

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 0997 General Bill, By Bright, S. Martin, Peeler, Fair, Grooms, Corbin, Verdin and Bryant**

**Summary:** Refugees and Voluntary resettlement organizations

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 43 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, BY ADDING SECTION 43-1-730 TO PROVIDE THAT REFUGEES PLACED IN THIS STATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; TO AMEND TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS OF A REFUGEE PLACED IN THIS STATE TO WHOM THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP OR RESETTLEMENT SERVICES; TO PROHIBIT STATE OR LOCAL FUNDS BEING EXPENDED FOR THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT BENEFIT OF REFUGEES UNTIL LEGISLATION SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE IS ENACTED; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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| 01/14/16 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)  |
| 01/14/16 | Senate | Referred to Committee on General (Senate Journal-page 8)  |
| 01/28/16 | Senate | Polled out of committee General   |
| 01/28/16 | Senate | Polled out of committee General (Senate Journal-page 15)  |
| 01/28/16 | Senate | Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable General (Senate Journal-page 15) |
| 02/16/16 | Senate | Special order, set for February 16, 2016 (Senate Journal-page 15)                                       |
| 02/16/16 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-32 Nays-4 (Senate Journal-page 15)   |
| 03/15/16 | Senate | Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 28)   |
| 03/16/16 | Senate | Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 16)   |
| 03/17/16 | Senate | Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 24)   |
| 03/22/16 | Senate | Debate interrupted (Senate Journal-page 16)   |
| 03/23/16 | Senate | Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 31)  |
| 03/23/16 | Senate | Read second time (Senate Journal-page 31)   |
| 03/23/16 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-6 (Senate Journal-page 31)   |
| 03/23/16 | Senate | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (Senate Journal-page 31)                    |
| 03/24/16 | Senate | Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 4)   |
| 04/12/16 | House  | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 13)  |
| 04/12/16 | House  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 13)  |