

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

H 3230 General Bill, By E.H. Pitts

Summary: Child abuse

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-425 SO AS TO REQUIRE PERSONS WHO HIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES TO REVIEW THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) TO CHARGE A FEE FOR THE REVIEW; BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-1985 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE CARE OF CHILDREN TO REVIEW THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BEFORE HIRING A POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE AND TO AUTHORIZE DSS TO CHARGE A FEE FOR THE REVIEW; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-940, RELATING TO THE USE OF UNFOUNDED CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CLASSIFIED AS UNFOUNDED MUST BE MAINTAINED BY DSS FOR TEN YEARS AND TO INCLUDE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION IN THE LIST OF AGENCIES WITH RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-980, RELATING TO COOPERATION BETWEEN DSS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE COOPERATION BETWEEN DSS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WHETHER OR NOT A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT APPEARS TO INDICATE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL LAW AND TO REQUIRE THE AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR COLLABORATION; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1930, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR PLACEMENT ON THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST SEEK AN ORDER TO PLACE A PERSON ON THE CENTRAL REGISTRY WHEN A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THE PERSON COMMITTED SEXUAL ABUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1950, RELATING TO UPDATING OF THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DSS REMOVE REPORTS OF UNFOUNDED REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTRY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1990, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO ALLOW JUVENILE ARBITRATORS ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1440, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF CASES OF INDICATED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE STANDARD OF REVIEW OF THE FAMILY COURT TO A TRIAL DE NOVO; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 63-5-70 RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARDS A CHILD.

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