

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

### H 3235 General Bill, By Kimmons and Davis

**Summary:** Child welfare system

A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-7-10 AND 63-7-1620, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRINCIPLES OF THE STATE'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT CHILD WELFARE AND SAFETY ARE THE PREDOMINANT BASIS OF DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS IN SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND THAT THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OVER ANY DECISIONS PERTAINING TO SUCH PROCEEDINGS.

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