

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### H 5100 General Bill, By Horne

**Summary:** Child protection and permanency

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CHILD PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "SAFETY PLAN" AND "VOLUNTARY TREATMENT PLAN"; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-640, RELATING TO PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS THAT MUST OCCUR WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER A CHILD IS TAKEN INTO EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO OBSERVE AND INTERVIEW THE CHILD DURING THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND TO DEVELOP A SAFETY PLAN OR VOLUNTARY TREATMENT PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-645 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A SAFETY PLAN OR VOLUNTARY TREATMENT PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE SAFETY CONCERNS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHEN THE DEPARTMENT ALLOWS A CHILD TO REMAIN IN THE HOME OR WITH AN ALTERNATIVE CAREGIVER, RATHER THAN ASSUMING LEGAL CUSTODY, AND TO REQUIRE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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