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H 4632 General Bill, By Martin, M.M. Smith, Pope, C. Mitchell and Guffey

Summary: Childcare Facilities

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CASH BERRY CHILDCARE SAFETY AND QUALITY RATING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 63-13-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CHILDCARE FACILITY SAFETY AND QUALITY GRADING SYSTEM AND TO PROMULGATE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEM; TO REQUIRE LICENSED CHILDCARE FACILITIES TO POST THEIR GRADE ON A PLACARD IN A PROMINENT LOCATION AND TO PROHIBIT TAMPERING WITH THE PLACARD; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A SEARCHABLE ONLINE DATABASE WITH CHILDCARE FACILITY GRADES AND INSPECTION HISTORY; TO ALLOW CHILDCARE FACILITIES TO REQUEST REINSPECTIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES THAT FAIL TO DISPLAY THEIR ASSIGNED GRADE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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