

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

### H 4377 General Bill, By E.H. Pitts, Bingham, Toole and Viers

**Summary:** Child abuse

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-650, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 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 FORWARDED TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FOR SAFEKEEPING INDEFINITELY, TO BE DISCLOSED ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES CURRENTLY ALLOWED BY LAW AND TO MANDATE THAT BOTH THE DEPARTMENT AND THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND SHARE INFORMATION COLLECTED WHEN CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS INDICATED; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-680, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC ENTITIES TO REVIEW THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BEFORE HIRING A POTENTIAL EMPLOYEE AND TO PROVIDE CONSEQUENCES WHEN AN EMPLOYER REQUIRED TO CHECK THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FAILS TO DO SO; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-690, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS AND RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN PERSONS, AGENCIES, OR ENTITIES ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS OF INDICATED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 20-7-50 RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARDS A CHILD.

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