

Amendment: HC2

Representative **GM SMITH** proposes the following amendment:

GENERAL PROVISO

New:

117.aps. (Adult Protective Services Study Committee) A study committee shall be established to study and make recommendations regarding the best and most efficient method for the State to appropriate and authorize funding that will best coordinate services available for the needs and protection of the vulnerable adult population of South Carolina. Recommendations shall include but are not limited to: creation and/or reorganization of a state agency focused on the protection of and services for vulnerable adults; establishment of a single point of entry for vulnerable adult services; creation and oversight of a public guardianship program; establishment of standards and oversight for private guardians; determination of the appropriate jurisdiction for Adult Protective Services cases; creation of an adult abuse registry; and identification and development of any other services to best protect vulnerable adults from physical and/or financial abuse and exploitation.

The primary focus of the study committee shall be to develop and make recommendations regarding the establishment of a state agency or entity where these services can be consolidated. Recommendations shall be made no later than November 1, 2018 to the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee.

The study committee shall invite participation from the following agencies and associations: Department Social Services, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging, Department of Mental Health, Department of Health and Human Services, SC Probate Judges Association, SC Family Court Judges Association, SC Bar, Commission on Indigent Defense,

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Attorney General's Office, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Vulnerable Adult Unit, South Carolina Crime Victims Council, AARP South Carolina, South Carolina Sheriff's Association, Adult Protection Coordinating Council, Prosecution Coordination Commission, SC Law Enforcement Officers' Association, South Carolina Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, and South Carolina Legal Services. The study committee shall also invite participation from the United States Social Security Administration, the Veteran's Administration, the SC Hospital Association and the SC Health Care Association.