

Session 116 - (2005-2006)

H 4584 General Bill, By Leach, Bingham, Anthony, Davenport, Frye and Huggins

Summary: Child abuse or neglect

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-490, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS IN THE CHILDREN'S CODE, INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INCLUDES KNOWINGLY EXPOSING A CHILD TO CHEMICALS THAT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO INTERFERE WITH NORMAL PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING DURING THE MANUFACTURING OF METHAMPHETAMINE; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-763, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MUST MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PRESERVE OR UNIFY THE FAMILY AND EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE AS AN EXCEPTION THAT THE PARENT HAS KNOWINGLY EXPOSED A CHILD TO CHEMICALS THAT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO INTERFERE WITH NORMAL PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING DURING THE MANUFACTURING OF METHAMPHETAMINE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1572, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AS A GROUND THAT THE PARENT EXPOSED A CHILD TO CHEMICALS THAT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO INTERFERE WITH NORMAL PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING DURING THE MANUFACTURING OF METHAMPHETAMINE.

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