

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H 4859 General Bill, By Limehouse, Cobb-Hunter, Jefferson, Williams, J.E. Smith, Bernstein, Erickson, Clyburn, Anderson, J.R. Smith, Kennedy, Long, Burns, Alexander, Allison, Spires, Anthony, Branham, R.L. Brown, K.R. Crawford, Dillard, Gagnon, Gambrell, Hamilton, Harrell, Hixon, Hodges, Hosey, W.J. McLeod, V.S. Moss, Pope, Ridgeway, Robinson-Simpson, Ryhal, Sabb, Simrill, Sottile, Wells, Whitmire, Bales and M.S. McLeod  
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**Summary:** Military Family Quality of Life Enhancement Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "MILITARY FAMILY QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2014"; BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-414 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES BY MAKING VIOLATIONS OF A RELATED FEDERAL LAW ALSO A VIOLATION OF THE LAWS OF THIS STATE AND SUBJECT TO OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY FAMILIES MAY ENROLL IN A MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER PROGRAM IN THIS STATE IF SOUTH CAROLINA IS THEIR STATE OF LEGAL RESIDENCE, AND TO ALLOW THEM TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IF THE FAMILY IS STATIONED OUTSIDE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING ARTICLE 21 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63 SO AS TO CREATE THE MILITARY-CONNECTED CHILDREN'S WELFARE TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATED TO MILITARY-CONNECTED CHILDREN AND OPENING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES OF THIS STATE AND LOCAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 29 TO TITLE 14 SO AS TO CREATE A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM TO DIVERT QUALIFYING NONVIOLENT MILITARY VETERAN OFFENDERS AWAY FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND INTO APPROPRIATE TREATMENT PROGRAMS, THEREBY RESERVING PRISON SPACE FOR VIOLENT CRIMINALS AND OTHERS FOR WHOM INCARCERATION IS THE ONLY REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-900, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT CARDS AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS, SO AS TO DIRECT THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WORKING WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO ESTABLISH A CERTAIN COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF MILITARY-CONNECTED CHILDREN WHO ATTEND PRIMARY, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE A VETERAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAS EVIDENCED INTENT TO ESTABLISH DOMICILE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES AT STATE INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF ONE YEAR OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN THIS STATE, AND TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES, THEIR SPOUSES, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MUST BE PERMITTED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN ALL ELECTIONS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE ABSENT FROM THEIR COUNTY OF RESIDENCE ON ELECTION DAY.

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03/05/14	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 50)
04/09/14	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 131)
04/10/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bales, M.S.McLeod
04/10/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 81)
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04/10/14	House	Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 93)
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04/11/14	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 5)
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05/08/14	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Campsen (ch), Bennett, McElveen