

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 4683 General Bill, By Rankin, C. Mitchell, Edgerton, Teeple, Hartnett and Lastinger

Summary: Sex Offender Child Protection Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-535, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS, EXCEPTIONS, VIOLATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCES, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL FACILITY," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES THAT PRECLUDE SEX OFFENDERS FROM RESIDING NEAR SCHOOLS, DAYCARE CENTERS, OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS MAY NOT OWN, OPERATE, OR BE EMPLOYED IN CERTAIN BUSINESSES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO MINORS OR ALLOW UNSUPERVISED ACCESS TO MINORS, AND TO PROVIDE SLED MUST NOTIFY ALL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACT.

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02/26/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Teeple, Hartnett

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