

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### H 4625 General Bill, By Grant and Pope

**Summary:** Parental Perinatal Mental Health Screening and Education Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PARENTAL PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO OFFER PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS TO EXPECTANT PARENTS AND PARENTS OF NEWBORNS, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND REFERRALS FOR TREATMENT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO DEVELOP GUIDANCE AND PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 44-37-10 TO 44-37-70 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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