

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3381 General Bill, By Beach, Lawson, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton and Bowers

Summary: Defense of Children's Innocence Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFENSE OF CHILDREN'S INNOCENCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY BUSINESS WHERE DRAG SHOWS ARE HELD IS DEEMED TO BE A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS FOR ALL LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-210 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR ANY ENTITY THAT IS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS FROM USING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS TO HOST OR PROVIDE A DRAG SHOW; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIALS TO MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF ALLOWING A MINOR TO VIEW A DRAG SHOW.

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01/16/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vaughan

01/28/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton

02/05/25 Scrivener's error corrected

02/06/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers