

## 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