

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S\*0142 (Rat #0238) General Bill, By Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett**

**Summary:** Trafficking in persons, luring a child

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE KIDNAPPING OFFENSES WHEN ALSO SENTENCED FOR MURDER; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING A CHILD AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE. - RATIFIED TITLE

11/30/22	Senate	Prefiled
11/30/22	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/10/23	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 79)
01/10/23	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 79)
02/02/23	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Matthews, Rice, Senn, Adams
02/08/23		Scrivener's error corrected
02/22/23	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 9)
02/27/23		Scrivener's error corrected
03/09/23	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 14)
03/09/23	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 14)
03/13/23		Scrivener's error corrected
03/14/23	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/15/23		Scrivener's error corrected
03/15/23	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 24)
03/15/23	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 24)
03/16/23	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 7)
03/28/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 35)
03/28/23	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 35)
04/23/24	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 3)
04/24/24		Scrivener's error corrected
04/25/24	House	Amended (House Journal-page 10)
04/25/24	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 10)
04/25/24	House	Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 12)
04/25/24	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 13)
04/26/24		Scrivener's error corrected
04/27/24	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 2)
05/08/24	Senate	House amendment amended (Senate Journal-page 167)
05/08/24	Senate	Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0
05/08/24	Senate	Returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 167)
05/09/24	House	Non-concurrence in Senate amendment (House Journal-page 62)
05/09/24	House	Roll call Yeas-0 Nays-102 (House Journal-page 63)

05/09/24	Senate	Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hutto, Gustafson, Adams (Senate Journal-page 14)
05/09/24	House	Conference committee appointed Bernstein, Guest, Connell (House Journal-page 144)
06/26/24	House	Free conference powers granted
06/26/24	House	Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-2
06/26/24	House	Free conference committee appointed Berstien, Connell, Guest
06/26/24	House	Free conference report received and adopted (House Journal-page 679)
06/26/24	House	Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-1
06/26/24	Senate	Free conference powers granted (Senate Journal-page 19)
06/26/24	Senate	Free conference committee appointed Hutto, Gustafson, Adams (Senate Journal-page 19)
06/26/24	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 19)
06/26/24	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 30)
06/26/24	House	Ordered enrolled for ratification
06/27/24		Ratified R 238
07/02/24		Signed By Governor