

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H\*3553 (Rat #0099, Act #0080 of 2023) General Bill, By G.M. Smith, Erickson, Crawford, Hewitt, Davis, T. Moore, McCravy, B. Newton, West, Burns, Mitchell, Pace, S. Jones, White, Hixon, Hiott, Oremus, M.M. Smith, Landing, W. Newton, Robbins, Brewer, Cromer, Weeks, Wheeler, Magnuson, Yow and Pope**

### Summary: Adoption

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-750, RELATING TO FINAL ADOPTION HEARINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY NINETY-DAY WAITING PERIOD TO FINALIZE AN ADOPTION; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1710, 63-7-2530, 63-9-710, AND 63-7-1660, ALL RELATING TO CHILD PERMANENCY PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO EXPEDITE PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-40, RELATING TO INFANT SAFE HAVENS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING TO OCCUR IN THE SAME PROCEEDING, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-30, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTION ACT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1700, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PROMOTE TIMELY PERMANENCE FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/15/22	House	Prefiled
12/15/22	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/10/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 208)
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01/12/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: S.Jones, White
01/18/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon, Hiott
01/19/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Oremus, M.M.Smith
01/31/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/01/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Landing
03/28/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton
03/29/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Robbins, Brewer
03/29/23	House	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 51)
03/30/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cromer, Weeks, Wheeler
04/04/23	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Magnuson, Yow, Pope
04/04/23	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 27)
04/04/23	House	Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 28)
04/05/23	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 20)
04/05/23	House	Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 21)
04/05/23	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 2)
04/05/23	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 2)
04/20/23	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Talley (ch), Matthews, McLeod, Garrett, Gustafson
05/09/23	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary
05/10/23		Scrivener's error corrected
05/11/23	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 165)
05/11/23	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 165)
05/12/23		Scrivener's error corrected
05/23/23	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 48)
05/23/23	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 48)
06/07/23	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 25)
06/07/23	House	Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 26)
06/14/23		Ratified R 99
06/19/23		Signed By Governor
06/26/23		Effective date 06/19/23
06/26/23		Act No. 80