

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**S 0143 General Bill, By Devine, Zell, Hutto, Jackson and Graham**

***Similar (S 0180, H 3603, H 3830)***

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF OF MINORS IN THE PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD.

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**12/11/24 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary**

**01/14/25 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 90)**

**01/14/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 90)**

**01/17/25 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Adams (ch), Reichenbach, Devine, Kennedy, Stubbs**

**02/05/25 Senate Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 49)**