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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Child identification kits

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/1/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220301.docx))

3/1/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220301.docx))

3/30/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220330.docx))

4/5/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\sj\20220405.docx))

4/5/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\sj\20220405.docx))

4/5/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\sj\20220405.docx))

4/6/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\sj\20220406.docx))

4/7/2022 House Introduced and read first time

4/7/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

4/27/2022 House Recalled from Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 32](file:///h:\hj\20220427.docx))

5/4/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20220504.docx))

5/4/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20220504.docx))

5/4/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑105 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20220504.docx))

5/5/2022 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20220505.docx))

5/5/2022 Scrivener's error corrected

5/11/2022 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 183](file:///h:\sj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 Ratified R 185 ([Senate Journal‑page 211](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/16/2022 Signed By Governor

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(A180, R185, S1103)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑3‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN FINGERPRINT AND DNA IDENTIFICATION KITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OPEN‑ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE KITS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR LEGAL CUSTODIAN OF ANY STUDENT OF SUCH SCHOOLS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF SUCH KITS BY PARENTS TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LOCATING AND RETURNING MISSING OR TRAFFICKED CHILDREN, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT EXPEND FUNDS TO PROCURE THE KITS UNLESS EXPRESSLY APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

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

**Provision, distribution, and use of kits, funding contingency**

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑3‑35. (A) The Department of Education shall provide to all school districts and open‑enrollment charter schools inkless, in‑home fingerprint and DNA identification kits to be distributed throughout the district or school on request to the parent or legal custodian of any kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school student.

(B) A parent or legal custodian who receives a fingerprint and DNA identification kit may submit the kit to federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement to help locate and return a missing or trafficked child.

(C) Unless expressly appropriated by the General Assembly in order to meet the provisions of this act, the department shall not expend funds to procure kits.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 12th day of May, 2022.

Approved the 16th day of May, 2022.

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