

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H\*3124 (Rat #0325, Act #0291 of 2014) General Bill, By Bingham, Taylor, Long and M.S. McLeod**

**Summary:** Child abuse

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-315 SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN EMPLOYER FROM DISMISSING, DEMOTING, SUSPENDING, OR DISCIPLINING AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, WHETHER REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO REPORT, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR REINSTATEMENT AND BACK PAY, AND TO AUTHORIZE AN AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES TO THE PREVAILING PARTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-940, RELATING TO THE USE OF UNFOUNDED CASE INFORMATION IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY DISCLOSE SUCH TO BE REVIEWED IN CLOSED SESSIONS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL WHEN IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY MADE BY CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVESTIGATING THE DEPARTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1990, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INFORMATION AND RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO ALSO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO DISCLOSE TO THE MEDIA LIMITED INFORMATION PLACED IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN BY THE PARTY IN INTEREST, TO DISCLOSE LIMITED INFORMATION, TO RESPOND TO AN ALLEGATION MADE BY THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR, THE PARTY IN INTEREST, OR OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC TESTIMONY BEFORE CERTAIN COMMITTEES, OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BE REVIEWED IN CLOSED SESSION AND KEPT CONFIDENTIAL WHEN IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY MADE BY CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVESTIGATING THE DEPARTMENT. - ratified title

12/11/12	House	Prefiled
12/11/12	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/08/13	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 96)
01/08/13	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 96)
01/10/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.S.McLeod
04/24/13	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 62)
04/30/13	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 85)
04/30/13	House	Roll call Yeas-71 Nays-38 (House Journal-page 85)
05/01/13	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 8)
05/01/13	Senate	Introduced and read first time
05/01/13	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
02/11/14	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Coleman (ch), Shealy, Turner (Senate Journal-page 15)
03/19/14	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 15)
03/20/14		Scrivener's error corrected
04/01/14	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/15/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 27)
04/15/14	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 27)
04/15/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 27)
04/16/14		Scrivener's error corrected
04/16/14	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 25)
04/30/14	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-1-14 (House Journal-page 108)
05/01/14	House	Returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 37)
05/01/14	House	Roll call Yeas-99 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 38)
05/15/14	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 47)
05/15/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-0 Nays-38 (Senate Journal-page 47)
05/20/14	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Bannister, McCoy, Weeks (House Journal-page 28)
05/21/14	Senate	Conference committee appointed Massey, Coleman, Young (Senate Journal-page 26)
06/05/14	House	Free conference powers granted (House Journal-page 119)
06/05/14	House	Roll call Yeas-93 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 120)
06/05/14	House	Free conference committee appointed Bannister, McCoy, Weeks (House Journal-page 121)
06/05/14	Senate	Free conference powers granted (Senate Journal-page 48)
06/05/14	Senate	Free conference committee appointed Massey, Coleman, Young (Senate Journal-page 48)

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06/05/14	Senate	Free conference report adopted (Senate Journal-page 48)
06/05/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 48)
06/17/14	House	Free conference report received and adopted
06/17/14	House	Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0
06/17/14	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification
06/20/14		Ratified R 325
06/23/14		Signed By Governor
07/08/14		Effective date 06/23/14
07/09/14		Act No. 291