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S 1319 General Bill, By Knotts, Bryant, Reese, Cromer, Williams, Martin and Scott

Summary: Parenting plans

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 13 TO ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 20, OF THE 1976 CODE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTING PLANS MUST BE INCORPORATED INTO TEMPORARY OR FINAL ORDERS OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, TO SPECIFY THE CONTENTS OF A PARENTING PLAN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALLOCATION OF DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY; HOLIDAY AND VISITATION SCHEDULES, PROVIDING FOR MEDIATION TO SETTLE POST DIVORCE DISPUTES PRIOR TO COURT ACTION, AND TO ESTABLISH CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS; TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR THE COURT TO CONSIDER WHEN PARTIES DO NOT REACH AN AGREEMENT ON A PARENTING PLAN AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COURT TO ORDER THE PARTIES TO MEDIATION TO ESTABLISH THE PLAN; TO PROVIDE CRITERIA AND LIMITATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD'S HOLIDAY AND VISITATION SCHEDULE; TO REQUIRE PARTIES IN A DIVORCE OR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ACTION TO ATTEND A PARENT EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR WHEN MINOR CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED; TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY-FIVE DOLLAR FEE ON THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FUNDS MUST BE USED TO PAY FOR MEDIATION AND EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THIS SUBARTICLE, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THIS ADDITIONAL FEE IF APPLICANTS FOR THE MARRIAGE LICENSE HAVE TAKEN A PREMARITAL PREPARATION COURSE.

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