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H 5069 General Bill, By J.H. Neal, Cobb-Hunter, Govan and J.S. Shissias

A Bill to enact the Responsibility in Parenting Act of 1994 by amending the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 20-7-105 so as to provide that a parent of a child under sixteen years of age is guilty of failure to supervise and control the child if under certain conditions the child is truant, commits a status offense, or commits certain other crimes and to provide penalties; by adding Section 20-7-107 so as to provide that a parent of a child under the age of seventeen may bring an action for "Parental Request for Assistance" seeking a family assessment if the child has allegedly committed a status offense; by adding Section 20-7-753 so as to authorize the Family Court to designate a lead state agency to conduct a family assessment and recommend a service plan for families before the court in certain proceedings and to require the court to review the assessment and adopt a plan for addressing family problems; to amend Section 20-7-340, as amended, relating to malicious injury to property by a minor, so as to increase from five thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars the amount for which a parent may be responsible; and to amend Section 20-7-420, as amended, relating to jurisdiction of the Family Court, so as to include the authority to order parents of a child brought before the court on a delinquency or status offense matter and parties in a domestic violence matter to cooperate with and participate in a plan adopted by the court.

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