## Session 105 - (1983-1984)

**H*2584 (Rat #0303, Act #0285 of 1984)  General Bill, By P. Evatt, D.M. Beasley and Wilkins**
*Similar (S 0263)*

    A Bill to amend Subarticle 3 of Article 11 of Chapter 7 of Title 20, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to termination of parental rights to abandoned or abused children pursuant to the South Carolina Children's Code so as to provide for the Family Court to have exclusive jurisdiction over all proceedings involving termination of parental rights, venue, and parties in proceedings involving termination of parental rights, the contents of a petition for termination of parental rights, service of a summons and petition for termination of parental rights, determination by the Family Court Judge as to whether it is necessary for the parent or child to be represented by counsel, the grounds upon which the Family Court may order the termination of parental rights, disposition of the proceedings, and certain action to be taken after termination of parental rights, the effect of an order terminating the relationship between parent and child, liberal construction of Subarticle 3 to ensure prompt judicial procedures for freeing minor children, to ensure confidentiality of court records of the proceedings, and the provisions of Subarticle 3 not to modify or supersede the general adoption laws of this State.-amended title

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| 02/24/83 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-1175 |
| 01/10/84 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-298 |
| 01/12/84 | House | Amended HJ-416 |
| 01/12/84 | House | Read second time HJ-421 |
| 01/13/84 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-454 |
| 01/17/84 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| 01/17/84 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| 02/01/84 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary SJ-529 |
| 02/02/84 | Senate | Read second time SJ-568 |
| 02/14/84 | Senate | Read third time and enrolled SJ-636 |
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