

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**S\*0029 (Rat #0083, Act #0058 of 2025) General Bill, By Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy**

***Similar (H 3043, H 3046)***

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-412 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR ARREST WARRANTS WHEN THE OFFENSE INCLUDES MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE ON THE APPROPRIATE TIERS OF THE REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/11/24	Senate	Prefiled
12/11/24	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/14/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time
01/14/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/15/25		Scrivener's error corrected
01/17/25	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Adams (ch), Reichenbach, Devine, Kennedy, Stubbs
01/21/25		Scrivener's error corrected
02/05/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 47)
02/06/25		Scrivener's error corrected
02/12/25	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 8)
02/12/25	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 8)
02/12/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 8)
02/12/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 8)
02/13/25	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 15)
02/19/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 63)
02/19/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 63)
02/25/25		Scrivener's error corrected
04/30/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 9)
05/01/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 71)
05/01/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 71)
05/01/25	House	Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 86)
05/01/25	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 88)
05/02/25		Scrivener's error corrected
05/02/25	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 6)
05/06/25	Senate	House amendment amended (Senate Journal-page 87)
05/06/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 87)
05/06/25	Senate	Returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 87)
05/08/25	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment (House Journal-page 71)
05/08/25	House	Roll call Yeas-0 Nays-105 (House Journal-page 72)
05/08/25	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hutto, Kimbrell, Adams (Senate Journal-page 20)
05/08/25	House	Conference committee appointed T Moore, Wetmore, McCabe (House Journal-page 97)
05/08/25	House	Conference report adopted (House Journal-page 129)
05/08/25	House	Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 138)
05/08/25	Senate	Conference report adopted (Senate Journal-page 22)

05/08/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0
05/08/25	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification (House Journal-page 151)
05/20/25		Ratified R 83
05/22/25		Signed By Governor
05/27/25		Effective date 05/22/25
05/27/25		Act No. 58