

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H 5015 General Bill, By Allison, Erickson, Long, Felder, Thayer, Munnerlyn, Nanney, Funderburk, M.S. McLeod, Wood, Forrester and Henderson**

**Similar (S 1163)**

**Summary:** Child abuse and neglect registry

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-940, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO USE OF UNFOUNDED ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASE INFORMATION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT CASES MADE PUBLIC BY SOURCES OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO CONFIRM, CLARIFY, OR CORRECT INFORMATION, RESPOND TO REQUESTS BY COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL LAW, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO STATE THAT THE DISCLOSED INFORMATION RELATES TO A CASE THAT IS UNFOUNDED, AND TO LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A PERSON TO FILE AN ACTION AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ABOUT AN UNFOUNDED CASE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1990, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION ABOUT CASES MADE PUBLIC BY SOURCES OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO CONFIRM, CLARIFY, OR CORRECT INFORMATION, RESPOND TO REQUESTS BY COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO STATE WHETHER THE INFORMATION RELATES TO A CASE THAT IS INDICATED OR UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM DISCLOSING INFORMATION RELATED TO DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS OF CERTAIN CASES THAT RESULTED IN A CHILD FATALITY OR NEAR FATALITY, AND TO LIMIT THE RIGHT OF A PERSON TO FILE AN ACTION AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT RELATED TO DISCLOSURE OF CASE INFORMATION.

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