**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63‑3‑530, OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT IN CERTAIN MATTERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS FOR A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION TO RUN UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE CHILD REACHES NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63‑3‑530(A)(17) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(17) To make all orders for support run until further order of the court, except that orders for child support run until the child turns eighteen years of age or until the child is married or becomes self‑supporting, as determined by the court, whichever occurs first, or past the age of eighteen years if the child is enrolled and still attending high school, not to exceed high school graduation ~~or the end of the school year after the child reaches nineteen years of age, whichever is later~~; or in accordance with a preexisting agreement or order to provide for child support past the age of eighteen years; or in the discretion of the court, to provide for child support past age eighteen when there are physical or mental disabilities of the child or other exceptional circumstances that warrant the continuation of child support beyond age eighteen for as long as the physical or mental disabilities or exceptional circumstances continue. When child support is terminated due to the child turning eighteen years of age~~, graduating from high school,~~ or ~~reaching the end of the school year when the child is nineteen~~ the child ceasing to be enrolled in and attend high school, no arrearage may be incurred as to that child after the date of the child’s eighteenth birthday~~, the date of the child’s graduation from high school,~~ or ~~the last day of the school year when the child is nineteen~~ the date that the child ceased to be enrolled in and attend high school, whichever date terminated the child support obligation.”

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

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