

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H 4973 General Bill, By Felder, Bernstein, Calhoon, Guffey, Taylor, Mitchell and Yow**

***Similar (S 0995, H 4948)***

**Summary:** Sexual exploitation of a minor, morphed images of children

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MATERIAL" AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AND MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THESE STATUTES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DEGREES.

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**02/06/24 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guffey, Taylor**

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