

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**H\*3428 (Rat #0295, Act #0287 of 2014) General Bill, By Allison, Erickson, M.S. McLeod, J.E. Smith, Spires, Hiott, Owens, Whitmire, Douglas, Hamilton, Bannister, Neal, Alexander, Weeks, Powers Norrell, Bales, Anderson, Robinson-Simpson, Williams, Henderson, Sottile, Munnerlyn, Rutherford, Vick, R.L. Brown, Whipper, Branham, Govan, J.R. Smith, Hayes, George, Funderburk, W.J. McLeod, Bernstein, Felder, Wood, Patrick and Jefferson**

**Summary:** First Steps to School Readiness Initiative

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-25 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS CONCERNING THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LONG-RANGE INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL READINESS AND A STRATEGY FOR FULFILLING THIS INITIATIVE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-33 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT SCHOOL READINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-1725 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION, FUNCTION, AND DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-1735 SO AS TO PROVIDE FIRST STEPS SHALL ENSURE THE COMPLIANCE OF BABYNET WITH FEDERAL MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE COUNTY FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIPS AS LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIPS AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-20, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS AS LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-30, RELATING TO THE GOALS OF FIRST STEPS, SO AS TO RESTATE CERTAIN GOALS OF STUDENT READINESS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-40, RELATING TO OVERSIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE BY THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD ALSO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE INITIATIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, SO AS TO REVISE THE TIME AND MANNER FOR REQUIRED PERFORMANCE AUDITS, REVISE ONGOING DATA COLLECTION PROVISIONS, AND TO CORRECT AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-60, RELATING TO FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH COUNTY MUST BE REPRESENTED AND SERVED BY A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND TO IMPOSE CERTAIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS, TO SPECIFY AND REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD, TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONDUCT A FORMAL REVIEW OF THE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES OF FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIP BOARD COMPOSITION, MAKE RELATED FINDINGS CONCERNING THE CONTINUED APPLICABILITY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF THESE CATEGORIES, TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-70, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF EACH LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING, TO PROVIDE STAFFING PURSUANT TO LOCAL BYLAWS, AND TO PROVIDE MULTIPLE LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS MAY COLLABORATE TO MAXIMIZE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND THE EXECUTION OF THEIR DUTIES AND POWERS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-90, RELATING TO FIRST STEPS GRANTS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE GRANTS AS LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS, AND TO REVISE THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A GRANT AND THE METHOD OF ALLOCATING GRANT FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-100, RELATING TO USE OF FIRST STEPS GRANT FUNDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SECTION APPLIES TO GRANTS EXPENDED BY A FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIP, AND TO REVISE THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-120, RELATING TO THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH FUNDS MAY BE USED AND TO REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-130, RELATING TO A MANDATORY MATCHING OF FUNDS BY LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANDATORY AMOUNT, TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS MEET THEIR MANDATORY MATCHING REQUIREMENT, AND TO DELETE A PROVISION ALLOWING CERTAIN EXPENSES TO BE INCLUDED IN DETERMINING MATCHING FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-140, RELATING TO THE PERMISSIBILITY OF CARRY FORWARD FUNDS BY A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-150, RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF ALL PRIVATE AND NONSTATE FUNDS SOUGHT BY LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-160, RELATING TO PROGRESS EVALUATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE RELATED REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF

EACH PREVALENT PROGRAM INVESTMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER AND TO IMPOSE RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1720, RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD, TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS STUDY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND COMPOSITION, AND TO REAUTHORIZE THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 99 OF 1999 UNTIL JULY 1, 2016; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1730, RELATING TO POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, AND ADD MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 1-5-40, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO MONITOR STATE BOARD AND COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-152-80 RELATING TO FIRST STEPS GRANTS AND SECTION 59-152-110 RELATING TO THE USE OF FIRST STEPS LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDS. - ratified title

01/24/13	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 30)
01/24/13	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 30)
01/29/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Douglas, Hamilton, Bannister, Neal, Alexander, Weeks, Powers Norrell, Bales, Anderson, Robinson-Simpson, Williams
01/30/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson, Sottile, Munnerlyn, Rutherford, Vick, R.L.Brown, Whipper, Branham, Govan, J.R.Smith, Hayes, George
02/06/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk
02/07/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.J.McLeod
02/20/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bernstein
02/27/13	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Felder
02/20/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wood
02/26/14	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 51)
03/04/14	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Patrick, Jefferson
03/04/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 42)
03/04/14	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 42)
03/04/14	House	Roll call Yeas-113 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 69)
03/05/14	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 13)
03/05/14	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)
03/05/14	Senate	Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 5)
05/06/14	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education (Senate Journal-page 8)
06/04/14	Senate	Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 35)
06/04/14	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 35)
06/04/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-3 (Senate Journal-page 35)
06/04/14	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (Senate Journal-page 35)
06/05/14	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 20)
06/05/14	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 27)
06/05/14	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 29)
06/05/14		Ratified R 295
06/11/14		Vetoed by Governor
06/17/14	House	Veto overridden by originating body Yeas-106 Nays-0
06/18/14	Senate	Veto overridden Ayes-38 Nays-2
07/02/14		Effective date 06/18/14
07/09/14		Act No. 287