

Session 119 - (2011-2012)

H 3377 General Bill, By Crawford and Lowe

Summary: Vocational Rehabilitation Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT "THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 2011" BY ADDING CHAPTER 30 TO TITLE 43 SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, TO TRANSFER THE APPROPRIATIONS, FUNCTIONS, POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND AUTHORITY STATUTORILY EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONCERNING THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THE POLICY OF THIS STATE WITH RESPECT TO VOCATION REHABILITATION, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION, TO PROVIDE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR, TO MANDATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES STATEWIDE, TO CREATE A VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FUND AND PROVIDE FOR ITS FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF GIFTS TO THE FUND, TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DIVISION, TO PROVIDE THE USE OF OTHER FUNDING MUST BE SOUGHT AND USED BEFORE STATE FUNDING CAN BE USED FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES UNDER THIS CHAPTER, TO REGULATE THE USE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION GATHERED IN THE COURSE OF CONDUCTING THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES TO INCARCERATED PERSONS, AND TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR A VOCATION REHABILITATION COUNSELOR; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 31, TITLE 41 RELATING TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.

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