

Session 105 - (1983-1984)

S 0263 General Bill, By T.D. Wise, M.E. McDonald and E.J. Patterson

Similar (H 2584)

A Bill to amend Article 11 of Chapter 7 of Title 20, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the South Carolina Children's Code, by adding Subarticle 4, so as to provide for the Family Court to have exclusive jurisdiction over all proceedings involving termination of parental rights, venue and parties in proceedings involving termination of parental rights, the contents of a petition for termination of parental rights, service of a summons and petition for termination of parental rights, determination by the Family Court Judge as to whether it is necessary for the parent or child to be represented by counsel, the grounds upon which the Family Court may order the termination of parental rights, standards to be considered by the Family Court in determining the best interest of the child, disposition of the proceedings and certain action to be taken when termination of parental rights is or is not in the best interest of the child, the effect of an order terminating the relationship between parent and child, liberal construction of Subarticle 4 to ensure prompt judicial procedures for freeing minor children, and the provisions of Subarticle 4 not to modify or supersede the General Adoption Laws of this State; to amend Section 20-7-490, as amended, by deleting Subitem (4) of Item C which includes abandoning the child in defining "harm" to a child's health or welfare; and to repeal Subarticle 3 of Article 11 of Chapter 7 of Title 20, relating to termination of parental rights to abandoned or abused children.

02/23/83	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-532
02/23/83	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-533
03/24/83	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-798
03/30/83	Senate	Amended SJ-854
03/30/83	Senate	Read second time SJ-855
03/31/83	Senate	Read third time and sent to House SJ-894
04/05/83	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-1855
04/05/83	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs HJ-1856
01/18/84	House	Tabled in committee