**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63‑13‑870 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION [63‑13‑820, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FAMILY CHILDCARE HOMES, SO AS TO REQUIRE FAMILY CHILD CARE OPERATORS TO POST INFORMATION AND NOTICES REGARDING PARENTAL TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND TO AMEND [SECTION 63‑13‑8](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t63c013.htm#63-13-825)25, RELATING TO TRAINING OF FAMILY CHILDCARE OPERATORS AND CAREGIVERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE MANDATORY TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF REGISTRATION OR EMPLOYMENT.](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t63c013.htm#63-13-825)

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 13, Title 63 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 63‑13‑870. Corporal punishment may not be administered except when authorized in writing by the parent or guardian of the child. If corporal punishment is administered, it must:

(1) be perpetrated for the sole purpose of restraining or correcting the child;

(2) be reasonable in manner and moderate in degree;

(3) not bring about permanent or lasting damage to the child; and

(4) not be reckless or grossly negligent behavior.”

SECTION 2. Section 63‑13‑820(B) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( ) post information and notices regarding parental training programs offered by local community service organizations to assist parents in making informed choices about child care.”

SECTION 3. Section 63‑13‑825(A) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 292 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“(A) An operator of a family childcare home and ~~any~~ a person employed by or who contracts with an operator of a family childcare home, annually shall complete and provide documentation to the Department of Social Services of a minimum of two hours of training approved by the department. An operator shall complete this training within thirty days of initially registering as a family childcare home. A person employed by or who contracts with an operator of a family childcare home shall complete the required training within thirty days from the date of hire or contracting.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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