

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

**H\*3139 (Rat #0088, Act #0022 of 1997) General Bill, By Wilkins, Knotts, Meacham and Robinson**

**Similar (S 0079)**

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-767 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE AND FOSTER PARENTS, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-764, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PERMANENT PLAN FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF CONTACTS A SOCIAL WORKER MUST HAVE WITH A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE AND TO REQUIRE THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN TO BE INCORPORATED IN A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-766, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT ADOPTION ASSESSMENTS AND CHILD-SPECIFIC RECRUITING FOR POTENTIAL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND TO REVISE VARIOUS DISPOSITION CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1572, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO ADD ABANDONMENT OF A CHILD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1574, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COURT ORDERS TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO DECREASE THE TIME WITHIN WHICH AN AGENCY HAS TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A PLAN FOR PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WHOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1642, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS WITH WHOM CHILDREN MAY NOT BE PLACED FOR FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO ADD PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CERTAIN CRIMES.-AMENDED TITLE

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**03/19/97 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-13**

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