

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4123 General Bill, By Cromer, Gilreath, Huff, White, Terrible, Ballentine, Yow, C. Mitchell, McGinnis, Hardee, Willis, B.J. Cox, Hager, M.M. Smith, Chumley, Long, Ligon, Moss, Lawson, Bowers, Frank, Pace, McCravy, Gibson, Oremus, Vaughan, Caskey, Wooten, Kilmartin, Rankin, Beach, Edgerton, Sanders, McCabe, Magnuson, Burns, Wickensimer, Guffey, D. Mitchell, Lastinger and Gilliam

Summary: Protection of Minors from Pornography and Obscenities Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTECTION OF MINORS FROM PORNOGRAPHY AND OBSCENITIES ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ARTICLE REGARDING OBSCENITY LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "HARMFUL TO MINORS" AND "MATERIAL" TO INCLUDE ANY PORTION OF MATERIALS AND PERFORMANCES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED OBSCENE, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "PROFANE LANGUAGE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS, DEFENSES, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE PROVIDED BY THE STATUTE ONLY TO THE TEACHING OF AGE-APPROPRIATE SEX EDUCATION AND HUMAN BIOLOGY CURRICULUM.

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