

**Session 113 - (1999-2000)**

**H\*3620 (Rat #0198, Act #0099 of 1999) General Bill, By J. Smith, Allen, Bailey, Bales, Battle, Bowers, Breeland, J. Brown, T. Brown, Carnell, Cobb-Hunter, Emory, Gourdine, Harris, Hayes, M. Hines, Howard, Inabinett, Jennings, Kennedy, Lee, Lourie, Mack, Maddox, McCraw, M. McLeod, W. McLeod, McMahand, Miller, Moody-Lawrence, J.H. Neal, Neilson, Ott, Phillips, Pinckney, Rhoad, Sheheen, Whipper, Wilder, Wilkes, Lloyd, Scott and J. Hines**  
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**Summary:** First Steps to School Readiness Act, Schools and School Districts, Board of Trustees, Education, Income tax  
 A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EDUCATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 152 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ACT" WHICH IS AN INITIATIVE FOR IMPROVING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ENABLE CHILDREN TO REACH SCHOOL READY TO LEARN; TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THIS INITIATIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE IMPLEMENTING AND OPERATING THE INITIATIVE; TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROGRAM PARAMETERS FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS; AND TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES, CRITERIA FOR LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS, AND EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 20, RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE 33 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL OVERSEE THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ACT, AND TO ESTABLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE BOARD, FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND FUNDING; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, RELATING TO DESIGNATING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN CHARITABLE FUNDS THROUGH INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS; TO ADD SECTIONS 43-1-240 AND 44-1-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, IN ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WHICH IMPACT ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DURING THE FIRST YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE MUST SUPPORT THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ACT AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS; TO STATE THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT STATE AGENCIES SUPPORT THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ACT.-AMENDED TITLE

- 02/25/99 House Introduced and read first time HJ-24**
- 02/25/99 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works HJ-25**
- 04/20/99 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works HJ-3**
- 04/21/99 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Townsend, Walker, Woodrum, Martin, Hamilton, Moody-Lawrence, Webb, Fleming, Vaughn, Leach, Loftis, McMahand, Lourie, J. Smith, Barrett, J. Hines, F. Smith, Mason, Sharpe, Rice, Rodgers, R. Smith, Lucas, Littlejohn, Cotty and Ott HJ-88**
- 04/21/99 House Objection by Rep. Haskins and Easterday HJ-88**
- 04/28/99 House Amended HJ-47**
- 04/28/99 House Read second time HJ-105**
- 04/28/99 House Roll call Yeas-93 Nays-22 HJ-105**
- 04/29/99 House Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-35**
- 05/04/99 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-8**
- 05/04/99 Senate Referred to Committee on Education SJ-8**
- 05/11/99 Senate Recalled from Committee on Education SJ-13**
- 05/11/99 Senate Amended SJ-13**
- 05/11/99 Senate Read second time SJ-13**
- 05/11/99 Senate Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments SJ-13**
- 05/20/99 Senate Amended SJ-26**
- 05/20/99 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-26**
- 05/25/99 House Senate amendment amended HJ-141**
- 05/25/99 House Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-158**
- 05/26/99 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment SJ-13**
- 05/26/99 House House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Townsend, Stille and Walker HJ-84**
- 05/27/99 Senate Conference committee appointed Sens. Bryan, Short and Matthews SJ-49**
- 06/03/99 Senate Free conference powers granted SJ-41**

06/03/99 Senate Free conference committee appointed Sens. Bryan, Short, Matthews SJ-41  
06/03/99 Senate Free conference report received and adopted SJ-41  
06/24/99 House Free conference powers granted HJ-6  
06/24/99 House Free conference committee appointed Reps. Townsend, Stille and Walker HJ-8  
06/24/99 House Free conference report received and adopted HJ-8  
06/24/99 House Roll call Yeas-83 Nays-17  
06/24/99 Senate Ordered enrolled for ratification SJ-65  
06/24/99 Ratified R 198  
06/28/99 Signed By Governor  
06/28/99 Effective date 06/28/99 The provisions of this Act are repealed 07/01/07, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly  
07/06/99 Copies available  
07/06/99 Act No. 99