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H 3104 General Bill, By McEachern and Pitts

Summary: Department of Social Services

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-693 SO AS TO REQUIRE A SAFETY PLAN TO PLACE A CHILD IN THE HOME OF A RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TAKING CUSTODY OF THE CHILD AND PROVIDE FOR ITS REQUIREMENTS AND TO LIMIT THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF A SAFETY PLAN TO NINETY DAYS AFTER ITS EXECUTION, AT WHICH TIME THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RETURN THE CHILD TO THE HOME, FILE A REMOVAL ACTION, OR EXECUTE A TREATMENT PLAN, AS APPROPRIATE; BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-696 SO AS TO REQUIRE A TREATMENT PLAN BEFORE A CHILD MAY REMAIN IN THE HOME OF, OR BE PLACED WITH, A RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON AFTER EXPIRATION OF A SAFETY PLAN INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT TAKING CUSTODY OF THE CHILD AND PROVIDE FOR ITS REQUIREMENTS AND TO LIMIT THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF A TREATMENT PLAN TO NINETY DAYS AFTER ITS EXECUTION, AT WHICH TIME THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RETURN THE CHILD TO THE HOME OR FILE A REMOVAL ACTION, AS APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-650, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS BEFORE PLACING A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON WHEN THE CHILD IS TAKEN INTO EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW AND A HOME VISIT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-690, RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON INSTEAD OF TAKING THE CHILD INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INTERVIEW THE RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON, CONDUCT A HOME VISIT, AND OBTAIN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK BEFORE PLACING THE CHILD WITH THE RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON, AND TO REQUIRE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, THE RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON, AND THE DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE A SAFETY PLAN BEFORE MAKING THE PLACEMENT.

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