

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S 0591 General Bill, By Shealy, Garrett, Goldfinch, McElveen, Fanning, Kimbrell, Davis, Turner, M. Johnson, Gustafson, Cash, Rice and Young**

**Similar (H 4540, H 4689)**

**Summary:** Children's Default to Safety Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "CHILDREN'S DEFAULT TO SAFETY ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 63 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AGAINST UNFILTERED DEVICES; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS OF SMART PHONES AND TABLETS TO AUTOMATICALLY ENABLE AND PASSCODE PROTECT THE FILTERS BLOCKING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS ON DEVICES ACTIVATED IN THIS STATE; TO SUBJECT MANUFACTURERS TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND TO SUBJECT INDIVIDUALS TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PROVIDING A PASSCODE TO REMOVE THE PORNOGRAPHY FILTER FOR AN INTERNET ACCESSIBLE DEVICE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN; AND DESIGNATE SECTIONS 63-1-10 THROUGH 63-1-50 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

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