

**Session 122 - (2017-2018)**

**H\*3701 (Rat #0154, Act #0146 of 2018) General Bill, By Putnam, Whipper, Brown, Knight, Henegan and Henderson-Myers**

**Summary:** Foster Care

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-735 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INFORM A RELATIVE WITH WHOM A CHILD MAY BE PLACED OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE LICENSED AS A FOSTER PARENT, INCLUDING THE LICENSURE PROCESS AND BENEFITS OF BEING LICENSED AS A FOSTER PARENT, AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS BEFORE SIGNING AN ORDER APPROVING PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE WHO IS NOT A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-650, RELATING IN PART TO THE DEPARTMENT MAKING AN INTERIM PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE INSTEAD OF TAKING CUSTODY OF A CHILD, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN TO THE RELATIVE ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME LICENSED AS A KINSHIP FOSTER PARENT IF THE CHILD IS UNABLE TO RETURN HOME; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2320, RELATING TO THE KINSHIP FOSTER PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE CERTAIN NONSAFETY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS WHEN LICENSING A RELATIVE AS A FOSTER PARENT AND TO INDICATE THE PREFERENCE FOR PLACING A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2330, RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF A CHILD WITH A RELATIVE AS PART OF A REMOVAL ACTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INFORM THE RELATIVE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE LICENSED AS A FOSTER PARENT, INCLUDING THE LICENSURE PROCESS AND BENEFITS OF BEING SO LICENSED; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS THE DEPARTMENT MUST FOLLOW TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON HAS COMMITTED A CRIME THAT MAKES THE PERSON INELIGIBLE TO BE A FOSTER PARENT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-1-210, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF KINSHIP CARE DATA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE CHILDREN'S CODE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO INCLUDE CHILD TRAFFICKING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. - ratified title

- 02/08/17 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 29)**
- 02/08/17 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 29)**
- 05/04/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper, Brown**
- 05/09/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Knight, Henegan**
- 01/23/18 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 14)**
- 01/24/18 Scrivener's error corrected**
- 01/25/18 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson-Myers**
- 01/25/18 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Delleney, Bannister, Hill, Hosey, Mack, Whitmire, Ott, Crawford, Anderson, Caskey, Weeks, Davis, Alexander, Kirby, Pope, Bryant, Brown, Fry, GR Smith (House Journal-page 41)**
- 01/25/18 House Amended (House Journal-page 56)**
- 01/25/18 House Read second time (House Journal-page 56)**
- 01/25/18 House Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 61)**
- 01/25/18 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 62)**
- 01/26/18 Scrivener's error corrected**
- 01/26/18 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 2)**
- 01/30/18 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)**
- 01/30/18 Senate Referred to Committee on General (Senate Journal-page 6)**
- 02/28/18 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment General (Senate Journal-page 27)**
- 03/13/18 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 29)**
- 03/14/18 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 18)**
- 03/14/18 Senate Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 18)**
- 03/15/18 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 18)**
- 03/22/18 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 41)**
- 03/22/18 House Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 42)**
- 04/03/18 Ratified R 154**
- 04/04/18 Signed By Governor**
- 04/06/18 Effective date 04/04/18**

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