

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

### H 4544 General Bill, By Bennett, Bustos, Gatch and Morgan

**Summary:** Family court, jury trials and GALs

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-3-75 AND 63-15-215 SO AS TO REQUIRE JURY TRIALS IN DIVORCE AND PRIVATE CHILD CUSTODY ACTIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-3-530 AND 63-3-590, RELATING TO THE FAMILY COURT, AND SECTION 63-15-210, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CHILD CUSTODY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-3-820 AND 63-3-850, RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN DIVORCE AND PRIVATE CUSTODY ACTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH GUARDIANS AD LITEM TO BE LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW.

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