

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3046 General Bill, By T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, C. Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M.M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley Similar (S 0029, H 3043)

Summary: Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, morphed images

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

12/05/24	House	Prefiled
12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/14/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 78)
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01/16/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vaughan
01/28/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: C.Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton
02/18/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guffey
02/26/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan, Wickensimer
02/26/25	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 77)
02/27/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey
02/27/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Forrest
03/04/25	House	Debate adjourned until Wed., 3-5-25 (House Journal-page 26)
03/04/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow, Cromer, Gilreath
03/05/25	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 3-6-25 (House Journal-page 23)
03/05/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler
03/06/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: B.Newton, Hixon
03/06/25	House	Debate adjourned until Tue., 3-11-25 (House Journal-page 21)
03/06/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gagnon
03/11/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoon
03/25/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, Davis
03/25/25	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 49)
03/26/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor
03/26/25	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). B Newton, Forrest, BL Cox, Martin, Ligon, Taylor, Whitmire, Yow, Hager (House Journal-page 16)
03/26/25	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 44)
03/27/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers
03/27/25	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 32)
04/01/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson, Bradley
04/01/25	House	Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Rivers, Anderson, Gilliard

04/01/25 House Read second time (House Journal-page 31)
04/01/25 House Roll call Yeas-96 Nays-19 (House Journal-page 31)
04/02/25 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 82)
04/10/25 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 2)
04/10/25 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 2)