AMENDED

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Introduced by Reps. Thayer, Hosey, Nanney, Hamilton, Erickson, Long, Hicks, McCoy, McEachern and Bedingfield

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-2400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 7, Title 63 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 63‑7‑2400. A foster home may not provide full‑time care for more than five children, excluding the foster parents’ own children and other children who are household members, with a maximum of eight children, except:

(1) to keep a sibling group together;

(2) to keep a child in the child’s home community;

(3) to return a child to a home in which the child was previously placed;

(4) to comply with an order of the court; or

(5) if it is in the best interest of the children as determined by the court or the department.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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