

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### H 3587 General Bill, By Rhoad

**Summary:** Child custody and visitation

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-1550 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION ARE IN DISPUTE THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT JOINT CUSTODY IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD, TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO ORDER JOINT CUSTODY ABSENT WRITTEN FINDINGS THAT A PARENT IS UNFIT OR GEOGRAPHICALLY REMOVED, AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO EQUALIZE AND PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EACH PARENT TO BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES IN THE CHILD'S LIFE IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL.

02/12/03	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-5
02/12/03	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-5
04/09/03	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-8
04/10/03	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Lucas, JH Neal, GM Smith, Weeks, Mack and Sheheen HJ-22
04/11/03		Scrivener's error corrected
04/23/03	House	Debate adjourned until Thursday, April 24, 2003 HJ-57
04/24/03	House	Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary HJ-61