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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/7/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services**

1/10/2023 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 184](h:\sj\20230110.docx))

1/10/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 184](h:\sj\20230110.docx))

2/8/2023 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 46](h:\sj\20230208.docx))

2/14/2023 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](h:\sj\20230214.docx))

2/14/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 22](h:\sj\20230214.docx))

2/15/2023 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 9](h:\sj\20230215.docx))

2/16/2023 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 20](h:\hj\20230216.docx))

2/16/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 20](h:\hj\20230216.docx))

4/26/2023 House Committee report: Favorable **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 5](h:\hj\20230426.docx))

4/27/2023 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 15](h:\hj\20230427.docx))

4/27/2023 House Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 17](h:\hj\20230427.docx))

4/27/2023 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 18](h:\hj\20230427.docx))

4/28/2023 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 2](h:\hj\20230428.docx))

5/2/2023 Ratified R 17

5/8/2023 Signed By Governor

5/10/2023 Effective date 05/08/23

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(A9, R17, S299)

AN ACT to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 63‑1‑50, relating to THE Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, so as to provide for the inclusion of the State Child Advocate to the committee.

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

The Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, membership

SECTION 1. Section 63‑1‑50(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There is established the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children to be composed of three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, three members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three members to be appointed by the Governor. The Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Director of the Department of Social Services, the Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the Superintendent of the Department of Education, the Director of the Department of Mental Health, the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Office of South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness, and the State Child Advocate serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the committee. Members appointed by the Governor must not be employees of the State. Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The committee shall study issues relating to children as the committee may undertake or as may be requested or directed by the General Assembly. The committee may contract for all necessary legal research and support services, subject to funding as provided in subsection (E).

Time effective

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

Ratified the 2nd day of May, 2023.

Approved the 8th day of May, 2023.

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