

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**H\*3478 (Rat #0373, Act #0332 of 2008) General Bill, By Spires, Haley, Huggins, Bedingfield, F.N. Smith, Ballentine, Crawford, Frye, Harvin, Jefferson, Knight, Leach, Littlejohn, Mitchell, J.R. Smith, Stavrinakis, Toole, Whipper and Weeks**

**Summary:** Child support

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-7-851 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH A FEDERALLY REQUIRED STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF CHILD, SPOUSAL, OR CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE NONREGISTERING PARTY UNDER THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT WHEN AN ORDER OF SUPPORT IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN BY FIRST-CLASS, CERTIFIED, OR REGISTERED MAIL OR BY OTHER AUTHORIZED FORMS OF PERSONAL SERVICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 20-7-1300 AND 20-7-1310 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CENTRALIZED STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS, TO PROVIDE THAT STATUTORY CHANGES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IMPLEMENTATION TAKE EFFECT ON A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY BASIS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO NOTIFY EACH AFFECTED SUPPORT PAYOR OF THE DATE ON WHICH THESE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT; TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-1315, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR INCOME WITHHOLDING TO SECURE PAYMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THESE PROCEDURES TO CONFORM TO THE FEDERALLY REQUIRED STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON ORDERED TO PAY SUPPORT IS IN ARREARAGE IN AN AMOUNT EQUALING THREE MONTHS SUPPORT, THE PERSON'S WAGES MUST BE WITHHELD FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE PERSON'S SUPPORT OBLIGATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 20-7-1326 AND 20-7-1328, RELATING, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROCEDURES FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT PAYMENTS BY THE CLERK OF COURT PURSUANT TO INCOME WITHHOLDING PROCEDURES AND TO VOLUNTARY INCOME WITHHOLDING PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REVISE THESE PROCEDURES TO CONFORM WITH THE FEDERALLY REQUIRED STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF SUPPORT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-7-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT IN DOMESTIC MATTERS, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ORDERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUPPORT, SO AS TO CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OBLIGATION TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT UP TO AND AFTER AGE EIGHTEEN. - ratified title

02/08/07 House **Introduced and read first time HJ-7**  
02/08/07 House **Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-7**  
02/15/07 House **Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks**  
02/13/08 House **Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-2**  
02/14/08 House **Amended HJ-19**  
02/14/08 House **Read second time HJ-20**  
02/14/08 House **Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-21**  
02/15/08 House **Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-2**  
02/19/08 Senate **Introduced and read first time SJ-4**  
02/19/08 Senate **Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-4**  
02/22/08 Senate **Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott, Ceips**  
05/14/08 Senate **Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-5**  
05/15/08 Senate **Scrivener's error corrected**  
05/28/08 Senate **Committee Amendment Adopted SJ-55**  
05/28/08 Senate **Read second time SJ-55**  
05/29/08 Senate **Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-37**  
06/03/08 House **Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-17**  
06/05/08 **Ratified R 373**  
06/11/08 **Signed By Governor**  
06/26/08 **Copies available**  
06/26/08 **Effective date See Act for Effective Date**  
07/11/08 **Act No. 332**