programs that provide stipends to participants. Upon failure of the noncustodial parent to comply with an order of contempt which directed the noncustodial parent to participate in the employment training program or public service employment, the ~~Family Court~~ court, upon receiving an affidavit of noncompliance from the department, immediately may issue a bench warrant for the arrest of the noncustodial parent. The Department of Social Services shall promulgate regulations governing the eligibility criteria and implementation of these training programs and public service employment.”

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

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑