

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H\*3553 (Rat #0099, Act #0080 of 2023) General Bill, By G.M. Smith, Erickson, Crawford, Hewitt, Davis, T. Moore, McCravy, B. Newton, West, Burns, Mitchell, Pace, S. Jones, White, Hixon, Hiott, Oremus, M.M. Smith, Landing, W. Newton, Robbins, Brewer, Cromer, Weeks, Wheeler, Magnuson, Yow and Pope**

**Summary:** Adoption

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-750, RELATING TO FINAL ADOPTION HEARINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY NINETY-DAY WAITING PERIOD TO FINALIZE AN ADOPTION; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1710, 63-7-2530, 63-9-710, AND 63-7-1660, ALL RELATING TO CHILD PERMANENCY PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO EXPEDITE PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-40, RELATING TO INFANT SAFE HAVENS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING TO OCCUR IN THE SAME PROCEEDING, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-30, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTION ACT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1700, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PROMOTE TIMELY PERMANENCE FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - RATIFIED TITLE

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| 12/15/22 | House  | Prefiled   |
| 12/15/22 | House  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary   |
| 01/10/23 | House  | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 208)                        |
| 01/10/23 | House  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 208)                    |
| 01/12/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: S.Jones, White                        |
| 01/18/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon, Hiott                          |
| 01/19/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Oremus, M.M.Smith                     |
| 01/31/23 |        | Scrivener's error corrected  |
| 02/01/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Landing                               |
| 03/28/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton                              |
| 03/29/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Robbins, Brewer                       |
| 03/29/23 | House  | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 51)                  |
| 03/30/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cromer, Weeks, Wheeler                |
| 04/04/23 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Magnuson, Yow, Pope                   |
| 04/04/23 | House  | Read second time (House Journal-page 27)                                       |
| 04/04/23 | House  | Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 28)                              |
| 04/05/23 | House  | Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 20)                     |
| 04/05/23 | House  | Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 21)                              |
| 04/05/23 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 2)                         |
| 04/05/23 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 2)                     |
| 04/20/23 | Senate | Referred to Subcommittee: Talley (ch), Matthews, McLeod, Garrett, Gustafson    |
| 05/09/23 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary                           |
| 05/10/23 |        | Scrivener's error corrected  |
| 05/11/23 | Senate | Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 165)                          |
| 05/11/23 | Senate | Read second time (Senate Journal-page 165)                                     |
| 05/12/23 |        | Scrivener's error corrected  |
| 05/23/23 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 48) |
| 05/23/23 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 48)                              |
| 06/07/23 | House  | Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 25)             |
| 06/07/23 | House  | Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 26)                              |
| 06/14/23 |        | Ratified R 99  |
| 06/19/23 |        | Signed By Governor   |
| 06/26/23 |        | Effective date 06/19/23  |
| 06/26/23 |        | Act No. 80   |