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H 3217 General Bill, By W. Newton, Carter and Mitchell

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT"; BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 63 SO AS TO PROHIBIT UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFERS OF CHILDREN PLACED FOR ADOPTION; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MAKING A PROHIBITED TRANSFER OF CHILD CUSTODY, RECEIVING CUSTODY OF A CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A PROHIBITED TRANSFER, SERVING AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR A PROHIBITED TRANSFER OF CUSTODY, OR ADVERTISING OR SOLICITING A PROHIBITED TRANSFER OF CUSTODY; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS AND TAKE OTHER REGULATORY ACTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING SECTION 63-9-85 SO AS TO REQUIRE CHILD PLACING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS, INCLUDING GENERAL ADOPTION INFORMATION, INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD, AND INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-9-80 RELATING TO CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

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