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S 0385 General Bill, By Devine, Walker, Zell, Jackson, Tedder, Garrett, Allen, Sabb, Matthews and Sutton

Summary: Women's Childbirth Alternatives, Resources, and Education Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "WOMEN'S CHILDBIRTH ALTERNATIVES, RESOURCES, AND EDUCATION (CARE) ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 21, CHAPTER 13 TO TITLE 24 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PREGNANCY TESTING OF CERTAIN WOMEN AFTER ADMISSION TO CERTAIN INCARCERATION FACILITIES, THE SUPERVISED PREINCARCERATION PROBATION OF PREGNANT WOMEN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE SELF SURRENDER OF WOMEN SERVING PREINCARCERATION TERMS OF PROBATION TWELVE WEEKS AFTER THE BIRTH OF THEIR CHILDREN, CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO SURRENDER, PROCEDURES FOR WOMEN TO FOLLOW IF THEY LOSE THEIR PREGNANCIES WHILE ON PREINCARCERATION PROBATION, AND CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

02/26/25	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 3)**
02/26/25	**Senate**	**Referred to Committee on Corrections and Penology (Senate Journal-page 3)**
03/11/26	**Senate**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Corrections and Penology (Senate Journal-page 7)**
04/16/26	**Senate**	**Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 32)**
04/16/26	**Senate**	**Read second time (Senate Journal-page 32)**
04/16/26	**Senate**	**Roll call Ayes-35 Nays-4 (Senate Journal-page 32)**
04/30/26	**Senate**	**Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 31)**
04/30/26	**House**	**Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 154)**
04/30/26	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 154)**