**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-2400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME.

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

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 7, Title 63 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 63-7-2400. A foster home may not provide full-time care for more than five children, excluding the foster parents’ own children and other children who are household members, except to:

(1) keep a sibling group together;

(2) keep a child in the child’s home community;

(3) return a child to a home in which the child was previously placed; or

(4) comply with an order of the court.”

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

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