

Session 119 - (2011-2012)

H 4095 General Bill, By Pitts, Lucas, Loftis, Corbin, Williams and Bowers

Summary: Joint custody of a minor

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF JOINT CUSTODY OF A CHILD IS AWARDED TO THE PARENTS, THERE IS A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT BOTH PARENTS HAVE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESUMPTION MAY BE OVERCOME BY PRESENTING CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD; TO REQUIRE THE PARENTS TO SUBMIT A PARENTING PLAN TO THE COURT REFLECTING PARENTAL PREFERENCES AND AGREEMENT ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTS SHARE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPORTANT DECISIONS AFFECTING THE CHILD'S WELFARE AND THAT WHEN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED THE PARENTS SHALL SUBMIT TO MEDIATION WITH A PRESELECTED MEDIATOR.

04/13/11 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 51)

04/13/11 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 51)

05/26/11 House Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 26)

06/01/11 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Loftis, Corbin

06/01/11 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Brannon, Cooper, JH Neal, Merrill, Patrick, Brantley, Brady, Munnerlyn, Sabb, King, Williams, Pitts, RL Brown, Anderson, Hosey, Whipper, Cobb-Hunter, White, Thayer, Murphy, Mack, Gilliard, Taylor, JR Smith, Pope, Weeks, Horne, and Henderson (House Journal-page 37)

06/01/11 House Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 52)

06/01/11 House Reconsidered (House Journal-page 73)

06/01/11 House Debate adjourned until Friday, June 3, 2011 (House Journal-page 73)

01/12/12 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 01-24-12 (House Journal-page 140)

01/17/12 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Williams

01/24/12 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers

01/25/12 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 02-01-12 (House Journal-page 23)

02/01/12 House Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 25)